

**THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE**  
**THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C**  
**WHO IS THE GREATEST?**

**5 May 2019 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 265 - 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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Jesus has returned to the Sea of Galilee, where He had made miracles with loaves and fishes. Now He is about to do the same, only this time, His disciples will fully understand what is being revealed. He has been shaping them over time, to be the kind of disciples who catch people. But the 'catch' live in the depths which, so far, they have not been able to see. Drawing fish from these depths, suggests a new awareness has arrived, and with it, a new day and the new dawn.

The focus in today's Gospel is St. Peter. His horror at the idea that Jesus should wash his feet (Jn.13:1-38) his triple denial (Jn.13:36) and bitter tears, reveal a man who wants to be close to Jesus but does not yet understand Him. The ability to follow Jesus depends entirely on receiving and understanding the foot washing. Peter has to plug his beautiful ego into something even more beautiful. It is not his calling to lay down his life to save Jesus, but to be receptive to the gift, and draw strength from the source of all life. (Jn.1:3). And Jesus trusts that Peter will find the way. There is an 'afterwards' that Jesus is looking forward to - a Morning of enlightenment where Peter will see that his unplugged ego will not bring him to the place where he will understand and follow. Only after the dark night of emptiness has run its course will Peter find Jesus waiting on the other shore, offering the Kingdom of God for breakfast.

The Risen Jesus does what the earthly Jesus does. He invites His disciples to sit and eat a 'breakfast' - symbol of this new dawn. Whatever is on the menu, it is Jesus Himself who is the nourishment. Disciples must eat and ingest the Love that holds out the bread and the fish. This is the third appearance of the Risen One. As such, it marks an end to one thing and the beginning of another. In this new era, whenever Jesus' disciples gather for a community meal they will feed on a Love which will fill their famished souls. And now that Peter has allowed Jesus to feed him, he understands and knows what he must do. Peter will say to the One who knows all things, "You know that I love you". Only now that he has made the connection does he have the strength to feed Jesus disciples and to give his life for them. Peter's following will be faithful and complete to the end. (Jn.13.1)



The Gospel story ends with the instruction 'Follow Me'. Disciples will only catch fish when they have made the journey from the charcoal fire of the night, where ego can only deny and betray the truth, to the charcoal fire of the new dawn. Only those who allow Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, to teach and feed them will be effective in making new disciples of the Kingdom. It depends totally on the conversion which constantly seeks to mirror that teaching and actions of the Christ.

Margaret Wheatley offers this Sacred model for modern times:

"Many writers have offered new images of effective leaders. Each of them is trying to co-create imagery for the new relationships that are required, the new sensitivities needed to honour and elicit worker contributions. Here is a very partial list of the new metaphors to describe leaders: gardeners, midwives, stewards, servants, missionaries, facilitators, conveners. Although each takes a slightly different approach, they all name a new position for leaders, a stance that relies on new relationships with their network of employees, stakeholders and communities. No one can hope to lead any organisation by standing outside or ignoring the web of relationships through which all the work is accomplished. Leaders are being called to step forward as helpmates, supported by our willingness to have them lead us. Is this a fad? Or is it the web of life insisting that leadership join in with appropriate humility".

(Leadership and the New Science: Discovering Order in a Chaotic World [San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 1999] 165)

## DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any item text you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – The parish office will be closed May Bank Holidays: Monday 6 May 2019 and Monday 27 May 2019.**



**PASTORAL CARE CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - We can provide home visits by Care team members for whatever reason. It could be in the case of illness, to see a friendly face or just for a chat. To request a visit email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or ring **07394 440 938**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – MAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> St Joseph, the Worker; 2<sup>nd</sup> St Athanasius; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ss Philip & James; 4<sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs; 13<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima; 14<sup>th</sup> St Matthias; 25<sup>th</sup> St Bede the Venerable; 27<sup>th</sup> St Augustine of Canterbury; 30<sup>th</sup> The Ascension of the Lord (**Holy Day of Obligation**); 31<sup>st</sup> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



**MASS OFFERINGS: £1716.09**

**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, please complete and return all forms to the parish office.

**SECOND OFFERINGS : MAY** – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Clergy Training Fund

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

**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 18 May 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, Ralphps 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.csberks.org.uk>**

**SUNDAY MASS PARKING IN SERVICE YARD D** – Please be aware that the Sunday Mass parking concession in Service Yard D for the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses ends at 1200 noon.



### 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.

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Mrs Pat Meehan, formerly of our parish, who died recently in Windsor. Pat's Requiem Mass will take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019** at 11.30am at St Edward's RC Church Windsor SL4 3HJ. *May she rest in peace.*

**SACRE** - A Catholic Representative is needed for the Bracknell Forest Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) group

- Are you interested in young people and their education?
- Are you open to sharing your faith with other people?
- Are you interested in what others believe?
- Could you act as a bridge between the Church and the schools in your area?

For further information or to express an interest please speak to Fr Danny or contact the parish office



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH** - We need volunteers to become involved in the life of our Parish by joining some of our ministries, groups and activities, especially brass cleaning, Welcoming, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, after Mass Tea & Coffee Teams, First Aiders and Fire Marshalls. The commitment should be monthly if we have enough volunteers. Please contact the parish office to volunteer or to discuss any of these important ministries.

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

**VOLUNTEER THANKSGIVING EVENING** - If you received an invitation via email, please ACCEPT or DECLINE so that we know if you're coming. If you're not on email or we don't have your email address, please pick your personally addressed envelope from the box in the sacristy.



**CONFIRMATION 2019** – Twenty of our young adults will be Confirmed by Bishop Philip Egan at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Saturday 11 May 2019**. We are blessed to have such wonderful youth in our parish. Please pray for them, their families, sponsors and catechists.



**INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY SERVICE** – You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate at The Church of Jesus Christ, Ascot Priory, Priory Road, Ascot, SL5 8RT on **Monday 13 May 2019** at 2.30pm. the service will be accompanied by the Senior Choir of Lambrook School, followed by refreshments in St Gabriel's Retreat Centre Ascot Priory.

RSVP to 01344 884079 or [activities@arhlt.com](mailto:activities@arhlt.com)



**PASTORAL CARE** - There is a Pastoral Care meeting in the parish hall, 7pm - 8pm, on **Wednesday 15 May 2019** for those who visit the frail elderly and the sick in our parish including Eucharistic Ministers to the housebound. We can provide home visits by Care Team members for whatever reason. It could be in the case of illness, to see a friendly face or just for a chat. To request a visit email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or phone 07394 440938. If you are interested in parish visiting, please come along on 15th May.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at 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.



**THAMES HOSPICE 'IN MEMORY' SUNFLOWER WALK** – **Saturday 18 May 2019** at 10am at Virginia Water, Surrey. The purpose of the Sunflower Walk is for people to walk in memory of a loved one and to help raise funds for Thames Hospice. There are three walks to choose from 4k, 6.5k and 13k through the stunning Virginia Water park. Thames Hospice is the local charity providing expert care for people living with life-limiting illnesses. For more details: website <https://www.thameshospice.org.uk/sunflowerwalk> telephone 01753 848963 or email [susan.blues@thameshospice.org.uk](mailto:susan.blues@thameshospice.org.uk) poster in the porch.



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** - Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.



**JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT - ABLAZE! (age +13) and IGNITE! (age 10-12)**

**Friday 7 June – Outdoor Adventure Raft Building**  
For details, please contact the Youth Ministry Team

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)

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

|           |                  |                |            |                                  |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm         | Mass       |                                  |
| Sunday    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am         | Mass       | Parish Intentions                |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass       |                                  |
| Monday    | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                                  |
| Tuesday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                                  |
| Wednesday | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am         | Mass       | May Marie-Mair, RIP (Foundation) |
| Thursday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am         | Mass       | Perfecto Dagdag, RIP             |
| Friday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition |                                  |
|           |                  | 12.10pm        | Mass       | Maureen Joan Bane, RIP           |
| Saturday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am        | Mass       |                                  |

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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| Saturday | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Bridget McMenamin, RIP |
| Sunday   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions      |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Brendan O'Brien, 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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