

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
LISTENING FOR THE WORD AND KEEPING THE WORD

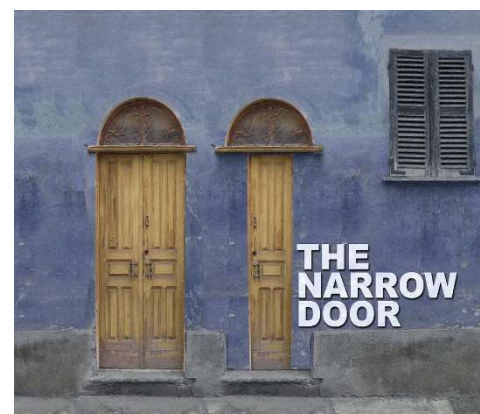
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PARISH PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION: Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have given us, through your Son Jesus, the mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world. Send 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.



Someone asks a question about salvation. This is religious talk for health and wellbeing. Jesus tells them that there is a door, in the age to come, where God is hosting a banquet. Everyone is trying to get in and the owner solves the log jam problem by rising from the dead and shutting the door!

The people outside beg to be allowed in. But the Lord answers that He does not know them. It seems that relying on vague contact with Jesus is not enough. Jesus does not join in the man's quest for numbers but invites him to put all of himself behind the quest. So many are trying to be saved the wrong way. They think that 'who you know' rather than 'who you are' is what matters. But notice that the door does not open to the well connected.




Jesus only recognises His own. He knows us if we are like Him. Jesus speaks from a heart set on God alone and works with the Spirit to transfigure His heart into one which loves all people. This is not easy. It is a lifetime's work.

There will always be people who want Salvation on their own terms. They want to stride into the feast adorned in titles and lists of who they know. And then there are those who struggle for community and for the mighty love. These will learn the great lesson of Grace - that all who strive to love must die, and surrender all to the One who has the power to save them. They are considered by the first group to be the last because they do not compete in the world of ego. But in the Kingdom they are first because they have found in their heart what Jesus knew in His Heart - the divine love that makes us one. When we know this, the narrow door widens to become the widest of doors.

Someone once asked Fritz Perls if he was saved. He answered, 'I'm trying to figure out how to be spent!'

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.

THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY 28 JULY TO SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE, RE-OPENING SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – AUGUST: 27th St Monica; 28th St Augustine of Hippo; 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30th Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

SEPTEMBER: 3rd St Gregory the Great; 4th St Cuthbert; 9th St Peter Claver; 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary; 13th St John Chrysostom; 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian; 17th St Hildegard of Bingen; 19th St Januarius; St Theodore of Canterbury; 20th St Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21st St Matthew; 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina; 24th Our Lady of Walsingham; 26th Ss Cosmas & Damian; 27th St Vincent de Paul, 28th St Wenceslaus; St Laurence Ruiz & Companions; 30th St Jerome.

MASS OFFERINGS: £2037.99

SECOND OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER: 14th /15th Home Missions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

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SO VERY MUCH

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 – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

KEEP FIT – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

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"

CHOIR PRACTICE – Closed until Thursday 5 September.

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 21 September 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 Dosssett, 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, Marie Fielding, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

OLGA (BABS) WHITE, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 11.00 am**, followed by a Service at 1.00 at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Please pray for Olga (Babs) and all her family.

JUSTIN PETER GRATTAN, RIP who died last weekend. Details of Justin's Requiem Mass and funeral will be announced as soon as they are known. Please pray for Justin and all his family.

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

CAR PARK – FUNERAL GATE: We politely ask you not to park in the spaces at the town centre side of the car park after 12noon the day before a Requiem Mass at the Church, the rest of the car park is available. This is to enable the funeral gate to be closed to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' car to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



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 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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26 August until Friday 6 September inclusive.



SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS FOR SIGNING – For all school admission forms that need to be signed by Fr Danny, please bring your form(s) into the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday as 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! (age +13) - Next meeting - **Friday, 6th September** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

IGNITE! (age 10-12) - Next meeting - **Friday, 13th September** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

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

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



CAFOD HARVEST BRIEFING - Our parish is hosting a Harvest briefing for CAFOD on **Wednesday 4 September 2019** from 7:15pm to 9pm in the church hall. At this meeting Nikki Evans the Programme Officer for Bolivia will speak about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and an update on Hands on Altiplano project from 2016. Representatives from other local parishes will attend, all St. Joseph's parishioners invited. To book email Jo Lewry jlewy@cafod.org.uk or by ringing 01252 329385

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Please warmly welcome **Fr John Cooke** who will be concelebrating with Fr Danny at all Masses weekend **7/8 September**. He will be sharing a Homily on vocations, also requesting parishioners to pray for vocations, join the vocation prayer network and the rosary prayer chain.

SPUC 40 DAYS OF LIFE

The Reading branch of **SPUC** are organising a 40 Days of Life peaceful prayer vigil and offer of help in Reading from **25 September**. They hope to have at least two people there from 8am to 8pm each day. This is a proven method of saving lives. If people can promise even one hour a week, or are interested in hearing more, please contact Dominica Roberts. Promises of prayer are also very welcome



DAYS OF REFLECTION

Annual days of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey are on **Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd September** and **Saturday 5th October 2019**, 9:45am to 4pm. Please register online via the Parish website, or notify the Parish office. Please make your booking as soon as possible as spaces are limited!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE

To book a place please contact Soraya Ciccarone telephone 023 92 836511/ 023 92 816396 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS

Saturday 21st September 10.00am – 12.30pm St Edward the Confessor, 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU (Maureen Wiltshire)

Saturday 28th September 10.00am – 12.30pm St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT (Maureen Wiltshire)

VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS

Saturday 7th September 10.00am – 12.30pm St Edwards, 44 Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HJ (Val Croughan)

Saturday 14th September 1.30pm – 4.00pm St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs, Pastoral Centre Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RY (Val Croughan)

Saturday 28th September 1.30pm – 4.00pm St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT (Maureen Wiltshire)

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	24 th	6.00pm	Mass	Bob Winn, RIP
Sunday	25 th	8.30am	Mass	Ryan Tucker & Scouts Work in Uganda
		10.30am	Mass	Catenians : Vocations for Priesthood
Monday	26 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	27 th	No Mass		

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, Bishop, Doctor

Wednesday	28 th	9.30am	Mass	Audrey Lam - Thanksgiving
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THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thursday	29 th	9.30am	Mass	
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Ss MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARKGARET WARD, Martyrs

Friday	30 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Anointing of the Sick
Saturday	31 st	10.00am	Mass	

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	31 st	6.00pm	Mass	Olga (Babs) White, RIP
Sunday	1 st	8.30am	Mass	
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

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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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**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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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**

**Safeguarding email: [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)**

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