

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

BEGGING FOR SIGHT

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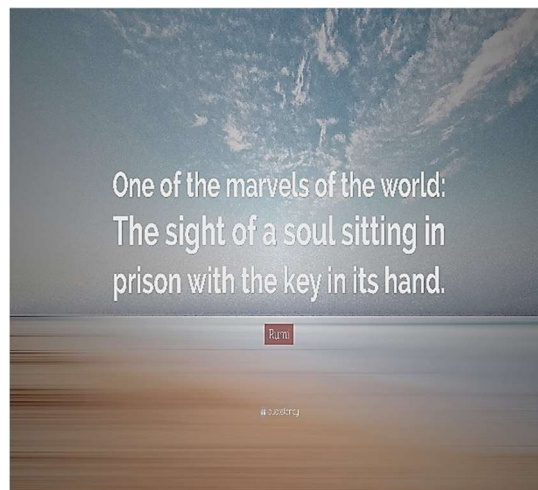
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In spiritual terms, 'blindness' is the inability to notice, understand and integrate sacred things with ordinary things. If we cannot do this, we are the poorest of the poor. Not to know that we are loved more than we could ever know creates a spiritual homelessness in our hearts. We become beggars. We stretch out our hands and our hearts as we long to understand the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Blind, we sit by the roadside, on the road that runs from Jericho to Jerusalem where this revelation will unfold. We need to go to Jerusalem. But only Jesus can raise us to our feet and invite us to follow Him there.

Jerusalem is the place where Gods' unconditional love will be revealed. This is the Love that will not fail. Its light will cure our darkened eyes and illuminate our darkened hearts. In our poverty, our begging becomes bolder. Obstacles must be overcome - especially those that come from other people. They are troubled by our naked desire. Our heartfelt plea for mercy offends their more moderate ways. If we persist, the One who hears all cries for mercy will come and stand before us. Anyone who begs from the heart for sight will always be heard by the clear sighted one. His call lifts us up from the ground. But still - He will test the strength of our desire.

The Beloved Son is not a magician. He is the Teacher, who wants to reveal to us the ways of God. We have always longed for this but Jesus calls for a new way of seeing. His death and resurrection are a new revelation; old eyes are blind to it. Now that He has opened our eyes, we know where we must go. There is no turning back. With new eyes we must follow Him into a new understanding. We join the others who are following Him. "They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed and those who followed were afraid." (Mark 10:32)

The need to understand the longing for the Truth which will set us free is in all of us. Those who follow their hearts desire touch the door to a mystery - a mystery to which someone else has the key. Usually, by the time we arrive at the door, our desire will have transformed us into beggars. The Son of Timeas is driven to see and understand the revelation of the Son of David. When the Son of David hears his cry, he perceives the fury of his desire. The crowd cannot crush it. Jesus matches his passion with a summons that brings him to his feet. Eye to eye - what a meeting! But the one with the revelation has met many who are not able to understand it. Only faith will empower this person to take the first step. Only faith will fuel his desire to go deeper.



Any great desire will transform us into beggars. In *'Zorba the Greek'*, Zorba tells his boss that the first time he heard the 'Sunatri'- a musical instrument - it took his breath away and he could not eat for three days. He knew he had to learn how to play it. His father berated Him. But Zorba gathered his life savings and bought a Sunatri. He then travelled to Salonica and threw himself at the feet of the Turk, Retsep Effendi. He begged him to teach him, even though he had no money. "Are you really crazy about the Sunatri?" The twenty-one year old Zorba answered, "Yes!" "Well you can stay", answered Retsep.

No amount of money can purchase our deepest desire. We must beg the Teacher to teach us. For us, as Christians, our deepest desire must be the longing to understand the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day we must begin by asking God to heal our blindness. The Father will ask, "Are you really crazy about Jesus?"

# DID YOU KNOW...?



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

**CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR! 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> October**

## RESERVATIONS

**BOOKING PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS** – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms for your parish group, bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.

**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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – NOVEMBER:** 1<sup>st</sup> **ALL SAINTS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**; 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls; 9<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; 10<sup>th</sup> St Leo the Great; 12<sup>th</sup> St Josaphat; 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.



**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** - The last Friday of the month, Anointing of the Sick after the 12.10pm Mass. All welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm.  
12th November at 57 Wellington Road.

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

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.

**ALPHA** – Every Tuesday 7pm – 8.45pm at Brown Bag, High Street, Bracknell until 4 December.

**OFS** - Next meeting Saturday 10 November at 1 Christine Ingram Gardens.

**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. Instrumentalists also invited to join us.

**RCIA** – Every Thursday, 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the hall, all welcome.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Commencing Friday 2 November. No Soup & Roll on Friday 26 October.

**TEAS & COFFEES** – After all weekend Masses.

**CHURCH SHOP** – Open every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 5.30pm-7pm; Sundays 9.30am – 10.30am.



**MASS OFFERINGS:** £1792.22. **Second Offering:** Foreign Missions: £94.95

**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 to the parish office.

**SECOND OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER:** 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bamenda



**MYDONATE BT** – The world of donating is rapidly changing and becoming easier and more secure, which is why we have signed up to **MyDonateBT**. With **MyDonate** our parish receives more of your donation – as well as the full 25 per cent Gift Aid – it is a no direct fees, zero commission, not-for profit service. We will receive up to 63p more for every £10 given through **MyDonate**. We have a **MyDonate** link on the parish website [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk) orange button **“Parish Offerings”** where you can sign up to online donations. We also have donation buttons for **“Bamenda”** and **“CAFOD”**. Give it a go, it is really easy, you can do this on your phone or computer, a great way to donate to our beautiful church and parish.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY** – Please return your **Family Fast Day CAFOD** envelope to the offering baskets at each weekend Mass.



## 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

**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, Johanna Lenz, 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, Gerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Pat Meehan, Jacqui Rawstron, Tom Larkin.

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: EILEEN ING, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 7 November 2018** at 12.00 noon, followed by service at 2.00pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Eileen and all her family.

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



**RECLAIMING ALL HALLOWS EVE - When? Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (obviously!); What time? 7.30pm; Where? Gather at St. Josephs, Princess Square**

**What are we doing?** A short prayer walk, led by the cross, with lights and glow sticks, stopping for songs and prayers en-route from St. Josephs to Holy Trinity. Arrive at Holy Trinity for 8pm. People can then disperse – or join us for a prayer vigil until 9pm. **Is it for children?** This year is to put down a marker on Halloween, with a view to a larger event with children's activities next year. Children are welcome to join us this year for the prayer walk but there won't be any age specific activities.

**Why are we doing it?** We'll give out a flyer to anyone who asks what we are doing, explaining that Halloween is a Christian festival and why Christians aren't afraid of the dark anymore. In the prayer vigil we'll be praying for deliverance from evil.

**What should I wear?** White / fluorescent is you have it but not essential.

For further info. contact Fr Jim on 07775356652 or [btm-missionpriestjim@bracknell-parish.org](mailto:btm-missionpriestjim@bracknell-parish.org)



**RECLAIMING HALLOWED TIME** - Once again big business has stolen our precious memories. I hear there is an expected income of £465,000,000 on the so-called day of Halloween!

For us, these are Sacred Days when we give thanks for the Saints who have gone before us and who walk amongst us. On the Feast of All Souls, we earnestly pray for those we have loved who have died, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

We must reclaim and hallow these days. While the **Feast of All Saints** is a Holy Day and is one of the very few days of 'obligation', the **Feast of All Souls** stands beside it with the same beauty. To this end, I want to launch 48 hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, starting on the morning of **Thursday 1 November** and ending in the evening of the **Friday 2 November**.

It is short notice but I hope we will be able to find enough people to fill this Sacred Space. There is a sign-up sheet available in the porch offering 30-minute slots which you can choose in a way that makes it easy for you to do.

**Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. on 1st and 2nd November.**

Thank You for your support in this regard. Fr D



**IGNITE! (age 10-12) & ABLAZE! (13+) Youth Groups** - Next meeting will be a joint social event, Ten Pin Bowling on **Friday 2 November 2018** for our pre-registered members. Please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) to sign up for bowling and for further information.



**FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR** - St Margaret Clitherow School on **Friday 2 November**. Please come and join us for our annual Fireworks display. Gates open at 6:30pm, Fireworks at 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold by PTA members on Saturday and Sunday after Mass.



**SPECIAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED** - A very special and beautiful Mass for the bereaved of the parish and bereaved relatives of our parishioners on **Saturday 17 November 2018** at 10.00am. Refreshments will be available in the Hall after Mass courtesy of the Bereavement Support Group. Everybody is welcome.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE BILL** - Sadly, Diana Johnson's 10 minute rule bill on 23 October to decriminalise abortion was passed by 208 votes to 123 in the House of Commons. Regardless of political views, please write to our M.P. Phillip Lee at [LEEPA@parliament.uk](mailto:LEEPA@parliament.uk) thank him for voting against it, encourage him to oppose the Second Reading in November. He will get cross letters from pro-abortionists, so it is important to back him up.



**THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP** are running several workshops in the parish hall for Night Shelter volunteers which may be of interest to all parishioners, free of charge, and over the age of 18 years. For more information or sign up to attend, please contact: Bernadette Fisher at: [justiceandpeace@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or via the Parish Office.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS** - **Saturday 3 November** 9:30 am to 12:30pm exploring some commonly held misconceptions around mental health and where help can be obtained if we are at all concerned about the wellbeing of ourselves or others.

**DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES** - **Saturday 1 December**, 9:30 am to 12:30pm identify why people become angry or aggressive, recognise the early warning signals, practice how to remain in control and diffuse aggressive behaviour. Identify assertive techniques for challenging inappropriate behaviour and gaining compliance.

**INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE MISUSE**, **Saturday 8 December** 9:30 am to 12:30pm exploring the prevalence of drug and alcohol problems in the UK, the impact on individuals, families, the wider community. Develop an understanding of support available for people with these difficulties.



**CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS REFRESHER TRAINING** on **Saturday 3 November 2018**, 2pm-4pm in St. Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall, Bracknell. Register directly with Marion McGuire email: [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**ADVENT EVENT** - St Joseph's School are planning an 'Advent Event' **Saturday 15 December**, 10.30am – 1.00pm, this is a chance to prepare for Christmas by making and baking! If you can help with this event, especially with helping children to make table decorations, flower arrangements or wreaths, please contact [n.philpott@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk](mailto:n.philpott@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk) 01344 425246

**TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

|           |                  |                |      |                           |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Steve Ottewill, RIP       |
| Sunday    | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Elsie Mason               |
| Monday    | 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                           |
| Tuesday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Suffering People of Yemen |
| Wednesday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Madge Sawyer, RIP         |

**ALL SAINTS, Holy Day of Obligation**

**(Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament: 11am until 7pm)**

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| Thursday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 10.00am   | Mass | Volunteers of our Parish          |
|          |                 | 12.00noon | Mass | Poor and Hungry of the World      |
|          |                 | 7.00pm    | Mass | Clergy and Deacons of the Diocese |

**ALL SOULS**

**(Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament: 11am until 7pm)**

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| Friday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Faithfull Departed of the Parish |
|          |                 | 12.00pm | Mass | Faithfull Departed of the Parish |
|          |                 | 7.00pm  | Mass | Faithfull Departed of the Parish |
| Saturday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Pro-Life                         |

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|-------------------------|
| Saturday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Anna-Maria Johnson, RIP |
| Sunday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Joel Adams Perera       |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions       |

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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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9.30am-2.30pm

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