

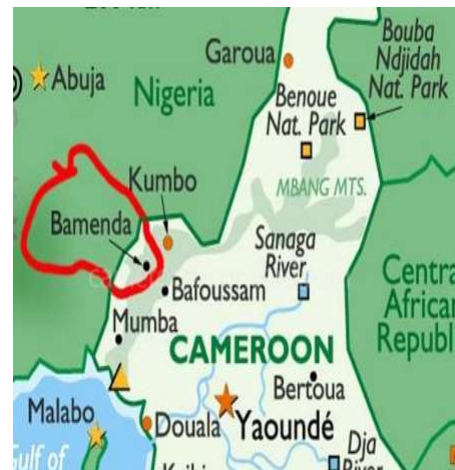
THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

BAMENDA SUNDAY

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BAMENDA IS AN ARCHDIOCESE IN NORTHWEST CAMEROON, WEST AFRICA WHICH FOR 44 YEARS NOW HAS BEEN TWINNED WITH OUR OWN DIOCESE HERE IN PORTSMOUTH. SADLY, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY DETERIORATION IN THE SOCIO/POLITICAL SITUATION BETWEEN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING REGION OF CAMEROON (WITHIN WHICH BAMENDA SITS), AND THE FRENCH SPEAKING GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY.



THIS HAS LED TO AN ESCALATING CYCLE OF VIOLENCE RESULTING IN MANY DEATHS, VILLAGES BEING DESTROYED, SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED DOWN AND THE GENERAL POPULATION SUFFERING EMOTIONALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

THE UN HAVE ESTIMATED THAT SOME 246,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED IN THE ANGLOPHONE REGIONS AND AT LEAST 25,000 PEOPLE ARE LIVING AS REFUGEES IN NEIGHBOURING NIGERIA. IN THIS CRISIS, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BEEN FORTHRIGHT IN CONDEMNING THE VIOLENCE ON ALL SIDES AND PROPOSING MEDIATION.

IN THE LIGHT OF THESE PROBLEMS THE NEED TO HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN BAMENDA IS ALL THE GREATER. SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

WELL, THIS YEAR WITH YOUR HELP WE WOULD LIKE BAMENDA FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION WHO ARE FIGHTING TO EDUCATE AND PROTECT PEOPLE IN THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

ALTHOUGH SCHOOLS HAVE OFFICIALLY OPENED NUMBERS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED FOR FEAR OF ATTACKS SO THIS YEAR WE WANT TO FUND SETTING UP A YOUTH CENTRE WITH A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING COURSES TO EQUIP YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE JOB MARKET.

ON HEALTH, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW HEALTH CENTRE IN A POPULOUS AREA WITH FEW FACILITIES, TO CONTINUE TO HELP VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS AN HIV SUPPORT GROUP AND CARE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. WE CONTINUE TO HELP TO PROMOTE THE FAITH WITH CHURCH RENOVATIONS AND TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? WELL, THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS AND, IN THE NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL SEE A SHORT PRAYER WE CAN SAY EVERY DAY OR PERHAPS ADORATION COULD FOCUS ON THE CRISIS. OTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO HELP, FOR INSTANCE SETTING UP A "FRIENDS OF BAMENDA GROUP" OR TAKING ON A PARISH PROJECT, ARE SET OUT IN THE NEWSLETTER.


AS EVER, WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOU WHO HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS IN THE PAST. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR WORK THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS. GIFT AIDING OR SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER WILL ALSO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

THIS YEAR WE WAVED A SAD FAREWELL TO FR THOM AMUNGWA WHO RETURNED TO BAMENDA AFTER MORE THAN 6 YEARS WORKING IN OUR DIOCESE. ON A HAPPIER NOTE, WE HAVE A NEW LINK BETWEEN OUR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAMS AND WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME TWO MORE PRIESTS. FR ELIJAH AND FR. EMMANUEL WHO, WHILE STUDYING AT SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY, WILL ALSO BE HELPING IN PARISHES IN SOUTHAMPTON AND BASINGSTOKE RESPECTIVELY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR LINK DO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.bamendaandportsmouth.com](http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com)

On behalf of the Bamenda Committee - THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND YOUR SUPPORT

# 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)

## 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:** 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 – 9.00pm in the hall, all welcome.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass during term time.

**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:** £2000.89.

**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.



## 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.**

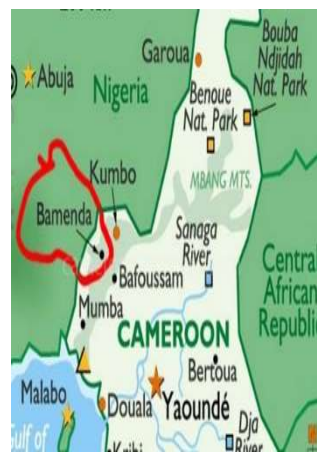
Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, 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.*



**BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.** Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update please see your copy of the **Bamenda Newsletter** or visit our website: [www.bamendaandportsmouth.com](http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com).

**Bamenda Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, bless the Bamendan priests serving us. Pour out your Spirit on the people of Cameroon to fill the hearts and minds of all parties so that peace and justice may be restored to the region and all peoples live in harmony with each other. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PARISH BAMENDA REPRESENTATIVE** – We are most grateful to Chris White for all his work as our Bamenda Representative for the past two years, due to other commitments Chris has needed to step down. If you feel that you have the heart to be the parish Bamenda Representative which is an important link with the twin diocese of Bamenda and Portsmouth, please contact [clennon@bamendaandportsmouth.com](mailto:clennon@bamendaandportsmouth.com) or the parish office.



**INTER FAITH WEEK 2018** - The Bracknell Forest Faith and Belief Forum invites you to a talk entitled "Status of Wealth in Different Faiths" to be held in the parish hall of St. Joseph & St. Margaret Clitherow on **Thursday 15 November 2018** at 7pm – 9pm. Speakers from the different member faiths will share their traditions' perspectives on Money and Wealth. No need to book; just come along.



**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.



**IGNITE! (age 10-12) & ABLAZE! (13+) YOUTH GROUPS** - **ABLAZE!** (age +13) - Next meeting - **Friday 30 November** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm. **IGNITE!** (age 10-12) - Next meeting - **Friday 7 December** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm. New to either of the groups? Get yourself signed up on the Parish website and come along! For further information, please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY** - **Saturday 24th November** at **St Joseph's Church** presents a varied programme of fine music in our Autumn concert with contrasting 17th and 20th century pieces. We begin in the 17th century with music from Purcell. The fresh and youthful *Come Ye Sons of Art*, written to celebrate the birthday of Queen Mary in 1694 is a contrast to the elegiac *Funeral Sentences for Queen Mary*, written just months later for the Queen's funeral. We will be rounding off the concert with John Rutter's glorious and well-loved *Requiem*, written in 1985 and popular around the world for its rich choral melodies.

The choir will be led by Greg Hallam, our professional musical director with professional orchestra, the Braccan Ensemble and soloists, Anna Prowse - Soprano, Sarah Anne Champion - Mezzo-Soprano and David Le Prevost - Bass. The concert starts at **7.30pm**. Tickets cost £15 (accompanied under-18's free) and can be purchased at [www.bracknellchoral.org.uk](http://www.bracknellchoral.org.uk) or from choir members. Wine and soft drinks will be served in the interval for a small donation. **Please note, there will be no 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 24 November.**

**J/P 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.

**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.



**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

### 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       |
| Monday           | 5 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b>   |                                       |                         |
| Tuesday          | 6 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am           | Mass                                  | David Gunn, RIP         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>12.00noon</b> | <b>Requiem Mass - Eileen Ing, RIP</b> |                         |
| Thursday         | 8 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am           | Mass                                  | Arlette Ryan, RIP       |
| Friday           | 9 <sup>th</sup>       | 11.00am          | Exposition                            |                         |
|                  |                       | 12.10pm          | Mass                                  | Sylvia Miranda, RIP     |
| Saturday         | 10 <sup>th</sup>      | 10.00am          | Mass                                  | Jenny Bashford          |

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|
| Saturday | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | David Gunn, RIP          |
| Sunday   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Peace and Reconciliation |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | The Deceased of All Wars |

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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. **NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY
10 NOVEMBER 2018**

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