

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**  
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**  
***ALIGNING HEAVEN AND EARTH***  
**SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020**

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The questions are important, and so is the place where they are asked. When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is'. (Matthew: 16,30)

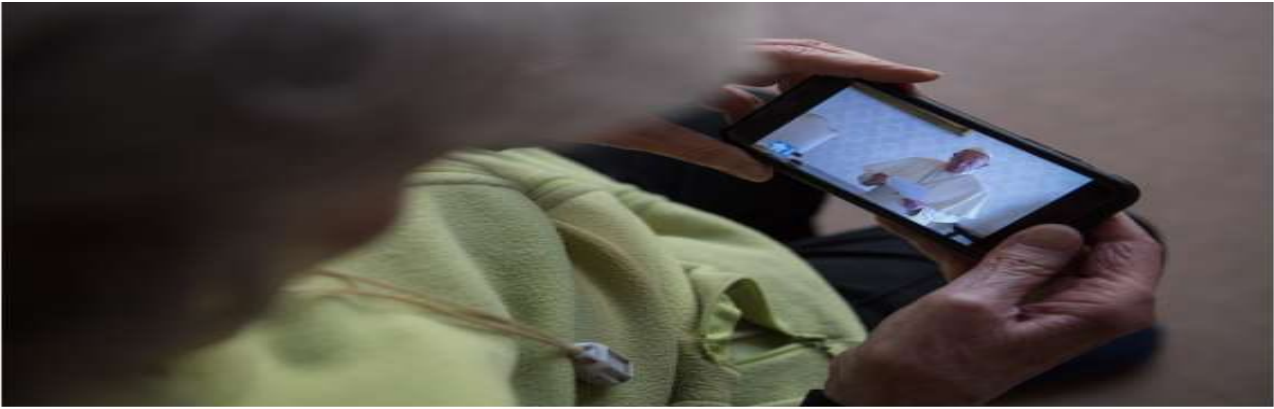
Caesarea Philippi is a mess! Everything that could happen to violate love or the human person would happen here. Why would Our Blessed Lord choose this setting to ask his Question or to use the title Son of Man, and to lay the keystone for his Church?

Of course, there was then, and is now mindless speculation about Him. Yet, He is absolutely clear that He is here for everyone and that He wants his Church to be born in and stay close to the darkest settings. Heaven and earth are aligned on the Rock of Peters Confession. Even if the gates of Hell are opened and all negative fury is hurled at this new community it will not prevail. Why? Because the Church has a set of keys to the kingdom of Heaven. This ability to keep the gates open will make the darkness ineffective.



We've all heard the jokes about St Peter working as a full time security officer at the gates of heaven. But seriously folks, the gates for which he has the keys are the gates of human consciousness. And this new power and new awareness will support the disciple to meet the horrors of the world head on. The Disciples mandate is to engage with all situations that uphold the sanctity of life and to disengage from those which bring death. For this work, The Lord has given us insight and gifts beyond our imagination. We take time to ponder these things and to figure out how best to bring them to bear of the brokenness of the world. We work to bring integrity to our faith and how we live in the world. Then we put flesh on the wider ideas of love, compassion and mercy.

## THE REVELATION OF LIVESTREAM HOLY MASS



One of the blessings we have received over these months of lockdown and confinement, has been the opportunity to continue to gather together, albeit virtually, to celebrate Holy Mass as a community of love. We have been able to throw open our doors to the world! We have enjoyed welcoming everyone, whether known to us or just 'visiting' and we have been able to reach those who find it difficult or impossible to get to Mass. It certainly continues to be an extraordinary time, but to know that so many of us have received reassurance and hope by participating in Holy Mass and being able to connect with others each week, is a source of great blessing.

However, it has not been without its technical difficulties, and we're still not quite there yet!

Back in March, we put the wheels in motion knowing that some work needed to be done first on improving our internet speed, before installing a permanent camera and livestream service. In the meantime, Mike kindly offered to set everything up to broadcast Sunday Mass using his iPhone and we went live for the first time on Facebook on 29 March. Little did he, or indeed any of us know, how long that 'temporary' arrangement would remain in place!

Over the last 5 months, we have experienced many unexpected setbacks and false dawns, but I am delighted to be able to say that the final piece of the puzzle – the installation of the camera system in the church – will finally be put in place on 14 September.

So, still a few more weeks to go but at last, the end of this particular 2020 challenge is in sight!

A final word of grateful thanks as always to Mike for his faithfulness each week, and to each one of you who has supported and encouraged us with such patience, kindness and love.

With prayers and blessings. God bless and stay safe.

Mary McNab 🙏

### 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, 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, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Jenny Bashford, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy, Terry and Mary Brennan, Brenda Lynch, Amanda Killestein, Doreen Pryor, Sharon Bryan, Sarah Bryan, Fr John Chadwick Hannah Joan Byrne, Mary-Sol Faulkner.

*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.*

THE DREADFUL, LOCKDOWN 'SAME BUT DIFFERENT' SUMMER QUIZ - 2020

ONE POUND Per Page - All Proceeds Go To Muscular Dystrophy U.K.  
Win a Truly Tempting Token ! Send us your solutions by 10<sup>th</sup> September.

All the cryptic clues have ONE answer and ONE spelling - but SOUNDS can differ !  
As ever, marks will be awarded for ingenuity - so don't worry if you leave a few gaps.  
If we have several winners our Judge will choose the 'Cleverest Clue'. (For No. 51.)

Examples:

Boat-Rage = Row. Iron A Newspaper = Press. Sway On A Stone = Rock.  
Sorrowful Conifer = Pine. Angry Vote ? = Cross.

GOOD LUCK !

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| 1 Carry A Teddy.....  | 2 Plant A Pig.....                     |
| 3 Underground Spy With A Spot.....                                | 4 Songbird Has Fun.....                |
| 5 Toy For A Bird ?.....   | 6 Bird Stretches To Lift Weights.....  |
| 7 Musical Fish.....   | 8 Musical Loop.....                    |
| 9 A Gift For You Today.....                                       | 10 Bend To Wrap Your Weapon.....       |
| 11 Conspire To Cultivate.....                                     | 12 Actors Fling A Plaster.....         |
| 13 Sail Together Speedily.....                                    | 14 Beat Drums On Inky Lines.....       |
| 15 Awful Puffing Underwear.....                                   | 16 Dead-Heat For Neckwear.....         |
| 17 Swiped A Silky Shawl.....                                      | 18 Jangle A Jewel.....                 |
| 19 Strong Drink For Ghosts.....                                   | 20 Leap Over A Crypt.....              |
| 21 Follow To Find A Fragment.....                                 | 22 Save On A Grassy Bend.....          |
| 23 Choke On A Joke.....   | 24 Jump On A Royal Portrait.....       |
| 25 A Record & A Reckoning.....                                    | 26 Swiftly Stuck & Starving.....       |
| 27 Heavy Guide-Line.....  | 28 Squeeze & State On A Train.....     |
| 29 Railway Dreamer.....   | 30 Jump Off In Flames.....             |
| 31 Feathery Slide.....  | 32 Trap A Swan With A Biro.....        |
| 33 Techno-Pills.....  | 34 Switchboard Shows Sympathy.....     |
| 35 Far-Off But Functioning.....                                   | 36 Forsaken Yet Frisky.....            |
| 37 Herbal Wisdom.....   | 38 Fragrant Flower Flew.....           |
| 39 Blonde Shares Entertainment.....                               | 40 Elegant Girl Gives Thanks.....      |
| 41 Indicate A Dot.....  | 42 Shrink, Succumb & Sign For It.....  |
| 43 Rips & Drips.....  | 44 Cash, Cage & Bash.....              |
| 45 Insect Invents Game.....                                       | 46 Nasty Insect Gets Answer Right..... |
| 47 Your Position Smells.....                                      | 48 I Own This Tunnel.....              |
| 49 On & On & On & On - Until There's Another Deep, Dark Hole..... |  |
| 50 Open The Door And Cast A Magic Spell.....                      |  |

AND FINALLY:

51 If 'CORONA' is the answer - What is the Question ?.....

NAME:.....

ADDRESS: .....

.....Phone:.....

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

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	<b>LIVE STREAMED MASS ONLY</b>	<i>Parish Intentions</i>
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Private Prayer or Mass – CHURCH CLOSED</b>		
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving, Gillian Aslin</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>Sylvia Semitendi, RIP</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	

**ST MONICA**

Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>Patrick Michael Lowes, RIP</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	

**ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer and Exposition	
		7.30pm – 8.00pm	Mass	<i>Chantel Daniel, RIP</i>

**THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>Jurgens Family – Living &amp; Deceased (Foundation)</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>LIVE STREAMED MASS ONLY</b>	<i>Parish Intentions</i>
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**THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR 30 MINUTES ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY MORNINGS AFTER MASS TO SANITISE THE CHURCH BEFORE RE-OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND EXPOSITION AT 11.00am. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS, THE DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AT THE START OF MASS.**

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**DIRECT DEBIT, STANDING ORDER AND GIFT AID FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE (drop down menu “Planned Giving”)**

**BANK DETAILS: Account Name: PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**

**Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account Number: 00875520**

**Bank: Lloyds Bank Plc, Palmerstone Road, Southsea**

**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: Mary McNab**

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

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