

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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As a community we have just celebrated a period known in the church as All Hallowtide, a period lasting three days when we remember those who have died. The word hallow means “to honour as holy” so for us it is a period when we remember all those who have died whom we have the highest respect for, and we hold them in great esteem.

The All Hallowtide triduum commences on the 31st October All Hallows Eve, continues into All Saints Day and concludes on All Souls Day. This is a three-day period of remembrance and reflection on those who have impacted our Christian lives. We then move into the month of November and continue a period of remembrance. So may their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace Amen.

In the Gospel today we have the story of Jesus meeting Zacchaeus.

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to do the opposite of what is expected and stays in the home of Zacchaeus and shares a meal at his table.



Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

In doing what he did Jesus exposed himself to ridicule and questioning of his faith and lifestyle. However, we all know Jesus came into the world to show us how we should live our lives and how we should look to mould society to what God wishes rather than what man wishes.

In baptism each of us was marked with Holy Oils as a sign we are consecrated to God and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Our anointing was also a sign that we are joined to Jesus and share in his three-fold ministry of prophet, priest and king. We recognise a prophet as a messenger sent by God, a person who speaks for God; a Priest is a mediator, or bridge between God and human beings; a king is a person who has supreme authority over a territory.

In the coming weeks we are going to be bombarded with what various people think and the result of our decisions will shape our lives for the coming period. Before each of us decides. We should all pray that we are discerning in our choices and that we look to those who will bring Jesus alive in our world, just as Jesus brought Zacchaeus to feel alive in faith.

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays, please email the item text you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We will visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you, a relative or friend who lives in our parish would like a home visit or to meet for a chat please email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care) or 07376 790 256 (Bereavement Support).



THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (the SVP) - Provides practical help and support whenever possible for those who need it. Are you lonely? Are you in need of help of any kind? or do you know someone who is? If so, contact the SVP on 07731862349 to arrange a visit. All calls are completely confidential.

PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – November: 1st All Saints; 2nd All Souls; 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; 10th Remembrance Sunday; 11th St Martin of Tours; 12th St Josaphat; 16th St Edmund of Abingdon; 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome; 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 22nd St Cecilia; 30th St Andrew



MASS OFFERINGS: £1794.31
SECOND OFFERING THIS WEEKEND: BAMENDA

BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTON 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 in the porch or website www.bemendaandportsmouth.com

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 all forms to the parish office.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 2nd & 4th Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm.
Please contact the parish office for venue details.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am during term time in the hall.

KEEP FIT – Tuesdays 2pm in the hall.

PRAYER GROUPS – Hall Evening : 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am

Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”

RCIA – Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Every last Friday in the month at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall.
Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.
Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”

TEAS & COFFEES – After all weekend Masses

OFS – Saturday 16 November 2019 at 2pm-4pm in the hall.



BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES: Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

Mondays 10am – 12pm: St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP **AND** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

Tuesdays 10am – 12pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

Wednesdays 2.15pm: 4.15pm: Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

Thursdays 10am – 12pm: Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-In Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

Fridays 10am – 12pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

Visit Berkshire Credit Union at <https://www.cslberks.org.uk>



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell, RG12 1BE 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 Simon Thomson, 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, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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 Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacquie Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Pauline McShane, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker and Vilma Taborda

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



St Margaret Clitherow School FIREWORKS NIGHT - Friday 8 November. Please come and join us for our annual Fireworks display. Gates open at 6:30pm, Fireworks at 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the gate or online at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/smc-fireworks-night-tickets-75281409723

VOLUNTEER GARDENER - The LIFE House needs a volunteer to tend the small garden, and a Bracknell resident with a vehicle who could take some heavy things to the Longshot Lane refuse centre.



FRIDAY SOUP & ROLL: As the weather is turning cold, we would like to serve soup, roll, tea and cake in the hall after 12.10pm Friday Mass during the winter months. This maybe once or twice a month or every Friday depends on volunteers coming forward. Can you spare an hour of your time on a Friday to set up in the hall ready to serve (10.45am – 11.45am) OR to serve soup and clear away (12.45pm – 2pm) OR to make soup/bake cakes? Cooking requires a level 2 food hygiene cert which can be completed easily online. For further information please contact the parish office or email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care).



Join our joyful singing group as we reach out to the residents in our local care homes with fun singalongs throughout the year! If you're musically minded and play an instrument or just love singing, this could be your opportunity to serve our parish and our community, bringing people much needed moments of joy and happiness. Email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you'd like to find out more.

TEENSTAR INFORMATION NIGHT- Relationships, love and sexuality are the most challenging topics for teenagers today. **TeenStar** is an internationally renowned program that enables teenagers to approach these areas in a mature way. An introduction for parents is being hosted in Corpus Christi, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berkshire. RG40 2HE from **7.30pm on Saturday 9th November.**



BRACKNELL FOREST FAITH & BELIEF FORUM – Are Science & Religion Compatible? – **Thursday 14 November at 7.00pm** at St Joseph's Church hall. All welcome to attend this event with key speakers from different Faith and Belief groups. Bracknell Forest celebrates diversity and commonality, it exists to promote understanding between people of different faiths and beliefs.



SPECIAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – A very special and beautiful Mass in remembrance of those who have died and their bereaved relatives and friends, will be celebrated on **Saturday 16 November** at 10am. Refreshments will be available in the hall after Mass courtesy of the Bereavement Support Group. Everyone is welcome.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - 'The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever'. World Day of the Poor, **Sunday 17 November** from 1pm to 5:30pm, Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St. Peters, Winchester where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. The event will include a short play by "Staging Faith" on the life of St. Vincent De Paul, also some personal testimonies of those who have experienced life on the margins. An opportunity to network with others to see what we can practically do to help those in need around us. Come along and let this event be the place where we begin to open our church doors to those in need and be a voice of the voiceless. For further information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07388994057

YOUTH GROUPS – DATES FOR THE DIARY



YOUTH SUNDAY : Weekend Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November - The Diocesan Youth Mission Team are running a number of events for our young people aged 14-17 and also our young adults 18-35, to help celebrate this year's national **Youth Sunday**. Look out for the flyers at the back of the church. To register your interest and for further information please contact youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

ABLAZE! (age +13) – Next meeting – Friday 8 November in the Church Hall, 7pm-9pm

IGNITE! (age 10-12) – Next meeting – Friday 15 November in the Church Hall, 7pm-9pm

YOUTH ALPHA – Coming in the New Year!! Watch this space...

It is so important to take time out to explore some of Life's BIG questions and Youth Alpha will help you to do just that.

It's especially for anyone aged 13 -17, whether you are already Confirmed or not.

Thinking about Confirmation? Youth Alpha will provide you with a valuable opportunity to refresh your knowledge, consolidate your understanding of where you are on your faith journey and help you to decide whether joining the next Confirmation programme is for you?

We have a great team in place, fully committed to making this the best Youth Alpha yet!

Watch this space for further details about how to join the course starting in January 2020

New to either of our youth groups? Want to make some new friends and have some fun! Register on our Parish website and just come along. We look forward to welcoming you!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH HALL

Child & Vulnerable Adult Awareness REFRESHER Training
Saturday 30th November 10am-12:30pm

Child Protection Awareness Training
Saturday 30th November 1pm-4pm

Vulnerable Adults Awareness Training
Saturday 7th December – 10am-12:30pm

To book a place on the training here in our parish, please email safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org
If you have previously attended full training for child and or vulnerable adult awareness, you only need attend the **REFRESHER** training.
If you are new to a parish volunteering role with children, you will need to attend the **Child Protection** training.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Anna Maria Johnson, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Cesar and Maxima Camba, RIP
Monday	4 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	5 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Deceased of O’Sullivan Family
Thursday	7 th	9.30am	Mass	S Nivin – Private Intention
Friday	8 th	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Pat Brown, RIP

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, Feast

Saturday	9 th	10.00am	Mass	Reuben Aguiar, RIP
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Saturday	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	10 th	8.30am	Mass	Robert Mulcahy, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Nicholas Powell, RIP

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*Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer*  
*Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help*  
*10.15 am Mother’s Prayers*  
*Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary*  
*Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment*

**THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR “REQUIEM MASS AND “NO MASS”**

*Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE*  
*Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30am-2:30pm*  
*Telephone: 01344 425729      Email: [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*  
*Website: [bracknellcatholicchurch.org](http://bracknellcatholicchurch.org)*

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*Please make cheques payable to (full name): PRC DTR BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH*

*Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy*

*Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch*

*Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher*

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