

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

THIS MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

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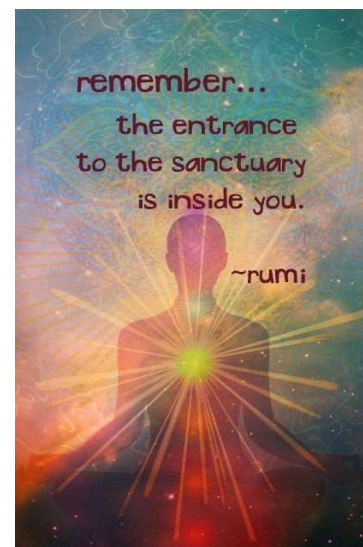
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The image which stands out in the teaching in this Sunday's Gospel - St. John, 6:51-58 - is "Eating". Eating is something we all love to do. It is an intimate action where we take something that is not us and make it part of us. I often joke that I am fifty percent chocolate! On a more serious note, eating should also help us to remember how we depend on the world and cannot thrive if we are separated from it. Jesus uses this human activity for spiritual purposes. We eat a piece of bread and 'it' becomes part of us. But when we eat Him; when we take in the spiritual nourishment He offers, we become Him.

His audience focus on the word 'flesh' and you can see them struggling with a possible invitation to cannibalism! But Jesus presses on. The division of flesh and blood symbolises his death and reveals the way He is going to make His awareness our own. How Jesus understands his own death is something every disciple should know by heart. Seriously! Jesus uses many images; seeing His own death as a movement from 'a grain of wheat' into 'much fruit'. Far from being an experience of loss, He will be more. He will also be more accessible and available as the Risen Lord than He is as The Jesus of history.

We enter His Sacred Heart whenever we take part in the Eucharist. In this Sacred act, the meaning of His death will be revealed to those who eat and drink. Each time we do this we will deepen our understanding of the divine love that transforms death into new life.

So while it is true that we can eat good food and make it our own without paying any attention to the process, we cannot do that with a new mind. Disciples have to eat and drink in a certain way. The original word Jesus uses for this kind of eating is literally translated as 'munching'. A far cry from the days when we were not allowed to let the host touch our teeth! Bob Noznick's description of what munching looks like is thoroughly described in his book, 'The Examined Life'.



" We meet the food in the anteroom of the mouth and greet it there. We probe and explore it, surround it, permeate it with juices, press it with our tongues against the roof of the mouth along that hard ridge directly above the teeth, place it under suction and pressure, move it around. We know it's texture fully; it holds no secrets or hidden parts". (p.56).

A priest was serving on a World War 1 battlefield in France. He carried the Eucharist in a pyx next to his heart. He suddenly realised just how disappointing it was to be thus holding so close to himself the wealth of the world and the very source of life without being able to possess it inwardly, without being able to either penetrate it or assimilate it. This is the true meaning of the Gospel text. There is only one way to have His life within us, we have to receive this most precious gift. We have to eat His Body. We have to drink His Blood. And if we do this regularly, or even every day, it is good from time to time to pause and to contemplate the infinite preciousness of the Eucharist. And having renewed our mind to His we discover how awesome He really is.

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

### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

|          |                  |                |      |                        |
|----------|------------------|----------------|------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Parish Intentions      |
| Sunday   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Private Intention      |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Ana and Tony Springall |
| Monday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                        |

### **ST PIUS X, Pope**

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| Tuesday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults |
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### **THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

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|-----------|------------------|--------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | John O’Sullivan, RIP                |
| Thursday  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | John & Josephine Breen O’Grady, RIP |

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle**

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| Friday   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition        |                   |
|          |                  | 12.10pm | Communion Service |                   |
| Saturday | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass              | Mary Mulcahy, RIP |

### **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Deceased & Injured – Genoa Bridge |
| Sunday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions                 |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Community of Deacons              |

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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.

Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE

Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

Telephone: 01344 425729 Email: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org

Please make cheques payable to (full name): “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.

Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy

Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): Elizabeth Fisher

Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab

Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read,

Safeguarding email: safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays, please email any items to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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.



YOUNG VINCENTIANS RECRUITMENT NOTICE - The SVP is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of our youth programme.

Young Vincentians Programme Manager: £30k pa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 15:00 on **Thursday 23 August 2018**. Interviews: **Thursday 30 August 2018**. Start date: ASAP.

Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10:00 **Monday 20 August 2018**. Interviews: **Friday 24 August 2018**. Start date: ASAP.

Both roles based at national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>



Anointing of the Sick

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



SIGNING OF FORMS – If you have a form that needs the certification and signature of a Parish Priest, ie, school forms, etc., please place your form in an envelope marked “Parish Office, Form for Signature” with a note of your phone number and post through the letterbox of the Presbytery Door. We will call you for collection when the form is ready. You do not need to have an appointment with Fr Danny.

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.



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



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – AUGUST: 20th St Bernard; 21st St Pius X; 22nd The Queenship of Mary; 24th St Bartholomew; 27th St Monica; 28th St Augustine of Hippo; 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30th Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward.

CHURCH SHOP OPENING ON SATURDAY EVENINGS - The shop will be open from 5:30pm-7pm on the second Saturday of each month starting **Saturday 11 August 2018**.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Closed until early September.

TODDLER GROUP – Closed until new school term in September.

KEEP FIT – Closed until new school term in September.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome.

ALPHA –No Alpha during August.

SOUP & ROLL – Closed until Friday 14 September.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY – Closed August, resumes September.



MASS OFFERINGS: £1755.22. **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 OFFERING September: 15th Home Missions Sunday



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 orange button “**Parish Offerings**” where you can sign up to online donations. We also have donation buttons for “**Bamenda**” and “**CAFOD**”. It is a quick and easy way to donate to our beautiful church and parish.

We pray for those in our parish community who are sick, housebound or in hospital and for those who care for them.

Eileen Ing, 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, Barbara Simpson, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, 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, Bernadette Hunt

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY: Lenny Patrick Mulhern and his family that they will be surrounded by God's love.



PARISH OFFICE – Will be closed for August Bank Holiday **Monday 27 August 2018**. There will be a reduced administration service from Friday 7 **September 2018 to Friday 21 September 2018** inclusive.



DEATH CAFE CROWTHORNE - Monday 20 August 2018 7pm - 8.30pm. Beatons Tearooms & Bookshop, 241 High Street, Crowthorne, deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com. People sitting, relaxing drinking tea/coffee/water. eating cake and talking about death and dying. To make it easier to communicate about death in the community and awareness of death and dying, making the most out of life!



CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, **one week left to complete your application by Wednesday 22 August 2018 via the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html** There will then be an Introduction to the Confirmation Journey for candidates on **Wednesday 29 August 2018** at 7.30pm in the parish hall.



TEA & COFFEE TEAM - Volunteers are needed for Saturday evening Fairtrade teas and coffees after 6.00pm Mass. Monthly volunteer rota. If we had one or two more volunteers the rota would be every 5 or 6 weeks. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in the parish. If you are interested, please have a chat to one of the volunteers in the hall after Mass to find out more or contact the parish office.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 - If you and your child feel ready to begin the journey towards First Holy Communion, please register your interest online via at bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc2019 by **Friday 14 September 2018**. The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 19 September 2018**.



PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND – **Monday 17 September 2018**, fully escorted. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

PRO-LIFE GROUP – Please join the informal parish Pro-life Group, no meetings or subscription. Please complete the Pro-life Cards which are in the porch and return to the parish office or join by emailing your details to the Parish Office.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Child Protection Training on Saturday 22 September 2018, 10.00am to 12.30pm at Our Lady & St Dominic, High View Road, Farnborough GU14 7PT
Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire

Vulnerable Adults Training on Saturday 22 September 2018, 1.30pm to 4.00pm at Our Lady & St Dominic Church, High View Road, Farnborough GU14 7PT
Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire

If you wish to attend, please register with:

Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Diocesan Financial Secretary, Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430, Email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;
Fr Kevin Bidgood, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot 01344 620591;
Fr Marcus Brisley Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, 01252 876820;
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