

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR A
BUILDING THE COMMUNION OF LOVE

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Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Our celebration will never get off the ground if we only try to work out in our heads what it means. Some things can only be understood when we experience them for ourselves. Perhaps our hearts will take us there more quickly than our heads.

In the Creation story in Genesis, God speaks the amazing words, 'Let us make humanity in our own image!' This is strange language for a One God culture. But it doesn't take long for that image to be tarnished and shattered, bringing punishment on the guilty.

In St. John's Gospel, even though he agrees that the world and the human face have somehow become alienated from the one who created them. Even though he can see that something is happening which is separating creation and the human family from the Love which brought them to be. Even though he acknowledges that darkness and hostility cloud the faces of those born for better, he sees more



God continues to love His creation even when it is broken. This love flows into the world through the Beloved Son who came to renew the communion that was lost, and bring life where death reigns. St. John cannot stress enough that God is never motivated by the need for revenge or condemnation. There is no desire to punish the unjust. Yet, each of us has to choose whether to open or close ourselves to the offer of love that is on the table. And this isn't any old table. It is the table at which the Beloved Son of God celebrated the last Supper. Where new words of life and love were to be found hidden in the bread that

was broken and in the chalice of forgiveness. Every word, every gesture at this table is an invitation to see into this Love. If we get it, it becomes more fun trying to figure out ways to remain steadfast in love, even with those who have separated themselves from us.

So for me it unfolds like this. The whole creation bears the imprint of the Creator and the human face is the Icon of the Creator. Since we are made in the image of the Trinity, who we are is much more than we ever imagined we could be. Just as the Trinity are so in Love that they are One, it means that we are not alone inside our own skin.

Perhaps our biggest mistake is to think of ourselves as self-sufficient, self-enclosed people who have an individual destiny. When we do this we will always be in competition with others. Our personal dignity will always be undermined by comparing ourselves to others, and by negative experiences which may invade our lives.

Jesus speaks often about the infinite preciousness of every person. Perhaps we only grow in our understanding of what this means when we engage in the struggle to build communities of belonging. But we do not belong to each other in our solitude. Our belonging is created by the loving activity that defines our lives as people. Can you begin to feel the exhilaration which comes from escaping the prison of individualism and stepping into the far horizons of community?

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR A

Saturday	10 th	6.00pm	Mass	Lucy McCann
Sunday	11 th	8.30am	Mass	Frank O'Neill, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Denis and Kim Crampsie, RIP
Monday	12 th	No Mass		

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, Religious, Doctor

Tuesday	13 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
Wednesday	14 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
Thursday	15 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
Friday	16 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Saturday	17 th	10.00am	Mass	Crisostomo Silva, RIP

CORPUS CHRISTI – The Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday	17 th	6.00pm	Mass	Eileen Larkin, RIP
Sunday	18 th	8.30am	Mass	George Czubala, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Francis Carey, RIP
		3.00pm	Day for Life Vigil	



Tuesday to Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer; **Thursday:** After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help, 10.15 am Mother's Prayers; **Saturday:** 9.30am Rosary, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary and Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than midday on Wednesdays.

SECOND OFFERING THIS WEEKEND – Bishop's DAY FOR LIFE.
SECOND OFFERING NEXT WEEKEND – PETER'S PENCE



PARISH VACANCY - A vacancy has arisen for an experienced hygiene technician in our parish. Developments in pastoral care and outreach in the parish now mean that all parts of our site - church, hall, offices, meeting rooms and adjoining toilet facilities, are used every day of the week. The successful applicant(s) will be employee(s) of the Diocese of Portsmouth. The post is for one or maybe two people to share, working from 7.00 am until 9.30 am from Monday to Saturday. This will ensure that we are ready to receive all guests into an excellent and professionally managed environment.

In keeping with current practice, the successful applicant(s) will need to be checked by the disclosure and barring service and receive the appropriate safeguarding, health and safety training. If you are interested in this position and would like further information, please contact Liz in the parish office to request an application form. You will be expected to provide two references from other recent employers and have an excellent work record.

BEWARE: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Please ensure your children do not play around the candle trays, in the sand or with the lighted candles. Care must be taken when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injuries if not used correctly.



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – The 2017/2018 car park subscription renewal notices will be available in the narthex for renewals and new subscribers. The new subscription period will be from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers.



CHURCH SHOP – We have a stock of cards and gifts available in the church shop for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The shop is open every Sunday after the 8.30am Mass and just before the 10.30am Mass.



ASCOT & BRACKNELL SVP - Would be very grateful to receive the following good quality donations: double bed+mattress; single bed+mattress; wardrobe; bedside cabinets; chest of drawers; 2/3 seat sofa; armchairs; dining table+chairs. If you can help please contact the SVP on 07731862349. These are the only items that we can currently accept. Thank you for your help.

Sainsbury's

SAINSBURY'S FOOD DONATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: Sainsbury's have supported our parish work for the Night Shelter for the past two years. We are now officially a **Sainsbury's Food Donation Partner** for the front of store in Princess Square. The donations are available to us all year to help those in need, not only in the Night Shelter, but also individuals and families supported by SVP and the Bracknell Life House, etc. We would like to get a team together to help collect the goods donated. If you'd like to help in any way, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.



PARISH CENSUS - A reminder to complete the parish census either online on our parish website at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-census-form.html or using a paper copy which can be found in the narthex. Please return paper copies in an envelope to the parish office. There is also a "Parish Database Census Information" sheet to help you and answer some typical queries.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - Monday 12 June 2017 at 86 Qualitas, Bracknell

KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB – Every Tuesday 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Hall.

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday, 9.30am-11.30am in the hall during term time.

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

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time.

YOUTH GROUP – Every Friday, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Hall.

LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS: Total amount £1,815.84. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". Gift Aid envelopes and standing order forms available in the porch.

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community
and for those who care for them.**

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Robert Mulcahy, Mary Carpenter, Mary King,

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Mair, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Tom Corridan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan, Jackie Shaw, Tom Larkin, Blanche Shap, Thelma Briggs, Emma Flavelle. John Richardson, Mike Garnham

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - We are resuming Children's Liturgy on the weekend of **10 & 11 June 2017**. All adults and children wishing to attend will have to complete an Annual Family Membership form online via our parish website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cl_consent_form.html Leaflets will be handed out after Mass describing the process for registration and the way in which Children's Liturgy will operate in future. We are also always in need of new helpers - please contact the parish office if you are interested.



OPEN PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING - Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall. All parishioners of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church are warmly invited to attend this next Open PPC meeting. All you have to do is turn up on the night and join in the many interesting discussions we have planned. For more details, please look on the Parish website for the PPC agenda: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk We very much hope to see you there!



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JUNE: 1st St Justin, 3rd St Charles Lwanga & Companions, 4th Pentecost Sunday, 5th St Boniface, 11th Most Holy Trinity, 13th St Anthony of Padua, 18th Corpus Christi, 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, 22nd SsJohn Fisher & Thomas More, 23rd The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 24th Nativity of St John the Baptist, 28th St Irenaeus, 29th Ss Peter & Paul.



CHOPPED FOR CHARITY - Friday 16 June 2017 Anabel Gosling, a St Margaret Clitherow school pupil, cutting her long blonde hair fundraising for charity **Little Princess Trust** makers of real hair wigs for children with cancer or other illnesses where their treatment causes hair loss, her hair will be made into a wig for children and all money raised will go towards the making of wigs. She's really determined to do something good to help those less fortunate than herself and this was her choice. The deed is being done at on. 4.30pm, see <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>.



BISHOP'S DAY FOR LIFE - Sunday 18 June 2017 *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The vigil will be from 3.00pm with rosary, Exposition and Holy Hour in the church, details in next week's newsletter. Please pick up a leaflet from the narthex.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS - Please contact the Parish Office if you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years and you wish to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX on **Saturday 24 June 2017** at 11am. You can also email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



MEDITATION AND TALK WITH BROTHER MARTIN SAHAJANANDA - Tuesday 20 June 2017, 7.00pm to 9.30pm for Meditation in the parish hall. Talk and Discussion, Prayer and Praise. Brother Martin Sahajananda leading exponent of 'wisdom Christianity'. A friend and disciple of the late Bede Griffiths OSB and lives at Shantivanam Ashram in India. Explore the teachings of Jesus from the perspective of Indian spirituality, particularly spiritual classic known as the Upanishads. Br Martin has been a Camaldolese Benedictine Monk for over 25 years and passionate to engage with people seeking the open, universal and inclusive meaning of the gospels.



DEATH CAFÉ - Tuesday 27 June 2017, 7.00pm at Beatons Tearooms & Bookshop, 241 High Street, Crowthorne, RG45 7AH. We are a group of people sitting together and talking around the theme of death and dying. The idea is to make it easier to communicate about death and increase awareness of death, dying and making the most out of life. Book your place at deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - There will be no Chaplet at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church for May or June. The next Chaplet will be on Sunday 16 July at 2.30pm.



CAFOD GOLF DAY - Friday 7 July 2017 12.30pm at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD. A relaxing day of Golf organised by the Catenian Association in aid of CAFOD's work overseas on, more information and an application form please contact Dave McKenna on 07931 564064 or e mail dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - We hope to take a group from our parish to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017** and is led by Bishop Philip. For information contact the parish office or visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>