

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

**SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL**

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**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.



A dishonest 'manager' has been caught in the act of stealing. He sees his life unravel and visits to the jobcentre don't hold out much hope that things will improve. Then, like the wasteful son in the Parable of the Prodigal Father, this man reviews his situation and comes up with a survival strategy. His back is to the wall and he's not going down without a fight. His strategy is to seduce others to collude in his dishonesty. He tells himself, that once the trap is sprung, he can enjoy their support for a long time to come. Sound familiar?

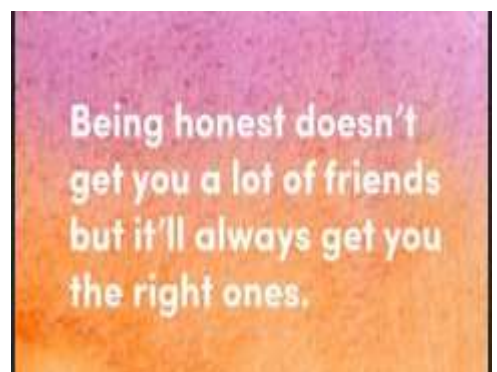
With His usual creativity, the Beloved Son of God - having just painted a surprising portrait of what God is like for the wasteful son - portrays the dishonest managers' employer in a strange light. His only response to the loss he has endured is to praise the dishonest manager for his cleverness and cunning! A bit like those scenes from a mystery film where the detective from Scotland Yard gazes into the empty bank vault and says of the robbers, "Credit where credit is due. They knew what they were doing".

Keep in mind that the Parables of Jesus are about spiritual matters. The dishonest manager knew how to survive when his physical and social life was threatened. The disciples of Jesus need to have the same 'wisdom' to act decisively when their hearts are at stake. The Children of the Light appear to Jesus to be lacking in this regard. They are threatened on all sides. Powerful internal and external forces are at work to lead them astray. If they are not alert to these, if they do not have a plan which galvanises them into action, they might be swept away by the darkness.

Specifically, the Divine Teacher suggests that we should not allow money to make us dishonest. Put simply, if we use it for the service of Love we will have mastered it. But if we swap the first commandment and make money our first love it will have mastered us! And He knows that if we try to build our security on what we own it will fail us. It's only use, in Kingdom terms, is to see it as a resource that builds community. If we use our resources to relieve the suffering of others, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship in our community, we will have used them in the way God intended.


Our trustworthiness with the baubles of earthly 'wealth' is a sign that we are doing well with the genuine riches of the Kingdom. Becoming a person who can be trusted is a step in the right direction, which will allow the Spirit of God to reveal the deeper richness in our own soul. In both cases, it seems that for Jesus, our spiritual growth cannot be pursued in isolation from the life that we are living, and the people we are living with here and now. We have to choose, in this context, what is most important to us and make everything else a servant of that choice.

This choosing is very important. We must choose friends who are not just spiritually surviving but thriving! Instead of hanging around people who collude with our sin, we have to hang around people who inspire us to be the best that we can be. Sometimes our friends, if we let them, can see us more clearly than we see ourselves and sometimes they have the answers that we cannot yet see. This is why, in our friendship group, we should have at least one person who loves us unconditionally and at least one person who can challenge us to continue to grow. These guides will help us to be more alert to what is destroying our spiritual development and help us to act effectively to guard the treasure in our soul.



If, after reading this, you are asking yourself if you have lost some of the music of the Gospel in your soul, stop what you are doing and don't go on until you find it again.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org) drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Register”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners.**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER:** 23<sup>rd</sup> St Pio of Pietrelcina; 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; 30<sup>th</sup> St Jerome.

**OCTOBER :** 1<sup>st</sup> St Theresa of the Child Jesus; 2<sup>nd</sup> The Holy Guardian Angels; 4<sup>th</sup> St Francis of Assisi; 7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary; 9<sup>th</sup> Blessed John Henry Newman; 15<sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Avila; 17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch; 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke; 28<sup>th</sup> Ss Simon & Jude; 30<sup>th</sup> Blessed Winchester Martyrs.



**MASS OFFERINGS: £1926.56 Second Offering 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> Home Missions: £298.96, Many thanks**  
**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER: CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4 October; 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 : 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am  
**Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

**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

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## 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

**DIOCESE INSTRUCTIONS: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Keep candles apart as they can easily collapse and ignite each other. Particular attention to placing candles in the sand at least three inches from edge of tray, these candles no closer than 3 inches to each other.**

## 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, 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, 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, Jacqui 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.

*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.....



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

**MARY CARPENTER, RIP** whose **Service** will be held at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on **Thursday 26 September 2019 at 12.30pm**. Please pray for Mary and all her family.

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



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** : Can you help us save the planet and save money? We can email to you every **FRIDAY** the parish weekly newsletter which you can review anytime. Just send your email address to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and we will add your email address to the newsletter confidential group email list.

We will reduce the number of newsletters printed every week, saving money on paper, toner and reduce the recycling for us all. A nominal quantity of newsletters will be placed in the porch only for parishioners who do not have an email address, new parishioners and guests to our parish.



**"COME AND SEE" EVENING – Thursday 3 October 2019 from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) a process of seeking out, encouraging and walking with those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. A journey of faith that we walk together. The "we" includes the members of the RCIA Team and any enquirers as well as our whole parish community who also play a key role in this: through simple acts of love and witness we can bring people to the Church; through prayer we can offer support; and through a willingness to respond we can become sponsors and godparents. And so...if you want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or know someone who does, Come and See!



**SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS** – Please bring any forms to the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday. You must be present in front of Fr Danny for the form to be signed. Please complete your form(s) with **HONESTY**. Forms posted through the letterbox or just left in the Sacristy will not be signed until you are present in front of Fr Danny.



### IGNITE! ABLAZE! YOUTH GROUPS : DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ABLAZE! & IGNITE! Joint Social Event - Gravity Force - Friday, 4 October 2019**

Please return your consent forms **ASAP** to secure your place.

New to either of our youth groups? Want to make some new friends and have some fun? Get yourself registered on our Parish website and come along. We'll look forward to welcoming you! For further information, please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

**POST CONFIRMATION RETREAT - SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Under 18 and already Confirmed? Then our Post Confirmation Retreat Day on **Saturday 28 September** is especially for **YOU!** Sign up **ASAP!** For further details contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 4 October 2019** : No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, **CAFOD** invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people.

Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On **Family Fast Day**, **CAFOD** invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano.

Please collect a **Fast Day** envelope from church this week and give generously or you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday)



**CAFOD HARVEST SOUPER SUNDAY** - Following the success of this event in Lent on **Sunday 6 October** we are holding another  **Souper Sunday** along with the collection of **CAFOD** envelopes for Harvest Fast Day. Join us for a simple meal to support **CAFOD** and show solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the world who regularly have very little to eat.

Soup will be served in the hall after 10am mass. This was so popular at Lent Fast day we ran out of soup!! So this time we'll be serving 4 choices of soup and two servings one directly after 10:30 am mass and another at 12:30. Bring your **CAFOD** envelope with your donation or just give a donation on the day. It will be **Souper** to see you there and a chance to socialise with others in the Parish.

**A NOTE FROM NEW PARISHIONER AND CHOIR MEMBER SARAH BRYAN** - I moved to Bracknell just over a month ago with my husband, Matt and guide dog, Jenni. Firstly, huge thanks to everyone for making us so welcome. This seems to be a lovely community. I just want to make a couple of requests regarding Jenni please. My guide dog, Jenni, is irresistibly gorgeous to all who love dogs especially young children. She is very gentle and affectionate. However, she is a working dog, not a pet, please can I ask you not to talk to or stroke her without checking with me first? Guide dogs have celebrity status, which attracts a constant stream of dog-related conversation and questions when I am out, which is sometimes a bit overwhelming. I enjoy a bit of peace and quiet at church and kindly ask you to please keep any questions you may have for times when I can give you my full attention. When we are moving around or are obviously busy doing something, like sorting out braille books before Mass, or generally getting settled, please respect our need for space to focus. A good time to come and ask for a cuddle with Jenni is when we are quietly seated, after Mass or during coffee, when you have finished your cake/biscuits. Jenni has the usual hungry tendencies of a Labrador, but our food isn't good for her, so we don't mix food and cuddles. Thanks everyone for your cooperation. I look forward to meeting more of you.

**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](mailto:d.a.connelly999@gmail.com)

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE** To book call 023 92 836511/ 023 92 816396 or email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHILD PROTECTION & VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENES:** **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September Child Protection 10.00am – 12.30pm** and **Vulnerable Adult 1.30pm – 4.00pm** at St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT (Maureen Wiltshire)

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Mass	John Collins, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Carpenter, RIP
Monday	23 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Mass	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Miguela Alcala, RIP

## ST VINCENT de PAUL, Martyr

Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Anointing of the Sick
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Madge Sawyer, RIP
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	John Collins, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Leela George, 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"**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

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