

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

GETTING BACK WHAT WE HAVE LOST

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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.

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'Tax Collectors and sinners' are a social group of people who have been excluded from the community. 'Pharisees and scribes' are a social group of people who have not been excluded from the community. These complain that Jesus is welcoming those who have been excluded and is eating with them. Is He approving of their sin? They think He is! But while they fear Jesus has gone over to the dark side, Jesus clearly sees Himself bringing the two sides together. He was a person of reconciliation in a world that had accepted, and may have even enjoyed, divisions. Jesus is struggling to pull together what others wish to pull apart.

He offers two parables for their reflection. The first about a wandering and lost sheep, the second about a lost coin. So He knows they are lost. But what is new is that He is searching for them, including them in the community of the 'already found' and inviting the community to a celebration of their inclusion. Notice how Jesus wants his listeners to recognise the parables in their own experience. 'Which of you....' 'What woman ....'. Jesus seems pretty sure that His parables are revealing something about the best in human nature.

Then it gets even more interesting. In Sacred Scripture numbers are very symbolic. One hundred and Ten connote completeness, fullness and wholeness. There is a pull in every human heart towards this wholeness. The shepherd and the woman of the parables are creating a social wholeness which will open the door to spiritual wholeness - the integration of heaven and earth. All Jesus can see is that His community is split into two camps and they must re-engage in the struggle for community. The shepherd seeks the One sheep to add to the ninety-nine. The woman seeks the one coin and adds it to the nine. In this way, a divided community can become whole.

This longing to find the missing one represents the realignment of God with Creation. God wants unity. This is why the angels rejoice much more when a whole is created by the inclusion of what was excluded than when an incompleteness - even a just incompleteness - leaves the community short. The synchronised rejoicing in heaven and earth is The Sign that things are the way they are meant to be.




I find myself smiling as I watch, listen and contemplate this strange behaviour of Jesus. And I also find myself seriously challenged by His teaching. It's too easy to accept the loss of relationships as inevitable. When we fall out with and lose family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and even members of our own parish community, when we lose our creativity and energy to do something to fix it, when we lose our desire to contribute to the wellbeing and future of all creation, we may have been overly impressed by the inevitability of loss. We may just shrug off our losses rather than searching for and reclaiming them. We can become numb to the pain of missing what was once crucial to our lives. Instead, Jesus, the Beloved Son

of God is not resigned. He is searching the wilderness and sweeping the house. He will not settle for loss. "For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost." (Luke 19:10). And He does not see these as private reunions which take place behind closed doors. When He finds the One who restores completeness, the whole community are gathered. One whole, invites and creates another whole! Getting back what we have lost, receiving into our heart and soul what makes us complete overflows into party time. This joy is contagious and the whole community are infected. Perhaps it is the same Angels rejoicing in heaven who spoke to the shepherds at His birth and said, "Good news of great Joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10)

Throughout the timeline of our lives, we walk with one another, and there are times in everyone's life when there is a getting lost and a coming home, of not being there and suddenly being there again. Jesus is an artist of relationships and his exquisite teaching creates the spaces we need for spiritual encounters to happen. It seems that when we pursue reconciliation, the angels are quick to get in on the act and all creation comes along for the ride. I guess the question is, who needs to come off my hit list!

# 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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER:** 9<sup>th</sup> St Peter Claver; 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; 16<sup>th</sup> Ss Cornelius & Cyprian; 17<sup>th</sup> St Hildegard of Bingen; 19<sup>th</sup> St Januarius; St Theodore of Canterbury; 20<sup>th</sup> St Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21<sup>st</sup> St Matthew; 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.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1974.45**

**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER: 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> Home Missions**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

**THANK YOU**  
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** – 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** – Celebrate the Transitus – Passing of St Francis on **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 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, Marie Fielding, 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.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



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

**JUSTIN PETER GRATTAN, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 20 September 2019 at 12 noon**. Please pray for Justin and all his family.

**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.*

**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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY** - We are holding two Introductory Meetings for parents after the 6pm Mass on **Saturday 21 September** and after the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 22 September**. Please indicate which meeting you are planning to attend by registering at [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc)



**"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

**YOUTH ALPHA TRAINING**- Young Leaders Assemble! **Friday 20 September 7pm- 9pm** - Church Hall - This is for anyone who has already completed the Youth Alpha course and would like to help out at the next one, starting in the New Year!

**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)



**FAMILY FUN DAY** at St. Joseph's School on **Saturday 21 September from 2pm-5pm**. Please come along for live music, Punch & Judy, fun inflatables, Penalty shoot-out, games, ice-cream van, raffle, delicious international food and more! The more the merrier to raise funds for the school.

**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. I realise that she is irresistibly gorgeous to those of you who like dogs and naturally generates curiosity, especially among children. She is indeed very gentle and affectionate. However, she is a working dog, not a pet, so please could I ask you not to talk to or stroke her without checking with me first? As you can probably imagine, guide dogs have celebrity status, which attracts a constant stream of dog-related conversation and questions when I am out, which I can sometimes find a bit overwhelming. I therefore enjoy a bit of peace and quiet at church and would therefore also 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.

**DAYS OF REFLECTION** - Places still available for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey on **Saturday 5th October 2019, 9:45am to 4pm**. Please register online via the Parish website. **Deadline Wednesday 18 September 2019**

**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 AWARENESS

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

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

### VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS

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

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

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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

|           |                  |                |                                       |                                  |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass                                  | Roger Bernard Fegredo, RIP       |
| Sunday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass                                  | Private Intention                |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                  | Piotr Zebrowski, RIP             |
| Monday    | 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                       |                                  |
| Tuesday   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                       |                                  |
| Wednesday | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am         | Mass at St. Margaret Clitherow School |                                  |
| Thursday  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass                                  | Gerard McCourt, RIP (Foundation) |

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

|        |                  |         |            |                                                               |
|--------|------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                                                               |
|        |                  |         |            | <b>12.00noon - Requiem Mass for Justin Peter Grattan, RIP</b> |

## ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist

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| Saturday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.00am | Mass |  |
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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|---------------------|
| 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 |



*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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