

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



TOUCHING THE LONELY

1 July 2018 – Mass Book Page 100
Psalter Week 1

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Jesus stays close to the sea. He teaches there. The crowds gather and He casts His net. He teaches with authority. His words and His deeds are movements of the same dance. So, the sudden appearance of Jairus, the leader of the Synagogue, allows Jesus to let a new story unfold.

Jairus is unusual. He does not watch and disapprove of Jesus like many of his colleagues. They have Him as a lawbreaker because He works on the Sabbath, and as unclean because he embraces those who have crossed the impurity line. Now, his daughter has carried him to the feet of Jesus. He is desperate, afraid and impotent in the face of her sickness. Still he can see that God is working through Jesus and he wants some of that. Will one touch be enough?

Enter the sick woman who has been let down by every GP and Consultant she has met. Worse still, they have emptied her bank account. The crowd is moving and pressing against Jesus. But when she touches Him, something is different. Jesus' desire to manifest compassion and love is matched by her readiness to receive it. Saving power has gone out of Him and into her. But to complete her healing He calls her to tell her story. Since God has touched her, she can now be touched by others. Her loneliness is gone. She has been restored in herself and restored to the community.

Now back to Jairus. The news breaks that it is too late. His daughter is dead and there is now no need for the Teacher and His miracles. But Jesus instructs Jairus not to let the fear of death dominate his heart. He has just witnessed one restoration and will soon witness another. God's love turns death into sleep, and those who are sleeping can be awakened. The crowd are dismissed because they believe that death rules life. Jairus and his wife must hold onto the love of God that makes all things possible. They must remain steadfast against the wailers and the mockers.

Jesus does not pray to His Abba to bring the little girl back. He takes her tenderly by the hand and speaks to her. His voice, and the intimacy of his touch awakens her. The One who is stronger than death has arrived. However, the full unfolding of this love will be revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The little girl is given a share in the story of the Eucharist. If she eats and drinks at love's table she will know eternally what she knows in time. This is the whole truth. This is the story that must be told.

We have five senses. Sight, Hearing, Touch, Smell and Taste. Perhaps we do not reflect enough on what it means to me touched by God and how touch is a powerful way of experiencing the Spirit. Rachel Naomi Remen, a doctor who works on humanising the world of medicine speaks often about healing and touch. In her workshops with doctors she invites them to touch one another with healing intent. One doctor described his experience,

*'At first, I thought I would just play it safe, but after Jane (his touching partner) told me about the pain she usually has in her back I decided to take a chance and tell her about my divorce. How hard it had become for me to trust women. She asked me where I felt this pain, and I couldn't actually say it, so I touched my heart. She nodded then put the palm of her hand on my chest. I was really astonished by how warm her hand was, and gently, and tenderly she touched me. A little at a time the warmth of her hand seemed to penetrate my chest and surround my heart. I had a strange sort of experience. For a while there, it seems as if she were holding my heart in her hand rather than just touching my chest. That's when I felt the strength in her hand, how rocksteady she was. In a funny way I could feel she was really there for my pain, committed to being there, and suddenly I was not alone. I was safe. That's when I started to cry.'* (Kitchen Table Wisdom, [New York Riverhead Books, 1996] 240)

I love this story because most of us keep our pain to ourselves and in so doing we isolate ourselves from the human companionship that is so necessary to get through it. Pain and loneliness are often to be seen walking hand in hand down the street. It seems that only touch can build a bridge, so that neither invading nor abandoning the person who is suffering we offer them a real experience of our Presence. The touching person can become a conduit for the flow of divine love and whether it heals the sickness or not, the offering of inclusion always heals. The isolated person is no longer alone and, here the mystery deepens, more safe.

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PARISH OFFICE** – Liz is currently on leave; therefore, the office is operating on a reduced service Tuesdays to Fridays and closed on Mondays at this time.



**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** – On the last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick 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.



**SIGNING OF FORMS** – If you have a form that needs the certification and signature of a Parish Priest, ie, school forms, etc., please place your form in an envelope marked “Parish Office, Form for Signature” with a note of your phone number and post through the letterbox of the Presbytery Door. We will call you for collection when the form is ready. You do not need to have an appointment with Fr Danny.



**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.

**PEW PACKS** – We are still missing 7 Pew Packs. If you have taken one home accidentally, please return it as all the Pew Packs need to be available for all the weekend Masses. Thank you.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY:** St. Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> July; St Benedict 11<sup>th</sup> July; St. Bonaventure 17<sup>th</sup> July; St. Bridget of Sweden 23<sup>rd</sup> July; St. James 25<sup>th</sup> July; Ss. Joachim and Anne 26<sup>th</sup> July; St. Ignatius of Loyola 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

**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 27 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: *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 OFFERING - 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> July – Peter’s Pence; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July – Apostleship of the Sea**

**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.

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**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, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Barbara Simpson, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediascanle, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, 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, Gerry Tobin, Rico Morales

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert (Bob) Doyle whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Canon Peter Wilkie on Monday 2 July 2018 at 12 noon here in St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Allen whose Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 11:15am at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



We welcome into our community **Conor Grace** who was baptised last weekend. Please pray for him and his family, that they will be surrounded by God's love.

**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL** – The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms are available in the porch for renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period will be from **Sunday 1 July 2018** until **Sunday 30 June 2019**. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.



On Saturday 7 July 2018 12pm-3pm at St. Joseph's School. A day for families to picnic together and enjoy performances from: our street dancers, Thai dancers, and 'No strings attached' ukulele band plus fun for the children. Everyone is welcome. Please come along and join us.



**Big Clearance Sale** of Shop items begins on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Many items reduced. Come and grab yourself a bargain!



Safeguarding training will take place on **Saturday 7 July 2018 Vulnerable Adults Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm** St Joseph's, Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6

**TEG.** To book, telephone Soraya on 02392836511 or email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Bereavement Support Workshop – Sat 7 July.** A workshop that looks at the process of helping people going through dying and bereavement. It will be held at Milner Hall, Winchester from 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday 22 July 2018. Including a Barbeque and Magic Show! More details to follow. If you'd like to help in any way, contact Edmund on [e.a.carroll@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:e.a.carroll@hotmail.co.uk)



In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, please register via the parish website: [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html)

Pilgrimage



**PILGRIMAGE** to Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux, Belgium, for the 85th Anniversary of the Apparitions and Feast of the Assumption, **11-16 August 2018**. A coach will leave from St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead. Accommodation and full board (including travel): staying at the Hotel Halleux is £435 and staying at the Hospitalité is £320. The Hospitalité is for pilgrims who are sick, disable or elderly. If you are interested and you would like

more information or to reserve a place, please contact Father Liam, priest at St. Edmund Campion Church. His phone number is: 07776580596 or email him on [lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lcummins@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.

### SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



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

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 100)

|          |                  |         |              |                        |
|----------|------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass         | Pat & Nan Campbell RIP |
| Sunday   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8.30am  | Mass         | Brian Stapley RIP      |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass         | Parish Intentions      |
| Monday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 12 Noon | Requiem Mass | Robert Doyle RIP       |

### ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

|           |                 |         |            |                                       |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       |                                       |
| Wednesday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       |                                       |
| Thursday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       |                                       |
| Friday    | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                                       |
|           |                 | 12.10pm | Mass       | Leondra Arriba & Antonia Lisondra RIP |
| Saturday  | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass       | Pro-Life                              |

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 103)

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
| Sunday   | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Roger Bernard Fegredo RIP |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Roger Fegredo RIP         |

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

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