

**THE YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

AWAKENING TO LOVE

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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The Galilean stood high on the hill,
alone on the hill. Safe on the hill.
and he did not like it.

Like a God, Paul said, who,
alone in the Heavens, high in the Heavens, safe in the Heavens,
one day looked down to catch the eye of every human being looking up.
And the slow tear of God began to make a tear in the Heavens.

From toe to knee the tear was Compassion
for all the blood that would never again find a vein.
From knee to chest the tear was desire
to unbreak every broken heart.
From chest to eyes the tear was love,
to kiss all who must enter the cave of death.

From eyes to earth, the tear became Jesus,
watching the brown river breaking against the waist of John the Baptist,
who was busy burying people with his big shovel hands
and then lifting them fresh and new
with a force more violent than childbirth.

The Gospel is filled with stories in which people come to see and love in themselves what Jesus sees and loves in them! Jesus sees the child of God in us with such clarity that we begin to see it in ourselves. But first he must know it in himself. The One who awakens others to love must first himself be awakened. In the Gospels, Jesus walks the pathways of Love and helps us to do the same. All that he says and does - his meetings, his stories, his teachings, his deeds - are in the service of this awakening.

I think that the way we come to reverence and love our true self is the real reason that Jesus allows John to baptise him. He not only shows us how to allow ourselves to welcome the Spirit, and listen for the voice of the Abba. He shows us how to disentangle ourselves from all that is not Love. What he learned at the Jordan was this:

ONLY WHEN WE ASCEND OUT OF THE WATERS WHERE WE ARE GIVEN A NEW HEART WILL WE SEE THE DOVE OF PEACE AND HEAR THE VOICE OF LOVE.



DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays, please email the item text you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you, a relative or friend who lives in our parish would like a home visit or to meet for a chat please email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care) or 07376 790 256 (Bereavement Support).



THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (the SVP) - Provides practical help and support whenever possible for those who need it. Are you lonely? Are you in need of help of any kind? or do you know someone who is? If so, contact the SVP on 07731862349 to arrange a visit. All calls are completely confidential.

PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners especially when applying for any of the Sacraments.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – January: 12th The Baptism of the Lord; 13th St Hilary; 17th St Anthony of Egypt; 20th St Fabian; 21st St Agnes; 22nd St Vincent; 24th St Francis de Sales; 25th The Conversion of St Paul; 27th St Angela Merici; 28th St Thomas Aquinas; 31st St John Bosco



Thank You!!!

MASS OFFERINGS: £1790.02

SECOND OFFERING FOR JANUARY: 18th/19th Pax Christi-Peace Sunday; 25th/26th Cathedral

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Please make cheques payable to (full name) **“PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”**.

“General Gift Aid” envelopes and **Banker’s/Standing Order** forms available in the porch, please complete and return all forms and general Gift Aid envelopes to the parish office.
Registered Charity No. 246871 (Diocese of Portsmouth)

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 2nd & 4th Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm. Please contact the parish office for venue details.

***BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am during term time in the hall.

***KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday 2pm during term time in the hall.

***PRAYER GROUPS** – Hall Evening :1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am

RCIA – Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

CHOIR PRACTICE – Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

***MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** Every last Friday in the month at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall. **Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.**

***SOUP & ROLL FRIDAYS:** Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

TEAS & COFFEES – After all weekend Masses

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Sunday 19 January 2.30 pm at St Francis of Assisi, Ascot.



BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES: Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

Mondays 11.30am – 1.30pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE **AND By Appointment:** St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP

Tuesdays 12noon – 2.00pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

For more information, please contact Reception 01189-585803 or email reception.cslberks.org.uk Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm

Wednesdays: By appointment Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

Thursdays: By appointment Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm** The Look-In Café, Gt Hollands Square, RG12 8UX

Fridays: 12noon – 2.00pm St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

Last Friday of the Month: 9.00am to 3.00pm Market, Princess Square, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell, RG12 1BE Tel: 01344 425729

Fr Kevin Bidgood, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot, SL5 9HG Tel: 01344 620591

Fr Marcus Brisley Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS and Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, RG45 6JG, Tel: 01252 876820

Canon Simon Thomson, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM.

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary King, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Sally Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: PAULINE McSHANE, RIP

Arrangements for Pauline's funeral will be made known as soon as they are confirmed.
Please pray for Pauline and all her family.

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: DAVID MALCOLMSON, RIP

who passed away on **Monday 6 January 2020**. Arrangements for David's funeral will be made known as soon as they are confirmed. Please pray for David and all his family.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: DESMOND HATCH, RIP

Desmond's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 30 January 2020 at 10.00am** followed by a Service at Easthampstead Crematorium at 12.00noon.
Please pray for Desmond and all his family.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CAR PARK – FUNERAL GATE: We politely ask you not to park in the spaces at the town centre side of the car park after 12noon the day before a Requiem Mass at the Church. This is to enable us to lock the funeral gate to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' cars to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



YOUTH ALPHA – On-Line Registration OPEN!!

Register via the Parish Website

It's so important to explore Life's BIG questions and Youth Alpha will help you with that, especially for anyone aged 13 -17, whether already Confirmed or not. It's not too late to join us on this journey of exploration even if the first session was missed, next session on **Friday 24 January**, 7pm – 9pm in the Church Hall – *bring a friend!*

Thinking about Confirmation? Youth Alpha provides you with a valuable opportunity to refresh your knowledge, consolidate your understanding of where you are on your faith journey and help you to decide whether joining the next Confirmation program is for you...

Got a question? Please email us at youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

IGNITE! (AGE 10 TO 12 YEARS)

Join us for our next meeting on Friday 17 January in the Church Hall - 7pm to 9pm

TEAS & COFFEES CANCELLED – 10.30am Mass on Sunday 12 January for a function in the parish hall during the afternoon.



PAX CHRISTI – PEACE SUNDAY – 18th /19th JANUARY: “The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Please support our Pax Christi work by taking a donation envelope this weekend and return weekend 18th/19th January”. As well as donation envelopes there are various Pax Christi prayer cards, regular donation sign up cards and booklets on the fantastic work of Pax Christi for you to take home and read about their valuable work around the world.



RCIA: PRAYING FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH ON THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please continue to pray for Atkins Amucherahowa, Emmanuel Quartey, Stephanie Storer and Gifty Nketia.

Lord, we pray for Atkins, Emmanuel, Stephanie and Gifty as they journey to you. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts on fire for the Kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is The Way, The Truth and The Life, for all. Amen.

RCIA SPONSORS

We had just one person respond to our appeal for people who usually attend this Mass to walk alongside our RCIA candidates as sponsors. Please reconsider. If you're not sure about what it entails please speak to Mary McNab or contact the parish office.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on **Saturday 1 February** at St Luke's Church Theale RG7 4AG from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. At the meeting Gisele Henriques CAFOD's Sustainability & Technical lead will be speaking about our livelihoods projects, and I will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people's lives. Everyone is welcome so please let me know if you are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385 .
Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	12 th	8.30am	Mass	Raphael Dominic Gondo, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Flory & Louis Rodricks, RIP
Monday	13 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	14 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Ida Chiappetta, RIP
Thursday	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Camelia-Adela Harrison

ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT, Abbot

Friday	17 th	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Giuseppe Chiappetta, RIP
Saturday	18 th	10.00am	Mass	Ellerton Family Grandchildren

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Day of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday	19 th	8.30am	Mass	Day of Prayer for Peace
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Theresa Griffin, RIP

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**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer**

**Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help  
10.15 am Mother's Prayers**

**Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary  
Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment**

**THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR "REQUIEM MASS AND "NO MASS"**

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**Please make cheques payable to (full name): PRC DTR BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab**

**Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read**

**Safeguarding email: [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)**

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