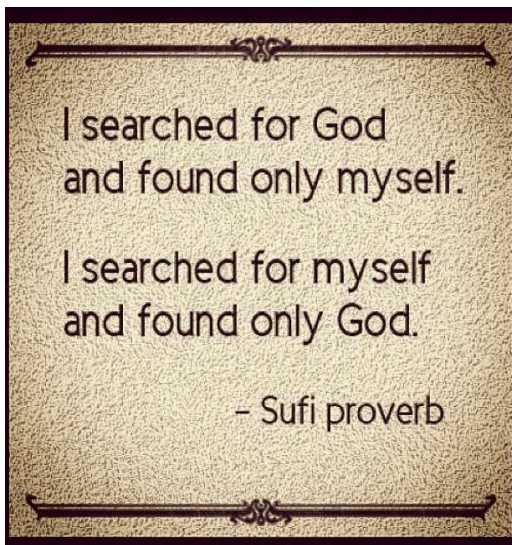


**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**  
***THE FIRST IN OUR HEART***

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When Saint Augustine spoke his well known, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee." - it sounded like he was saying that the human person is, in modern speak, 'hardwired for God'. It sounds great to say that humanity cannot be reduced to physical, social or psychological models. We are much, much more. We are made in the image of God. It is good to say and believe these things, but we have to be able to say something about the other drives that are in us and how they work together or not.



Sacred Scripture speaks of the human face bearing the Sacred Imprint and that the God Drive in each person demands that we give them endless respect. And while this is true, it is also true that there are other 'drives' in us. We have physical drives for food, air, water, and sex. We have strong social drives to be liked and respected, to wear decent clothes, and live in decent houses. To be in control of our own lives, rather than being controlled by another. Our physical and social drives move in unique ways in each of us. Our minds, sift through these drives, trying to put them in order and lining up the ones that are most important. So we are hard wired for God, and we are hard wired everywhere else. How do we hold these different drives in such a way that we are real?

Well, it isn't easy! There is a real temptation to get into worshipping idols. This isn't fanciful Old Testament theatrics. When we do not reserve our God drive for God but attach it to money, family, power, food or sex, we ask these social realities to do for us what only God can do for us. We ask that they give ultimate meaning and worth to our lives. But they cannot. The invitation of Jesus to 'store up treasure for ourselves in Heaven'. (Mta 6,19) is a call to see through the temptation to give our wealth, our position or even our family too much importance. On their own they are fine. But they must take second place to what comes first.

This is no put down. When families, communities and nations are not distorted by giving them undue importance they can be what they are. They are the relational field where our deeper spiritual identity acts with love and justice. We do not pull our father, mother, daughter, son, or spouse into an ultimate void and ask them to fill it. Just a little bit too much pressure there! Rather, they are the relationships where the one loved by God loves in turn. We do not ask any created thing to grant us eternal worth. Rather, the places where we meet as communities and nations are places where, the one rooted and grounded in God, expresses their sacred self in compassionate and just behaviour. Things fall into their right place, and life, and the life of God in us, flows freely.

This life flows in us and through us. We join the transparent Prophets, the Just and the little ones. People welcome us, not because we have blood ties, or power. They welcome us because the Prophets, the Just and the little ones come from God, - the first in our hearts. This is what they seek, and this is their reward - the right ordering of spiritual, physical, psychological, social and moral life.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

|           |                 |                |            |                                    |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass       | Doris Emily Breadmore, RIP         |
| Sunday    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass       | Rose, Kit and Nula, RIP            |
|           |                 | 10.30am        | Mass       | McGahon Family Living and Deceased |
| Monday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                                    |
| Tuesday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Parish Intentions                  |
| Wednesday | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Marjorie Dixon, RIP                |
| Thursday  | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Chris and Nancy Curtis, RIP        |
| Friday    | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition |                                    |
|           |                 | 12.10pm        | Mass       | Julia and Ted Turner, RIP          |
| Saturday  | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am        | Mass       | Brenda Braithwaite, RIP            |

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

|          |                 |         |      |                       |
|----------|-----------------|---------|------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Crisostomo Silva, RIP |
| Sunday   | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions     |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Michael Golden, RIP   |



**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 and Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

**Parish Office:** Stanley Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1HA  
Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

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**Website:** [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk)

**Please make cheques payable to:** "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".

**Parish Priest:** Fr Daniel McAvoy

**Parish Secretary:** Elizabeth Fisher **Pastoral Assistant:** Mary McNab

**Safeguarding Representative:** Marion McGuire 07712048695

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

## DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) no later than midday on Wednesdays.

### SECOND OFFERING NEXT WEEKEND: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** – Please note that the Parish office will be closed Wednesday 5 July 2017

**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 when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injuries if not used correctly.



**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL/NEW** – The 2017/2018 car park renewal and new subscription forms are available in the narthex. The new subscription period is from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018. If you have a **Disability Blue Badge** please bring it with your subscription form.



**YOUTH GROUP UPDATE** - Youth Group will meet twice a month in future, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month during term time, effective immediately. Session dates have been revised due to the need for greater focus on delivery content and context as interest increasingly picks up and there is greater need for prior planning. The team needs volunteers to help in this capacity. **Please see** website for updates

**ClothesBank THANK YOU** - We helped clothe 71 people in total, 36 children and 35 adults, which again represents almost a 50/50 mix of adults to children, so very similar to the last Giveaway.

Thank you to all involved in the process leading up to this week's Giveaway and to everyone who helped, both up front and behind the scenes. Especially the very kind donations of clothing.

Sainsbury's

**SAINSBURY'S FOOD DONATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:** We are now officially a **Sainsbury's Food Donation Partner** for the front of store in Princess Square. The donations are available to us all year to help those in need, not only in the Night Shelter, but also individuals and families supported by SVP and the Bracknell Life House, etc. If you would like to join the team of donation collectors, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.

### NO TEAS & COFFEES – After 10.30am Mass on Sunday 2 July 2017.



**PARISH CENSUS** - A reminder to complete the parish census either online on our parish or using a paper copy which can be found in the narthex. Please return paper copies in an envelope to the parish office. [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-census-form.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-census-form.html)



#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR - 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; 25<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

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** - Monday 10 July 2017 at 9 Anford Place, Bracknell

**KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB** – Every Tuesday 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Hall.

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

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

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

**YOUTH GROUP** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays during term time, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Hall.

**LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS:** Total amount £1,563.99. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering Peters Pence £228.25. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". **Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.**

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community  
and for those who care for them.

#### Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Robert Mulcahy, Mary Carpenter, Mary King,

#### Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Mair, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Tom Corridan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan, Jackie Shaw, Tom Larkin, Blanche Shap, Thelma Briggs, Emma Flavelle, John Richardson, Mike Garnham.

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Yvonne Gantzer whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 11 July 2017** at 11.00am at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*



**SAFEGUARDING** - Please note all volunteer ministries require some form of Safeguarding training to be undertaken prior to undertaking the role you have chosen to do. Full safeguarding training is required as a starting point for anyone who is undertaking a ministry related to **children or vulnerable adults**. Therefore, to aid the Children's Liturgy volunteers to start their ministry it has been agreed by the diocese that safeguarding training can take place within the parish.

**A Full Child Protection Training** session will be held in the parish hall on **Saturday 8 July 2017 at 9.30am to 12.00noon** for anyone undertaking a child ministry to attend. There will also be **Refresher training for those who have already attended the full training for Vulnerable adults and children training previously.**

A significant number of people who attended training in St Joseph's in 2014 will now be required to update their training in line with the diocesan guidelines to keep both themselves and those they minister safe. Bookings should be made for this training as below or in this instance by turning up on the day if you do not receive a response from Soraya (contact details below) as I know she is going to be away from the office. Bookings should be made through Soraya in Portsmouth, email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or telephone: 023 92 836511 / 023 92 816396 / 023 92 825430

**Full Vulnerable adults** training will be held in the parish in the autumn Sept/Oct 2017 if you are not able to attend any of the training which is scheduled on the diocesan website.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Has now resumed. All adults and children wishing to attend must complete an Annual Family Membership form online via our parish website:

[www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cl\\_consent\\_form.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cl_consent_form.html) Leaflets available after Mass advising the process for registration and the way in which Children's Liturgy will operate in future. We are also always

in need of new helpers - please contact the parish office if you are interested.



**CAFOD FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 1 July 2017, 7.15pm** in the Church hall courtesy of CAFOD.

Come and enjoy a quiz with family and friends. Tea/coffee and a light supper provided. There is a sign up sheet in the porch to help organisation.



**SERVICE OF RENEWAL AND HEALING - Wednesday 5 July 2017** at 8.00-9.00pm (silent adoration from 7.30) at the Church of St Joan of Arc, Tilford Road, Farnham. Come and pray for healing of weak faith and renewal of confidence in the Holy Spirit. With praise, Scripture, meditation and personal prayer ministry for healing of spirit, emotions, memory, mind and body. All are welcome.



**CAFOD GOLF DAY – Friday 7 July 2017** 12.30pm at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD. A relaxing day of Golf organised by the Catenian Association in aid of CAFOD's work overseas on, more information and an application form please contact Dave McKenna on 07931 564064 or email [dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com](mailto:dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com)



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – We hope to take a group from our parish to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017** and is led by Bishop Philip. For information contact the parish office or

visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - There will be no Chaplet at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church for May or June. The next Chaplet will be on Sunday 16 July at 2.30pm.**



**CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2018** - To young people in Year 9 or above who feel a desire in their hearts to

be confirmed, please fill in the Enquiry Form on the parish website:

<http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation-2018.html>

The closing date is **17 August 2017.**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY 2018** - To parents of children entering Year 3 or above in September 2017: if you are practising your faith and coming to Mass weekly please register your child on-line through the parish website

at <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/first-holy-communion.html>

The closing date is **31 August 2017.**