

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
A CHURCH FOR THE POOR – A CHURCH OF THE POOR

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Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, does not seek fame and recognition. He does not want to be the centre of attention. As he travels with His disciples He wants to avoid notice. This is especially true when He is teaching His disciples about the fate of the new humanity. It is a difficult teaching. His disciples are puzzled by it. But it is blunt enough: the Son of Man is guided by the hand of God, but He will be killed by human hands. They hear the words, but can the disciples understand what He is saying? Their minds and hearts are still bound to the 'Things of the Human' and not the 'Things of God'. They want to avoid suffering and pursue high status. As they are so deeply self-centred, they are naturally afraid of losing. They are so afraid, they won't even ask Jesus to expand on His theme. Instead .....

On the way, they were having an argument - the same old one that is around today. Who is the greatest? Jesus, the Teacher, sits down and gathers the Twelve, who will guide the new humanity (notice there were others there too, since a child is at hand as a prop). For Jesus, the Great are those who engage and work with the Fathers Love. These are not interested in their own status. Rather, the new humanity goes out to meet all and to lift their basic humanity to a new level. And so, those who would be first do not seek their own glory, but the health and wellbeing (salvation) of others. How it is with God, who is the first and the greatest, should be how it is with all who seek to be the first and the greatest.

We have to be careful here that our all too human mindset does not doctor the teaching of Jesus to make it fit our own purposes. We might tell ourselves that we have to endure a period of doing 'lowly stuff' in order to get to the higher stuff. If being a servant is the quickest route to being the greatest, then we will be servants! But all the while we will be thinking that we are in reality better than everyone else. It's hard for disciples to let Jesus break open the meaning of 'first' and 'greatest' and fill it with a new meaning. They sidestep Him and renegotiate the terms. Consider Luke's ironic suggestion, 'When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. That they cannot repay you means you are blessed, and you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous'.(Lk 14:13-14)

Jesus places a child in the heart of them. The child is a tragic and eternal symbol of the powerlessness which many will seek to exploit. Jesus, in setting the child before them as their spiritual director, commands a mystical transformation to the mindset of his disciples. It goes something like this .....

When we begin with the least we subvert the normal ranks of society. Those at the top - the rich - are refusing invitations because they receive too many. Those at the bottom are excluded. At first glance, it seems they have nothing to offer. But, when we say that the path to the Fathers heart goes through the welcome we offer to those whom no one else will invite, we undercut the world and turn everything on its head.

Furthermore, the word least has another meaning. In this meaning it can be applied to the socially least and the socially most. Dag Hammarskjold once said, " People comment of Jesus' lack of moral principles. He sat at table with publicans and sinners and consorted with harlots. Did He do this to obtain their votes? Or did He think that, perhaps, He could convert them by such appeasement? Or was His humanity rich and deep enough, to make contact, even in them, with what in human nature is common to all people, indestructible beauty, and upon which the future has to be built?" (*Markings*, p.157)

Here is the great breakthrough. The naked face of our shared humanity reveals the face of God to all. This is what is most beautiful and most valuable. It is the greatest and the first precisely because it is the least. When we make ourselves the servants of this last, welcoming what is common to all and excluding none of it, we find ourselves strangely in pole position.



**PARISH PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION**

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples.

You have given us, through your Son Jesus, the mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish.


Give us strength, courage and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve you.

We entrust our parish family to the care of St. Joseph, St. Margaret Clitherow with Mary, our Mother.

We ask for their intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel.

Amen.

# 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)

**We have free Wi-Fi in the Church, hall and parish rooms, select Bracknell Catholic Church  
CHURCH SHOP NOW OPEN ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 5:30pm-7pm**

## RESERVATIONS

**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.**

**FRIDAY SOUP & ROLL** We desperately need soup makers and cake bakers to help on our Friday Soup & Roll rota approximately once a month. Please contact the parish office if you can help.



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

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 24 September** at 27 Ardingly 7.45pm-9:30pm. Contact Annie: 01344 772496

**TODDLER GROUP** – Commencing **Tuesday 18 September**.

**KEEP FIT** – Commencing **Tuesday 11 September**

**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.

**ALPHA** – Every Thursday until 27 September 7.30pm-9.00pm, Hall

**SOUP & ROLL** – Commencing **Friday 21 September**.

**FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY** – **Saturday 15 September**, 2pm-4pm, Parish Hall

**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 – SEPTEMBER:** 12<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Name of Mary; 13<sup>th</sup> St John Chrysostom; 14<sup>th</sup> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows; 17<sup>th</sup> St Hildegard of Bingen, St Robert Bellarmine; 19<sup>th</sup> St Januarius; St Theodor of Canterbury; 20<sup>th</sup> St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21<sup>st</sup> St Matthew; 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Walsingham; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Cosmas & Damian; 27<sup>th</sup> St Vincent de Paul; 28<sup>th</sup> St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions; 29<sup>th</sup> The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.



**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 [bracknellcatholicchurch.org](http://bracknellcatholicchurch.org) 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.



**MASS OFFERING: 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.



Fast, pray and give

**CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 5 October 2018**

On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don’t forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

**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, 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, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Bob Winn, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Monday 24 September 2018** at 1.00pm, followed by service at 3.00pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Please pray for his beloved wife Betty, his daughter Sue and all the family.

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



**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY: 22 September: ZIM KAYIN CLARE NJOKU and PRIMROSE FLORENCE PEARCE.** Please pray for them and their families as they are given to God through baptism.



**QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday 13 October 2018 commencing at 7:30pm. Bar open from 7pm. Tickets £3 each. The last Quiz Night we held was very well attended and great fun so get there early to claim your seats!



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD DAYS OF REFLECTION** taking place on **7, 20, 21 and 27 October** at Douai Abbey. Register your place online at [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/douai](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/douai) or contact the parish office.



## ALPHA – YOUR INVITATION TO EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH AND GOD

We are running Alpha in partnership with other Bracknell churches on Tuesday evenings at Brown Bag, High Street, Bracknell 7pm-8.45pm from 25 September – 4 December 2018. Alpha is run in a friendly and informal way and explores the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes food, a short talk and discussion. Sign-up online at [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha)



**DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM AND RCIA** Saturday 20 October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the *Formation for Mission Team*. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch will be provided.

**Book here:** <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874.



**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.



## youth

**Aged 10 to 12?** Check out our new youth group 'IGNITE!' starting on Friday 5th October, 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Register on the parish website.

**Aged 13 or over?** Get yourself down to our new youth group 'ABLAZE!' for Yr9+, starting on Friday 28th September, 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Register on the Parish website.

Contact [Youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:Youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY ST MARGARET CLITHEROW PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRACKNELL** – Expressions of interest are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry of Foundation Governor. The school would benefit from people with finance, safeguarding, HR or educational skills/experience. Appropriate training is available. Application deadline: 5 October 2018. Forms available from the School office or [schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## 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.

**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.

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING & VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING**, **Saturday 6 October 2018**, 10.00am – 12.30pm **taking place at the same time**, at English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB

**CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING** on **Saturday 6 October 2018**, 1.30pm – 4.00pm at English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB.

## IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE ABOVE TRAINING SESSIONS, PLEASE REGISTER WITH:

Soraya Ciccarone, Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430, Email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING** on **Saturday 20 October 2018**, 10.30am – 1pm in St. Joseph & St. Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall, Bracknell. Register directly with Marion McGuire.

**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.



## 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;  
**Fr David O'Sullivan**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham 0118 9780348

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|           |                  |                |                                          |                                 |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm         | Mass                                     | Parish Intentions               |
| Sunday    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am         | Mass                                     | Michael Devlin, RIP             |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                     | Frank Keane, RIP                |
| Monday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                          |                                 |
| Tuesday   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass                                     | Governors of our Parish Schools |
| Wednesday | 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>9.15am</b>  | <b>School Mass at St Joseph's School</b> |                                 |

### ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

|          |                  |        |      |                                        |
|----------|------------------|--------|------|----------------------------------------|
| Thursday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | Joseph Wilmar Carabuena - Thanksgiving |
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### THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Feast

|        |                  |         |            |                               |
|--------|------------------|---------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Friday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                               |
|        |                  | 12.10pm | Mass       | Those Awaiting Organ Donation |

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|------------------|
| Saturday | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Care of Creation |
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### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 132)

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|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass                                               | Pam Savage                       |
| Sunday    | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass                                               | Parish Intentions                |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                               | John Begley, RIP                 |
| Monday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                                    |                                  |
| Tuesday   | 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>9.15am</b>  | <b>School Mass at St Margaret Clitherow School</b> |                                  |
| Wednesday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass                                               | Welma, Jose Carabuena and Family |

### ST ANDREW KIM TAEGON, Priest; ST PAUL CHONG HASANG & COMPANIONS, Martyrs

|          |                  |        |      |                                    |
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| Thursday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | Parishioners from Around the World |
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### ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast

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| Friday   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                          |
|          |                  | 12.10pm | Mass       | Senior Leadership Team   |
| Saturday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass       | Parish Safeguarding Team |

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 135)

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------|
| Saturday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Jerzy Gruszka, RIP          |
| Sunday   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Carmen and Ben Robin-D'Cruz |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | John Collins, RIP           |

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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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Safeguarding email: safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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