

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

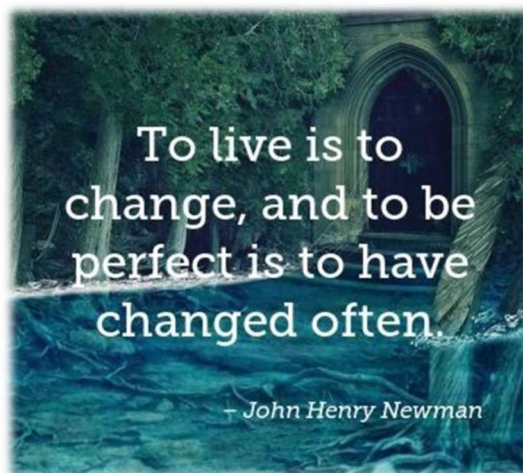
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The connection between the First Reading, from 2 Kings 5:14-17 and the Gospel, Luke 17:11-19, set for today is clear.

In both passages from scripture a person who has been cured from a skin complaint give thanks to God.

I would recommend we all read the full account of the cure of Naaman the Syrian, it is one of the most powerful accounts of the interaction between a prophet, Elisha (an inspired teacher and proclaimer of the will of God) and a powerful general, Naaman. Jesus alluded to this Old Testament scripture at the beginning of his own public life whilst in Nazareth. (Luke 4:27).

Naaman is a great and powerful general, who wishes to be cured of a skin disease, he seeks the help of Elisha and Naaman is angry and enraged when Elisha doesn't come out of his house to meet him. Elisha sends a message with clear instructions and only after Naaman decides to follow the instructions is he healed. Naaman is healed after listening to the message from God given to him through Elisha.



Naaman, when healed, gives thanks to God and on giving thanks his life undertakes a powerful conversion and transformation to follow always what God is asking of him. It is at this point that Naaman learns one other important thing – God distributes gifts with freedom and generosity. In return God expects nothing.

However, God's does hope that in generously distributing gifts and an individual establishing a relationship through discernment and prayer and personal and collective action each one of us will use God given gifts and favours for the good of all.

In the Gospel we hear about how Jesus, continuing his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 people with a serious skin condition. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Struck with a need to help and assist these marginalised and ostracised people in society, Jesus heals all 10. Only one individual who is healed gives thanks to Jesus and glorifies God. The one who returns and gives thanks is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation.

So, who are we? Are we a Naaman or the Samaritan who thanks God for the gift and favours we receive in life or are we one of the other 9 who quickly forget and ignore the gifts and favours God gives us?

The question of who we are, is an important question which scripture and the parables of Jesus invite us to examine our most cherished inner most thoughts and our actions. It is for this reason that the readings each week should unsettle rather than reassure us, should allow us to reassess our lives, change our approach in a positive Christian way and to say thank you.

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 – 15th St Teresa of Avila; 17th St Ignatius of Antioch; 18th St Luke; 28th Ss Simon & Jude; 30th Blessed Winchester Martyrs.

CHURCH SHOP NEWS: 2020 Diaries and Calendars now available to purchase in the Church Shop.

N.B. THIS MONTH, THE SHOP IS OPEN ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH i.e. SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

MASS OFFERINGS: £1295.48

SECOND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER: 19th/20th Foreign Missions

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.

THANK YOU
SO VERY MUCH

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 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 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.....



NEWMAN CANONISATION – This Sunday, in Rome, Blessed John Henry Newman will become the first English saint to be canonised since 1970, and the first person who lived after the 17th Century to be made a saint. To celebrate this historic event, Don Bosco Publications has produced a new Pocketbook – a limited number of copies are available to purchase in the church shop or online <http://www.salesians.org.uk/110/134/books/P-john-henry-newman-an-english-saint> **ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN...PRAY FOR US!**



BRACKNELL NIGHT SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS - Starting on Sunday, December 1st in our church hall and running until the end of March 2020. The initiative is shared by seven local churches and is coordinated by the Pilgrim Hearts Trust. We rely on our wonderful volunteers, every Sunday here, to serve our homeless guests a hot evening meal, watch over them as they sleep and then on Monday morning, to prepare and serve a hearty breakfast. If you would like to volunteer for any of these shifts, email justiceandpeace@bracknellcatholicchurch.org Pilgrim Hearts are also looking for a paid **NIGHT MANAGER** for two nights each week. Previous experience with homeless and vulnerable adults is required but training will also be given. The rate of pay is £110 per night (from 7:30pm to 7:30 am) and if you are interested in the position, please contact Elaine Chalmers-Brown at Pilgrim Hearts Trust, 01344 307030 or email pilgrim.hearts@gmail.com



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY is recognised by the **World Health Organisation** on 10 October every year. This year's theme is suicide prevention. *We pray for those of us whose lives are strained and stressed and for those of us whose hold on life is fragile. Lord, hear our prayer and pour out your peace.*



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. Whether this happens once or twice a month or every Friday depends on the number of 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).



YOUTH GROUPS – DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY – If you were unable to attend one of the preparatory meetings please email catechesis@bracknellcatholicchurch.org Closing date for application forms to be returned is **Sunday 27 October 2019.**



DEMENTIA FORUM – If you'd like to hear about how Carers are supported in Bracknell Forest, come along to our Dementia Forum and hear from Bracknell Forest Council, Bracknell Memory Clinic and supporting organisations. The forum is open to anyone. A free lunch is provided. Date: **Friday 1 November 2019** 11:30am-2:30pm Easthampstead Baptist Church, Bracknell, RG12 7NS Contact Karen White on 01344 823220 to book your place. (Book early as places are limited!)

CAMBERLEY PRAYER GROUP are holding a workshop on Healing and Prophecy afternoon of **Saturday 26 October** at St. Peter and St. John Church, Camberley. The workshop will be prior to the 5.30 p.m. vigil mass, and a healing service will follow the mass. To register an interest email David Connelly by **28 September**, at d.a.connelly999@gmail.com



CHURCHES TOGETHER COFFEE BARKER MUSIC NIGHT - This month: Artist **Becca Hall** Date: 17 October Time: 7:30pm All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2019

Child Protection Awareness	Vulnerable Adult Awareness
Saturday 19th October (10.00am – 12.30pm) St Thomas More, Bournemouth BH6 5QG	Saturday 19th October (1.30pm – 4.00pm) St Thomas More, Bournemouth BH6 5QG
Saturday 19th October (10.00am – 12.30pm) St Vincent de Paul, Southampton SO16 5ST	Saturday 19th October (1.30pm – 4.00pm) St Vincent de Paul, Southampton SO16 5ST
Saturday 26th October (10.00am – 12.30pm) St John Bosco, Reading RG5 3BH	Saturday 26th October (1.30pm – 4.00pm) St John Bosco, Reading RG5 3BH
To book a place on any of these training sessions, email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone: 023 92 836511 / 023 92 816396 / 023 92 825430	Saturday 9th November (10.00am – 12.30pm) English Martyrs, Didcot, OX11 7AJ

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	12 th	6.00pm	Mass	Eddie McGrath RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Joseph Marchlewski RIP
Monday	14 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	15 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Jurgens Family Deceased & Living

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Thursday	17 th	9.30am	Mass
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ST LUKE, EVANGELIST, FEAST

Friday	18 th	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		12:10pm	Mass
Saturday	19 th	10.00am	Mass

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Saturday	19 th	6.00pm	Mass
Sunday	20 th	8.30am	Mass
		10.30am	Mass

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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"**

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**Please make cheques payable to (full name): "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph"**

**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab**

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

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