

**THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK**  
**EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM**  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**27 May 2018 – Mass Book Page 83, Psalter Week 3**

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If we ponder the beauty of Rublev's Icon of the Trinity, one of the things we might see is that the 'Three' are sitting at a table with an empty space. They are offering hospitality to anyone who would like to sit with them and share their banquet. It also reminds me of the answer of the messenger, who, when asked by the Great King (Luke,3) threw a party, how he managed to persuade people to come, answered, "I told them that there is a feast for all who are willing to feast with all." This made the king roar with laughter. It is only a small step from hospitality to holiness after all.

In Franco Zeffirelli's *Jesus of Nazareth*, the man who was the scheming architect behind Jesus execution enters the empty tomb, looks around and, in a resigned voice announces to no-one but himself, 'Now it begins.' A disciple might say, 'Now it continues.' The mountain where they meet the Risen Lord is in Galilee. It is the same place where he taught the spectacular sermon on the mount. It is this teaching that the disciples are commissioned to bring to the nations. Jesus is handing it on and it will go on in a new way.



Notice that not everyone was convinced. The Twelve have become eleven and some of these are filled with doubt. Can they trust Him to be who He says He is? In the Gospel of St. Luke and Saint John, Jesus shows them His wounds as proof. But this does not happen in St. Matthews Gospel. Instead Jesus moves towards them with the words, "All authority in heaven and on earth have been given to me.' The Father has vindicated the Beloved Son and the Message He proclaims. Even the death of the Beloved Son is part of the plan. All competition is set aside. Thereafter, they are commissioned to go, to baptise and to teach. They are to go to all nations because the Father is a universal reality and not bound to one house. They are to invite people into a new community which has Jesus as its centre. Jesus, the Beloved Son of the Father is to be openly revealed, proclaimed and situated between the Father and the Spirit. He is with them always. He can never be lost. The commission of the disciples is to invite everyone into this new community. They take their place at loves table and to do so till the end of time!

The Holiness of the Most Holy Trinity is revealed as endless hospitality. For me, one of the easiest ways to begin deepening our understanding of what this might mean is this. The guiding principle of all Catholic Social Teaching is the eternal dignity of the human person. This means that everyone is treated with respect. It does not matter where they come from, what they own or what they have done. Their dignity is inviolate and does not come and go or fade with circumstance. The Dignity of the Person is consulted again and again whenever decisions are made about the big questions of life. This principle rests on the revelation that we are made in the image and likeness of God. But since we are made in the image and likeness of the Trinity, who we are might be much more than we ever imagined ourselves to be! In the Trinity, the gift of Self is so complete that it makes the three One. This offers a beautiful vision for human life. But it is not how we are used to thinking about ourselves.

We think we are closed captions who face individual triumphs or disasters. We seem to be in competition for power over others or for a temporary hold on larger territory. Our dignity is always threatened by the stupidity or cruelty of others who have misread their essential beauty. But. If we could see our dignity not as mine but as *ours* everything changes. It is love and our loving activity that now defines us as persons. It is love and loving activity that becomes the primary interpretation of all creation.

When we ponder the Trinity in this way it stirs a curiosity in us that is worth pursuing. Instinctively, we sense the Truth of it. Finally, we can escape the prison of individualism and all the misery that brings. We can step into the heart of a loving community which is God's first gift to us and which we now help grow.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B

|                  |                        |                |                                           |                       |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday         | 26 <sup>th</sup>       | 6.00pm         | Mass                                      | Parish Intentions     |
| Sunday           | 27 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30am         | Mass                                      | Chris Fealy           |
|                  |                        | 10.30am        | Mass                                      | Dolores Branagan, RIP |
| Monday           | 28 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                           |                       |
| Tuesday          | 29 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am         | Mass                                      | Adrian Sweeney, RIP   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>1.00pm</b>  | <b>Requiem Mass – Adrian Sweeney, RIP</b> |                       |

### THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Mass Anthony Nunes, RIP

### ST JUSTIN, Martyr

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Exposition  
12.10pm Mass Deceased Members of Moriarty Family

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Mass Pro-Life

### CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body and Blood of Christ) – YEAR B

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm Mass Special Intention - Christopher

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.30am Mass Parish Intentions  
10.30am Mass Bridget and Francis Robinson

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

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**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH**



#### SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

**Co-ordinating Pastor:** Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;  
**Fr Kevin Bidgood**, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot 01344 620591;  
**Fr Marcus Brisley** Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, 01252 876820;  
**Fr David O'Sullivan**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham 0118 9780348

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays**, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 28 May 2018.**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

**ADRIAN SWEENEY, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 30 May 2018** at 1.00pm, followed by a Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 3.00pm. Please pray for Adrian, his beloved wife Ethna and their family.

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

**(We respectfully request that the Church car park is used only for the mourners attending Adrian's Requiem Mass)**



Anointing of the Sick

**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** – Commencing at the 12.10pm Mass on **Friday 25 May 2018** and on last Friday of every month, the Sacrament of Anointing will be part of the 12.10pm Mass. All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.

**PEW PACKS** - We would like to overhaul the books in the pew packs, so if you have any **CHRISTIAN** based board books, would you kindly donate them for the Pew Packs? If so, please bring them to the parish office, thank you. We do hope you and your children are still enjoying these packs.



**IMPORTANT GUIDANCE FOR PARISHIONERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - The Pastoral Care of the housebound, those who are unwell, those needing the extra support offered by care homes and those coming to the end of their lives, is one of the jewels in the crown of our parish life.

We thank Maura and her dedicated team for all they are doing to support and bless our sisters and brothers who are unwell. We are also very blessed to have full time Catholic Priests and other chaplains who minister at our hospitals: Wexham Park, Frimley Park, Heatherwood and the Royal Berkshire.

The rules have changed! This means that if you, or a member of your family, are admitted to any of these hospitals, it is **your** responsibility to ensure that the Priest/Chaplain is aware of your presence and of your desire to receive the Sacraments. Your own parish family will also want to be praying for you at these times, so consider letting us know what is happening well in advance if possible. This will help us to give you better support and it will help you to avoid the stress that can unfold when things are left to the last minute.

Eucharistic ministers can also easily pass on the news of any changes in a person's circumstances, please call 01344 425729 which is the telephone number for the Parish Office/Presbytery (priest's house).



**BOOKING PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS** – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.

**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 reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injury.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MAY** – 27<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Trinity; 31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
**JUNE** – 1<sup>st</sup> St Justin; 11<sup>th</sup> St Barnabas; 13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua; 21<sup>st</sup> St Aloysius Gonzaga; 22<sup>nd</sup> Ss John Fisher & Thomas Moore; 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus; 29<sup>th</sup> Ss Peter & Paul.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall. **No session on Monday 28 May 2018**

**TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time.

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.

**PRAYER GROUPS**—Hall Evening Group: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day Group: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome.

**ALPHA** – Every Thursday in the Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm from Thursday 7 June 2018 to Thursday 20 September 2018. No Alpha during August.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Every Friday after Mass during term time in the hall.

**FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY** - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 2pm in the Hall.



**MASS OFFERINGS: £2,105.20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

Please make cheques payable to (full name) "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". **Gift Aid envelopes and banker's/standing order forms available in the porch.**

**SECOND OFFERINGS - JUNE: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> - Day for Life; 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> July – Peter's Pence**

**We pray for those in our parish community who are sick, housebound or in hospital and for those who care for them.**

Eileen Ing, Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Brenda Lynch, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Denise Rinzivillo, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski.

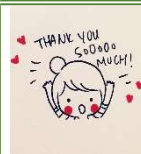
## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**CONGRATULATIONS** – Fr Danny on the celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination on **Monday 28 May 2018**. We join with him around God's table of love in thanksgiving for his priestly vocation and for the amazing contribution that he has made to the life and mission of our parish over the last 5 years. All are welcome in the hall after the Masses this weekend to celebrate with tea and cake!



**DOMINICA ROBERTS & FAMILY** – Wish to thank everyone for their kind condolences, words, cards, prayers for the passing of her beloved husband Tim and all his friends who attended his funeral.



**SHONA PATERSON** – A big **THANK YOU** for the lovely gifts and goodbye party as Donald and I start our new life in York. I will miss the warmth and friendliness of our wonderful parishioners and especially Fr Danny. You will always be in our prayers.



**DEMENTIA ACTION** - As a member of the Bracknell Forest Dementia Action Alliance, we are working towards being a dementia friendly parish. Dementia Action Week is **21st - 27th May 2018**. Why not attend a Dementia Friends' Information session at 11am on **Saturday 26th May 2018** in our Church Hall and become a Dementia Friend? Find out more at [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk). Prayer cards are available in the porch. "Lord, help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia that we may see your beauty in them".



**BRACKNELL FOREST FAITH & BELIEF FORUM AGM** –  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

from 2pm - 4pm in St Paul's Church Hall, The Square, Ralphs Ride, Bracknell RG12 9LP. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, phone Kate Eatwell on 07973 709647 or email [kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk)



**RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION** will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to the 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**



**ALPHA** is starting on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm-9pm** with a taster session in our parish hall. The Alpha experience explores the basics of the Christian faith and encourages conversation in an open and informal environment. Sign-up for the taster session on the parish website or pick up a form from the porch. More details are on the insert contained in this newsletter.

**JOIN TEAM ALPHA:** If you'd like to help on the team welcoming, catering, small group discussion leader, please speak to Mary McNab or email [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT** – *Back by popular demand* on **Saturday 9 June 2018** - how good is your trivia? £1 entry per person, great prizes. Licenced bar from 7:00pm.

Quizzing starts at 7:30pm. Free buffet. A great, fun evening and a chance to make new friends.



**DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS – SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018** - 9.30am to 3.00 pm, starting with Mass.

This is for everyone involved in reading at Mass, an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. Lunch and refreshments provided St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. For more details, and to register: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers). Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A DEACON IN HIS CHURCH?** - Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate. This Propaedeutic year consists of three sessions 2018/2019 (Friday-Saturday) **9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> November 2018; 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

Its aim is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions.

Wives of prospective candidates will be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation program but is part of the overall selection process. **For further information email Fr Peter Hart [pghart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pghart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**



**Share the Journey**  
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**CAFOD** - This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called **Share the Journey**.

You can **Share the Journey** by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. **CAFOD** will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organizing your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS** - Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip you are invited to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. A wonderful occasion to celebrate. Please visit the Cathedral website and complete the on-line form, <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries> Or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)