

**THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE**  
**THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C**

**ENDING LONELINESS**

**16 June 2019 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 81 - Psalter Week 3**

**PARISH PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have given us, through your Son Jesus, the mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve you. We entrust our parish family to the care of St. Joseph, St. Margaret Clitherow, with Mary our Mother. We ask for their intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel. Amen.

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I have heard it said, and I believe that it is true, that loneliness is one of the greatest challenges of our time. I am sure that, like everything else, the reasons for this epidemic are complex. But I would suggest that one of the major contributors to the problem is the rampant individualism which is embedding itself in our hearts and in our communities. I think that personal freedom is a wonderful thing but only if it is celebrated as an equal partner with the responsibility we have for each other.

It is astonishing to know that God is not alone - or lonely. In today's Gospel Reading, all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity intertwine in this section of the last will and testament of Jesus. The Father is the transcending source of Love; the Beloved Son is the historical embodiment of that Love; the Spirit is the journeying presence of that Love who will guide humanity towards the truth. As He speaks, the Beloved Son judges that the fullness of this truth can only be revealed over time. Meanwhile, the Persons of the Blessed Trinity are completely intimate with each other. No-one speaks on their own but only what they hear from each other. Father, Son and Spirit are a community and this community ensures the continuity between what has been revealed and what will be revealed.

I find it helpful to consider my many beliefs as a work in progress. This does not mean that they might turn out to be false but that greater truths will be revealed and include the beliefs I hold now. These future beliefs are, of course, hidden within the text of the Gospels. As things stand, we may not have the capacity to discern them yet. Perhaps this is why Jesus tells His disciples that He has many more things to tell them but He is holding back because they are not ready for them. Perhaps it is only when we have integrated a lesser truth that a greater truth becomes available to us. The Spirit comes to make this spiritual development possible.

One of the guiding principles of Catholic Teaching in matters of relationships and morals is the Dignity of the human person. This principle states that every person is treated with dignity no matter what their physical, social or moral condition might be. Human Dignity and the Dignity of all creation is inherent. It does not come and go with circumstance and it cannot be ignored by any authority. On the ground, this means that the principle of the Dignity of the Person is used as a reference point, and is consulted again and again as we try to decide what kind of behaviour and words uphold this principle. In short, what has to be done so that the Dignity of the Person and of Creation is honoured in action?




From where does this principle get its power? It arises from the faith conviction that all of Creation is God's work (see the first reading for today's liturgy) and that we are made in the image and likeness of God. If we are made in the image of the Trinity then our personhood and our dignity has to be much, much more than we imagine it to be. It means that we are essentially plural. It is in our capacity for relationship and the interpersonal flow of love that we find our real self. The more we ponder this vision of the person, the more beautiful it becomes!

Which brings me back to the opening sentence in this reflection. This is not how we are used to identifying ourselves. We are under huge pressure to think of ourselves as self-enclosed beings who have individual disasters and destinies. In this worldview we are encouraged to compete and to step on other people's heads to climb higher up the ladder of personal fulfilment. Our dignity is under threat from every turn. The negativity of the other competitors and our endless capacity to compare ourselves with those who seem to have what we do not, only seems to reinforce our sense of isolation.

But what if our dignity, flowing from the sacred heart of the Blessed Trinity, can only be accessed in relationship? What if human dignity can only be seen as 'ours' and not 'mine' or as something which we find in solitude? What if loving activity is what really defines and expresses our lives as persons? When we begin to think of ourselves in this way, the Spirit draws us into an excitement we must pursue. There is a profound and life changing truth in the teaching of Jesus, and it is simply this: we must escape from the prison of individualism with all the loneliness and heartache it brings, if we are to be filled with the exhilaration and adventure of being made in the image and likeness of God.

## 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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - Our Pastoral Care team, includes members of the Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We also visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you or 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](mailto: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.

**WANTED: WARDROBE FOR A FAMILY IN NEED** If you can help please contact the SVP on 07731862349

**THE SHOP WILL BE OPEN EVERY SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH 5.30pm - 7.00pm and EVERY SUNDAY 9.30am – 10.30am**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JUNE** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Ss John Fisher & Thomas Moore; 24<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of St John the Baptist; 28<sup>th</sup> The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 29<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**JULY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> St Thomas; 11<sup>th</sup> St Benedict; 15<sup>th</sup> St Swithun; 17<sup>th</sup> St Bonaventure; 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Bridget of Sweden; 29<sup>th</sup> St James; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Joachim & Anne; 29<sup>th</sup> St Martha; 31<sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1852.47**

**SECOND OFFERINGS – JUNE: 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Day for Life; 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Peter's Pence**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE:** The Parish Financial Year starts in September. For the year to date our expenditure is £109,349 and the income is £99,589 giving a deficit of £9,760. Our total debt with the Diocese is now £42,682. Please increase your offering if you can. Thank you.

**THANK YOU**  
SO VERY MUCH

Please make cheques payable to (full name) "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". Gift Aid envelopes and Banker's/Standing Order forms available in the porch, please complete and return all forms to the parish office.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BT MYDONATE WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019**

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

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

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday 2pm-3pm in the hall

**PRAYER GROUPS** – Hall Evening : 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 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. Instrumentalists also invited to join us.

**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.**

**TEAS & COFFEES** – After all weekend Masses

**JOURNEY IN FATH** – Every Thursday 7.30pm-9.00pm in the hall, last session Thursday 6 June 2019.

**OFS – Saturday 20 July 2019** at 2pm-4pm in the hall.



**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

**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

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

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



### SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy**, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 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 David O'Sullivan**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

**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.

### 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, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, 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 Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook.

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



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

**PETER MAUGHAN, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 12.30pm**, followed by a Service at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Peter and all his family.

**PIUS BABALOLA, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 26 July 2019 at 12.30pm**, followed by a Service at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Pius and all his family.

*May their souls 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, the rest of the car park is available. This is to enable the funeral gate to be closed to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' car to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL –** The 2019-2020 car park subscription forms are now available in the porch for parishioner renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period will be from **Monday 1 July 2019** until **Tuesday 30 June 2020**. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office along with your payment, cash or cheque only. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. The new windscreen sticker will be orange this year, please be aware that you can be challenged if you park in the car park without displaying a valid sticker. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2018 subscription forms will be shredded.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at all weekend Masses (including Saturday morning Mass) from **Saturday 18 May 2019** onwards. They will be with their families in small groups to celebrate receiving this beautiful Sacrament. Please pray for them and their families.

**Urgent help needed for servicing the pews packs after the 6.00pm & 10.30pm weekend Masses, please contact the parish office if you wish to volunteer to help repack and restock the pew packs for our young parishioners**



**ABLAZE! (age +13)** - Next meeting - **Friday, 28th June** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

**JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT** - Outdoor Adventure Raft Building - Rescheduled to **Friday 5th July**

For further details contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

New to either of the youth groups? Want to make some new friends and have fun? Get yourself registered on our Parish website and come along. We'll look forward to welcoming you! For further information please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**CATHOLIC VOICES** – An organisation seeking to inform people about issues affecting the Church and also helping them to explain the Church's teaching. This season of presentations will begin with a 'Workshop Day' on 'How to defend the Faith without raising your voice', on **Saturday 8 June** at the Immaculate Conception Church, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 9BS from 11.00am to 3.00pm. After that the programme will be a series of talks from 7.30-8.30pm on the following evenings:

**Tuesday 18 June** – Freedom and Equality: partners, not rivals

**Wednesday 26 June** – The Church on the Frontier: populations and the migrant crisis

**Thursday 4 July** – Lights at the end of the road: resisting assisted suicide



**CLOTHES BANK** - The next Clothes Bank Giveaway, held every quarter in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be on **Wed 26th June**. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of **new children's pyjamas, underwear and socks** and **good quality used clothes for children** of all ages and **children's trainers**, especially sizes 10 – 2. Please contact St Mark's Binfield direct to arrange drop off of donations. Help will be needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Mon 24th June**, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wed 26th June** from around 9.15am ready for the Giveaway to start at 10.15am, finishing at 1pm. If you would like to donate or volunteer on either of those days please contact Giselle on 07724 889169.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you and/or your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office to receive a ClothesBank voucher.**



**SMC FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD** - Join us for our first ever Festival on the Field on **Saturday 29 June** at St. Margaret Clitherow School, 3pm-9pm. Music from 4pm – Band "Project 7", Red Tape Resistance, Platinum Floyd. Festival stalls, food, licensed bar, inflatables and entertainment. Tickets from school office or online <https://smc-festival-on-the-field.eventbrite.co.uk> or after 10:30am Mass on **9th of June**.



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2019** - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, or contact the Parish Secretary at St Bede's on 01256 465214.



### GOLF DAY IN AID OF CAFOD 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on **Friday 12th July** at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner for golfers and their non-golfing partners which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on [pfm190654@outlook.com](mailto:pfm190654@outlook.com)



**PARISH PICNIC/BBQ – Sunday 14 July** from 12:00 o'clock. Reappearance of ROLY the magician, music by James Farrant. Volunteers required tat 10.00am to set up and help during the event and clearing up after the event. Please contact Ed Carroll on [social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR C

|                  |                        |                |                                     |                         |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday         | 15 <sup>th</sup>       | 6.00pm         | Mass                                | Parish Intentions       |
| Sunday           | 16 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30am         | Mass                                |                         |
|                  |                        | 10.30am        | Mass                                | Nivin Family Intentions |
| Monday           | 17 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                     |                         |
| Tuesday          | 18 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                     |                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>12.30pm</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Peter Maughan</b> |                         |
| Thursday         | 20 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                     |                         |
| Friday           | 21 <sup>st</sup>       | 11.00am        | Exposition                          |                         |
|                  |                        | 12.10pm        | Mass                                | Bridie Doherty, RIP     |

### Ss JOHN FISHER, Bishop and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs, Feast

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| Saturday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass |  |
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### CORPUS CHRISTI : The Body and Blood of Christ – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Anthony and Bridie Campbell, RIP |
| Sunday   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions                |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Stan and Mary Trevatt, RIP       |

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**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer, except when Requiem Mass is celebrated**  
**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.**

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**  
**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab**

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