

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

***FOLLOWING OUR HEARTS DESIRE***

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

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It was all going wrong. John has been arrested by Herod and swaps desert for dungeon. His wilderness voice must find a way through the prison bars. Authority figures do what they like to do best - silence what threatens them. But notice what Jesus does. He moves immediately right into the heart of Herod's domain, steadily into the teeth of resistance. This is a dangerous move. But it was always so for those who carry light into darkness, life into death. What will happen to Jesus now?

Notice again Matthews insight. Underneath the machinations of human monsters, prophecies are unfolding. As Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah he is no fool, playing into the hands of evil men. He is moving according to Gods plan, proclaiming a message that cannot be locked up or silenced. The torch has passed from John to Jesus. The voice that cried in the desert now zings down the town streets, into residential areas and into the houses of Gods' children. The Kingdom of Heaven is closer than you think. If you are sitting in darkness and the shadows of death, God is arriving as the remedy. As Light and Life! Problem: God is now but people are not!



So, Jesus needs help to uncover the hidden heaven. He needs people to fish for people. But first they must let go of one way of seeing the world and embrace another. If they are going to swim in the spiritual sea where all people swim, they must come to see the deeper and wider dimensions of life. They see hints of this in Jesus and move to follow Him. He will teach them that people are not fish and that they will 'catch' people only by appealing to the deepest desire of their hearts.


Jesus is not hiding from Herod. He is teaching, proclaiming and healing through all Herod's territory. He is on a mission. Johns' imprisonment is not going to stop Him and people are fascinated by him.

Here we must pause to remember all the people who have fascinated us in our life. Can you remember those you admired and wanted to imitate? Every day, people are leaning into life and coaxing it towards redemption. These are people who make the world a better place. When we catch them 'at it' we are fascinated and want to know more. When we see someone thinking, speaking or acting in a way that we are not yet able to but we wish we could - we apprentice ourselves to them. Isn't a disciple just a fascinated person who desires to know and do what they see in another? We gravitate towards them and learn something new. We have probably been doing this all our lives

I heard a story once about a drug rehabilitation centre. One day, an ex-resident turned up in the reception area with a cricket bat, shouting and screaming and banging his bat on the furniture. Everyone dived for cover. But the manager came out of her office, walked right up to the guy, put her arms around him and gave him a big long hug. His violence transfigured into sobs. She held him in that strange embrace for a while then led him to a chair and waited for the police to arrive. He never let go of the bat.

I want to know what makes this woman tick! And I have a hunch that she knows exactly what drove Christ back into Galilee.

# 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 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](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.

**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](http://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:** 27<sup>th</sup> St Angela Merici; 28<sup>th</sup> St Thomas Aquinas; 31<sup>st</sup> St John Bosco  
**February:** 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord, 5<sup>th</sup> St Agatha, 6<sup>th</sup> St Paul Miki & Companions, 10<sup>th</sup> St Scholastica, 14<sup>th</sup> St Cyril & St Methodius, 22<sup>nd</sup> The Chair of St Peter, 26<sup>th</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY**.



**Thank You!!!**

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1774.96**

**SECOND OFFERING FOR JANUARY: 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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 during term time in the hall.

**\*KEEP FIT:** Every Tuesday 2pm during term time 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

**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](mailto: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, 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.....

**FR DANNY UPDATE:** Fr Danny is slowly recovering from the extensive dental surgery he underwent this week, therefore, weekday Masses are cancelled until further notice. Fr Buba, a lovely Priest from one of the Polish Churches in Slough, has generously agreed to celebrate our Masses this weekend, we are sure he will receive a customary warm welcome from the parish. Please keep Fr Danny in your prayers.



### 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.*



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: MARY GRANT, RIP

Mary's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 7 February 2020 at 12.00noon** followed by a Service at Easthampstead Crematorium at 2.00pm. Please pray for Mary 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

David's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 10.30am** followed by a Service at Parkside Cemetery, Gerrards Cross at 1.00pm. 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: 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 not too late to join us on this journey of exploration even if the first session was missed, register online via the parish website and just come along to our next session on **Friday 31 January**, 7pm – 9pm in the Church Hall.

Got a question? Please email us at [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

**IGNITE! (AGE 10 TO 12 YEARS)**

Join us for our next meeting on **Friday 14 February** in the Church Hall - 7pm to 9pm



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY - We need more volunteers!

*Would you like to:*

\* Support a great cause?

\* Share your talent and energy with a fantastic group of enthusiastic people?

\* Get a great sense of achievement, learning more about the Gospel message and seeing others grow in their understanding?

\* Have an incredible amount of fun while doing all of the above?

Please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) for more details of how to volunteer for this wonderful opportunity and support the younger members of our Parish community. Thank you.



**PAX CHRISTI – PEACE SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES:** Please support our Pax Christi work by taking and returning donation envelopes from the porch. There are also 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.



**CLOTHESBANK** - Clothes Bank Giveaway, held quarterly in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, is on **Wednesday 29 January 2020**. The ClothesBank appreciate donations of **good quality** used clothes for adults (men and women) and children of all ages and children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks, for example, must be new. Donations to St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield, RG42 4AH by 10am **Monday 27 January** also help needed sorting clothes from 9.30am. Help needed with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 29 January** from 9.00am ready for the Giveaway at 10.15am, closing at 1pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you and your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office for a ClothesBank voucher. Thank you. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS AT ST JOSEPH & ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH.**

**DEMENTIA FRIENDS:** If you would like to become a Dementia Friend, there is a Dementia Friends Information Session on **Wednesday 11 March at 11am** in the Church Hall.



**CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 7 April 2020** at 11.00am at the Cathedral. We want to offer a "mobility impaired" accessible coach for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this beautiful Mass. We will only book this coach if there are enough parishioners signed up to travel on the coach, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email [stbh@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stbh@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) **closing date Friday 31 January to put your name on the coach passenger list.** There is no charge but donations are welcome.

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturday        | 25 <sup>th</sup>       | 6.00pm         | Mass                                     | Michael Howlett, RIP                 |
| Sunday          | 26 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30am         | Mass                                     | Parish Intentions                    |
|                 |                        | 10.30am        | Mass                                     | Stephen, Mary, Tony and John Griffin |
| Monday          | 27 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                          |                                      |
| Tuesday         | 28 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                          |                                      |
| Wednesday       | 29 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                          |                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>REQUIEM MASS – Desmond Hatch, RIP</b> |                                      |
| Friday          | 31 <sup>st</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                          |                                      |
| Saturday        | 1 <sup>st</sup>        | <b>No Mass</b> |                                          |                                      |

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

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| Saturday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions                      |
| Sunday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Ferdi and Stella Dsouza - Thanksgiving |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Michael Robinson, 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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**Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab**

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