

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**RETURNING TO LOVE**

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A lawyer tries to drag Jesus into the labyrinth of laws. Perhaps he hopes he can lose Him there. Around 600 laws governed the daily life of a Jewish person. How would it be possible to choose one which is greater than all the others? Do not all of them come from the mouth of God and have equal weight?



I love the way Jesus doesn't choose one as the greatest. I'm not even sure that He chooses two! Instead, he invites the lawyer to touch the underlying structure of Love that all law and prophecy is built on. Choosing to be a loving person and expressing that Love for God and for others is the heart of the matter. Love is an interior dance and Jesus stresses the inner space from which Love and action flow.

And it is probably true that in the modern world, we have even more laws than the mere 600 in the Torah. If we thought about it too much we would all get the screaming ab dabs. They surround every human activity. Laws about loans, living and dying, gift giving, parenting, driving or riding a bicycle, crime, food, sex, relationships. And let's not forget health and safety and the protection of vulnerable children and adults. Whether religious or secular the big question is always, "Did I behave in the right way? Did I keep the law? As long as I can say that I acted properly, the lawyers will be happy.

Once upon a time there was a very hard-working father who was hurrying out the door to work. His little boy was playing with his cars in the hallway. His dad patted him on the head and went out the door. But as he put his key in the ignition, he had an epiphany. "What am I doing? I'm too busy to spend time with my little boy. He'll be old before I know it". Harry Chapin was singing 'The cats in the cradle' inside his head. The man goes back in the house, sits on the floor and plays cars with his boy. After two minutes the boy said, 'Daddy, why are you angry with me?'

Once upon another time, a woman took her elderly mother into her home after she had had a mild stroke. The daughter was very attentive to her mother's every need. But one day a huge fight erupted over a boiled egg. In the middle of the war of words the mother asked her daughter, 'Why are you doing all this for me anyway'. Her daughter started a litany of reasons. I want you to feel safe. I want you to be well. I think I ignored you a lot when I was younger and wanted to make up a little of that lost time. When she finished her litany, her mother said, "A load of old rubbish!" Her daughter was furious until her mother added, ' You don't need a list of reasons. We love each other. It's enough".

Father and daughter were behaving correctly but their actions did not flow from the heart centre of Love. Doing something because it is expected and doing something from the heart are two different experiences. A three-year-old, and a little old lady can see it clearly. Do you think that Jesus' interest in the heart space is clear enough for us? Perhaps that is why he insists that real forgiveness can only come from the heart.

It seems that when we are fluent with the inner landscape of sacred and human love, we can move more freely among the laws knowing their ultimate purpose. So we know when to heed them, when to modify them and when to dismiss them. We might even heal a sister or brother who is crippled, on a sabbath day.

## **TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

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|----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass              | Elizabeth Fisher   |
| Sunday   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass              | Parish Intentions  |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass              | Perry Sisters, RIP |
| Monday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                   |                    |
| Tuesday  | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am         | Communion Service |                    |

### **ALL SAINTS, Holy Day of Obligation**

|           |                 |           |      |                       |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 12.00noon | Mass | Josephine Dagdag, RIP |
|           |                 | 7.30pm    | Mass |                       |

### **ALL SOULS**

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|----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Thursday | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 12.00noon | Mass       | Miss Smythe, RIP (Foundation) |
|          |                 | 7.30pm    | Mass       |                               |
| Friday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 11.00am   | Exposition |                               |
|          |                 | 12.10pm   | Mass       | Anna Maria Johnson, RIP       |

### **ST CHARLES BORROMEO, Bishop, Martyr**

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|----------|
| Saturday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Pro-Life |
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### **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

|          |                 |         |      |                    |
|----------|-----------------|---------|------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions  |
| Sunday   | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Frances Dyson, RIP |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | David Gunn, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary. **Confessions** every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Daniel McAvoy

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

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays**, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY** – Baby Ramiro Amaya Cozzi who is being baptised on **Sunday 29 October 2017** at 12 noon. Please pray for Ramiro and his parents Sebastian and Ana.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Kathleen Brosnan** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 10 November 2017** at 12.30pm at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

*May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



**CHURCH SHOP CLOSED** – For half term weekend **Sunday 29 October 2017**



### OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During October, please say a decade of The Rosary each day to pray for an end to abortion. **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary - pray for us.**



### STREET EVANGELISATION IN BRACKNELL

spreading the Truth of the Church to the world. If you'd like to join us or want to find out more, please contact John: [johnrodger1@me.com](mailto:johnrodger1@me.com) or follow this link: <http://streetevangelization.com/>



### First aid

**ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER AT WORK?** – First Aiders needed for each weekend Mass, if you wish to volunteer for the Mass you attend, please contact the Parish Office with all your details.



### ARE YOU A FIRE MARSHALL AT WORK?

– Fire Marshalls needed for each of the weekend Mass. If you wish to volunteer for the Mass you attend, please contact the Parish Office with all your details.

**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 injury.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR - NOVEMBER** – 1<sup>st</sup> **ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)**; 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls; 4<sup>th</sup> St Charles Borromeo; 9<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; 10<sup>th</sup> St Leo the Great; 11<sup>th</sup> St Martin of Tours; 14<sup>th</sup> Blessed Hugh Cook Faringdon & John Eynon & John Ruge; 16<sup>th</sup> St Edmund of Abingdon; 21<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 22<sup>nd</sup> St Cecilia; 24<sup>th</sup> St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions; 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Monday 23 October at 22 Pondmoor. Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. All are welcome.

**KEEP FIT CLUB** – Every Tuesday 2pm-3pm in the Hall.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time. Spaces available.

**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** – Closed until further notice.



**MASS OFFERINGS: £1466.21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". **Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.**

**SECOND OFFERING – World Mission Sunday : £112.73, thank you.**

**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER: 5<sup>th</sup> BAMENDA SUNDAY**



**CAFOD** is part of the DEC Rohingya crisis appeal. You can donate direct to CAFOD at [cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis) or by calling **08085 858885**



**CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK** – 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November. Gifts in your Will are a very valuable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet from the church porch; contact Your Catholic Legacy on 020 7095 5370; go to [www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](http://www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk)

**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, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Emma Flavelle, Angelina Ediale

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

Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Nicholas Powell, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Robbie McDonald, Tony Andrews

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BISHOP PHILIP – BAMENDA** - It is with sadness and concern that I bring to your attention the deteriorating socio-political situation in Cameroon, particularly in the regions covered by our sister Diocese of Bamenda. Our two dioceses have been intimately linked for over forty years and, as you know, we currently have three priests from Bamenda serving in our parishes. The disturbances in Cameroon have complex origins in the relationship between the French and English speaking provinces and in the recent imposition of controls by the political authorities.

Most schools in Bamenda have been closed since last November. Peaceful demonstrations have led to arrests, torture and the killing of citizens by the military. It is instructive to read the statement from the Cameroon Bishops about the tensions in this week's diocesan Enews. At this time, I ask your prayers for peace, reconciliation and a just outcome. I have written to Archbishop Cornelius to express the prayers, solidarity and support of the clergy and faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth. I invite you all to offer the Rosary this week for the intentions of Bamenda. Please also consider writing to your MP to ask our government leaders here in Britain to do all they can to assist the situation and to bring about peace and justice.

Bishop Philip has asked us to say daily the following prayer along with the rosary: "That all peoples in need may find help, and that peace and security may be firmly established everywhere, especially in our twin diocese of Bamenda, and throughout the Anglophone area of Cameroon".



**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** – The Life in the Spirit Seminars every Tuesday evening from **26 September** until **7 November 2017** 8.00pm to 9.30pm in the church hall. PRAISE – TALK – DISCUSSION: **31 October** – Growth; **7 November** – Transformation in Christ.



**Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2017** - More than 200 social entrepreneurs applied for the programme. Only 40 gained a place. Following a tough application process and a Dragons' Den-style panel, the judges then picked five finalists to run for Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2017 – based on the impact they create, the growth they've achieved and the potential of their plans

**Maggie Sikora, Mapis, Bracknell** – "A social enterprise which supports young people and adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop new skills and confidence to increase their employability, through qualifications in fashion, beauty and retail. This will allow her to open a learning centre in Bracknell offering free qualifications to the most disadvantaged."

**Voting closes at 5pm, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** [Terms & conditions.](#) You can only vote once online <https://www.the-sse.org/seva/Maggie> Sikora, Mapis, but you can submit one more vote by text! Text 'SEYA17 [finalist's first name]' to 82228 (e.g. 'SEYA17 Maggie').



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION "ARE YOU READY?" – "ARE YOU READY"** is the first step to celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. If your child and you, as parents, feel ready and wish to be considered for this Sacrament please send an email to the parish office with child's name, parents' names, telephone number and which is school attended, closing date **Tuesday 31 October 2017**

**VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING** - Will take place in the St Joseph parish hall on **4th November 2017** 9.30-12. Refresher Vulnerable Adults and Safeguarding Children training will also be on **4th November** 1-3.30pm. Anyone who has applied for a volunteering role to work with adults should attend this training. Please advise Marion via the email on the email address: [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or simply turn up on the day. Vulnerable Adult training is specifically targeted at those who have applied to do adult volunteering roles. The refresher training is for those who have previously attended either vulnerable adult or child safeguarding training prior to 2014.

**DEMISTIFYING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - Saturday 11 November 2017** 9.45am - 4pm at St Michael & All Angels, Rider Lane, Leigh Park, PO9 3BT, our Marriage and Family Life Team organised a day of presentations and workshops on Natural Family Planning. Theological Perspective, History & development of NFP, Understanding menopausal years, Improving fertility awareness, Achieving pregnancy, etc. Key speakers include: Mgr. Jeremy Garrett, Dr Helen Whiting, Dr Olive Duddy and Christine Bergess. Lunch, tea and coffee provided. There is no charge for the event, but donations are welcome.



**'WHAT SHOULD BE THE ROLE OF FAITH IN MODERN BRITAIN?'** - Bracknell Forest Faith & Belief Forum would like to invite you to 'Celebrate Interfaith Week 2017' on **Tuesday 14 November 2017** from 7pm - 9pm at Coopers Hill Youth and Community Centre, Crowthorne Road North, off Bagshot Road, Bracknell RG12 7QS. If you would like to attend this event please contact [kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Saturday 18th November 2017, Refresher Training** – 10.00am – 12.30pm; The Holy Trinity, Bowenhurst Road, Church Crookham, GU51 3ST (Trainer – Sue Smy). For reservations please contact Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Diocesan Financial Secretary, tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430 [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR DIOCESE** - At Winchester Parish Centre, **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017** 9.30am – 5pm. For all keen to know and serve the Lord more

deeply, be an active disciple in community. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the start and end. Talks by Katherine Coolidge (global head of Called and Gifted) on Fruitful Discipleship and developing personal relationship with the Lord. A number of testimonies from parishioners and parishes doing wonderful work in serving others.



World Day of the Poor

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** - At the end of the Year of

Mercy in November last year, Pope Francis in his message Misericordia et Misera instituted a 'World Day of the Poor' to be the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, which this year is **Sunday 19 November 2017**. The Holy Father urges that parishes and all Christian communities "make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance" with the poor.



**KERYGMA RETREAT** – At Winchester Parish Centre, **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

12noon-6pm. This is a day that allows you to see, hear and respond to the story that Pope Francis reminds us we must hear and respond to "over and over" – the kerygma, the Great Story of Jesus. This is a reflective day, utilising the spoken word, art, quiet reflection and discussion.



**TRAINING ON FAITH SHARING WITH OTHERS IN EVERYDAY LIFE AND THE PARISH** - St. Bede's Basingstoke, **Monday**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2017** 9.30am – 5pm. For those who would like training in having conversations with those not yet active Catholics. Sharing your own story and Jesus's story with others, ie, family, friends, workplace, people in the parish. No particular background, but be a person who wants to share your faith. Also running the Kerygma Retreat in your parish.



**OPEN MORNINGS** - St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School is holding **Open Mornings** for any prospective parents wishing to tour the school 10.30am to 12.00 noon: **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017** and **Tuesday 9 January 2018**. To book please call the school on 01344 424030 to book your space. For more information visit their website <http://stmargaretcitherowbracknell.co.uk/>