

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

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO 'CONTINUE'

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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CONTINUE: a poem

By Maya Angelou

My wish for you
Is that you continue

Continue

To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness

Continue

To allow humour to lighten the burden
Of your tender heart

Continue

In a society dark with cruelty
To let the people hear the grandeur
Of God in the peals of your laughter

Continue

To let your eloquence
Elevate the people to heights
They had only imagined

Continue

To remind the people that
Each is as good as the other
And that no one is beneath
Nor above you

Continue

To remember your own young years
And look with favour upon the lost
And the least and the lonely

Continue

To put the mantel of your protection
Around the bodies of
The young and defenceless

Continue

To take the hand of the despised
And diseased and walk proudly with them
In the high street
Some might see you and
Be encouraged to do likewise

Continue

To plant a public kiss of concern
On the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirm
And count that as a
Natural action to be expected

Continue

To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good

Continue

To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge your range
And increase your spirit

Continue

To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing

Continue

To float
Happily in the sea of infinite
substance
Which set aside riches for you
Before you had a name

Continue

And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue

Eternally

*I've learned that people
will forget what you said,
people will forget what
you did, but people will
never forget how you made
them feel.*

Maya Angelou

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: 5th The Epiphany of the Lord; 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: 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 – Commences Tuesday 7 January 2020 9:30am-11:30am during term time in the hall.

KEEP FIT – Commences Tuesday 7 January 2020 2pm in the hall.

PRAYER GROUPS – Commences Tuesday 7 January 2020, resuming to usual group times.

Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”

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

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.

Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”

TEAS & COFFEES – After all weekend Masse

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

Wednesdays 2.15pm: 4.15pm: Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

Thursdays 10am – 12pm: Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-In Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

Fridays 10am – 12pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

Visit Berkshire Credit Union at <https://www.cslberks.org.uk>



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

Mondays 10am – 12pm: St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP **AND** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

Tuesdays 10am – 12pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 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

Fr 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.

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. Join us on a 10 week journey of exploration starting **Friday 10 January 2020**, 7pm – 9pm in the Church Hall.

Thinking about Confirmation? Youth Alpha will provide 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...

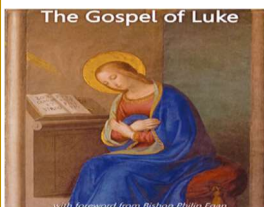
We have a great team in place, fully committed to making this the best Youth Alpha yet! Register online via the Parish website and come along to our first session on Friday 10th January to see what it's all about for yourself!

Got a question? Talk to anyone of our volunteers after all Masses this weekend or you can email us at youth@bracknellcatholicurch.org.

IGNITE! (AGE 10 TO 12 YEARS)

Next Meeting – Friday 17 January in the Church Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm

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



GIFT FROM BISHOP PHILIP

As we begin a "Year of God's Word" Bishop Philip is gifting each of us a copy of the Gospel of St Luke which he encourages us to read prayerfully throughout the coming year. Please take a copy from the porch. Inserted in the front cover of the Gospel is a card with a "Prayer for the Renewal of our Diocese" and the prayer to Holy Michael the Archangel for protection. We are asked to pray these prayers every day in 2020.



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 Tetteh.

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.



TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	David Jon Hancock, RIP
Sunday	5 th	8.30am	Mass	Anna-Maria Johnson, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Andrew Howard
Monday	6 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	7 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Geoff John Payne, RIP
Thursday	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Jacqui Rawstron, RIP, Memorial Mass
Friday	10 th	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Darren Burke
Saturday	11 th	10.00am	Mass	

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A

Saturday	11 th	6.30pm	Mass	Christian Unity
Sunday	12 th	8.30am	Mass	Raphael Dominic Gondo, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Flory and Louis Rodricks, 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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**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30am-2:30pm**

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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)**

**PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL**