

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Thursday	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Joseph Wilmar Carabuena - Thanksgiving
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Feast

Friday	14 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Those Awaiting Organ Donation

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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

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

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

Thursday	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners from Around the World
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ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast

Friday	21 st	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Senior Leadership Team
Saturday	22 nd	10.00am	Mass	Parish Safeguarding Team

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

Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Jerzy Gruszka, RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Carmen and Ben Robin-D'Souza, RIP
		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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.*

*Confessions: every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.*

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

**THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK**  
**EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**FREEDOM FROM A LIFE OF FANTASY**

*16 September 2018 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 132 - Psalter Week 4*

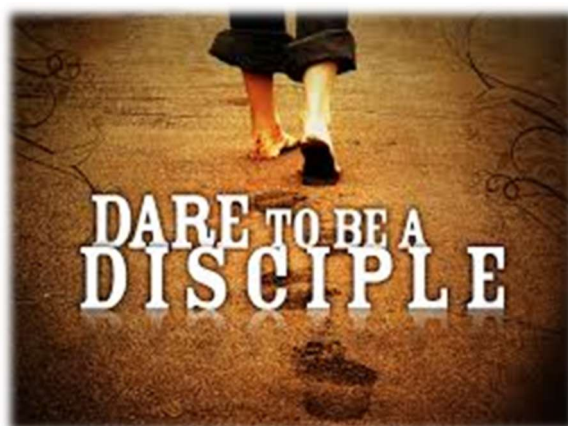
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The question, 'Who is Jesus?' will be asked sooner or later. His closest disciples talked about this when they were alone. But now it is Jesus who asks the question. The people place Him within the prophetic tradition. Some identify Him as having the Spirit of Elijah and of John the Baptist. This means He is the one who is ushering in the Messianic Age. But does Jesus fit this picture? Peter is the one who calls Him Messiah. Peter has the right word, but he doesn't have the right meaning.

The Messiah is the Son of Man. The Son of Man is one who lives in solidarity with God and Creation. This is certainly Jesus Himself, but it is also true of His disciples. They are the new humanity that His teaching will bring to birth. The new humanity, however, will not be welcomed by the religious and political elite. They will be rejected. They will suffer for it and be killed. But their efforts will not be in vain. The Father's energy (three days) will resurrect it.

Peter is not happy with what Jesus is saying. He obviously has something different in mind when he uses the word Messiah. Although he is only a disciple, he rebukes Jesus, reversing their roles. But Jesus pulls him to a deeper understanding. One rebuke deserves another. Jesus reasserts His role and commands Peter to get back in line and follow Him. If he rejects Jesus teaching on the role and destiny of the Son of Man, Peter will join the ranks of those who wish to subvert God's plan.

David Rhoads contrasts the 'things of God' with the 'things of humans'. The Things of God are faith, courage, losing one's life for the sake of the Gospel, being least, being servant and doing good. The Things of humans are lack of faith, fear, saving one's life, being great, lording it over others and doing harm. (Reading Mark: *Engaging the Gospel*. p.88). It is time to be clear about what discipleship is all about. It is not about the chronic concern to save and enhance our lives at the expense of others. The larger, more valuable life flows from God's love and follows the impulses of that love. Instead of wanting to become great, we become small. Instead of wanting to have power over others, we grow in service. This way of thinking is deeply troubling to the rich and powerful who will not just look the other way. They will want to make us suffer but we must accept this as the price of loving in a loveless world. This is the way of heaven.




Will Jesus' straight talking dislodge one of our favourite fantasies?

We are little people. Even if we have status it is never high enough. Even if we have money, we are never wealthy enough. Even if we command respect, there will always be someone who demeans us. We long to be important and we eagerly promote ourselves as much as we protect ourselves. We sense the utter fragility of our lives. A fall from the little Grace we have, haunts us. We fear becoming sick, and old, and dying. So, we fantasise. We become Tevye from 'Fiddler on the Roof' and sing of the days when we will have enough! We can even spin this fantasy into scenarios of revenge. We imagine ourselves being 'in charge', making decisions that impact thousands who offer us due adulation. We may be little in reality but in our dreams, we are large.

Some Messiahs will feed this fantasy, and, for a short while it looked as if Jesus would do the same. But perhaps the real reason He came was to free us from our fantasy. The Son of Man walks a different pathway and commands all who follow Him to do the same. He chooses a life of trusting in God and of service to others. He does not harm anyone to secure His own status or His own life. In fact, saving Himself is the last thing on His mind. And that is why He will not sanction our chronic concern with our own status and position. That is why He will not permit us to look the other way while others suffer so we can have a better life. In short, the True Messiah is revealed in the precise moment that He will not give us what we want.

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

We now have free Wi-Fi in the Church, hall and parish rooms, select Bracknell Catholic Church



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.



TODDLER GROUP : VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED - Every Tuesday 9.15am to 11.30am during term time. Volunteers are desperately needed to run this group. We need at least 2 persons each week and a team of 4 persons ideally to share the commitment. This very important group will have to close if no volunteers come forward. So, if you are DBS cleared or wish to be DBS cleared in order to be a part of the Toddler Group Team, please contact the parish office.

CHURCH SHOP OPENING, SATURDAY EVENINGS - The shop will be open from 5:30pm-7pm on the **SECOND** Saturday of each month



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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 24 September at 27 Ardingly 7.45pm

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

KEEP FIT – Commencing **Tuesday 11 September**

PRAYER GROUPS—Hall Evening Group: 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day Group: 1st/3rd 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: 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary; 13th St John Chrysostom; 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15th Our Lady of Sorrows; 17th St Hildegard of Bingen, St Robert Bellarmine; 19th St Januarius; St Theodor of Canterbury; 20th St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21st St Matthew; 24th Our Lady of Walsingham; 26th Ss Cosmas & Damian; 27th St Vincent de Paul; 28th St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions; 29th The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.

THE ROSARY ON THE COAST – The team have started a 54 day campaign, asking people to pray the rosary every day for Faith Life and Peace, finishing on **7 October**. It is for penitence and reparation for sin.

See <https://shoutout.wix.com/so/d8MLMu6rG?cid=207c5add-713f-474f-8a38-1bcbae0d208e#/main>



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 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.

SECOND OFFERING THIS WEEKEND Home Missions Sunday

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 Carpenter, 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, Gerry 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: 15 September, VINNIE PATRICK ROCKHAY, please pray for Vinnie who is being given to God through baptism and his family that they will be surrounded by God's love.



PARISH OFFICE –There will be a reduced administration service from **Friday 7 September 2018 to Friday 21 September 2018** inclusive.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY 2019

Registrations are now closed. The first meeting for parents is on **Wednesday 19 September 2018** at 7.30pm in the hall.

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 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

DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, 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. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. **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.

HEAD TEACHER VACANCY ST. FRANCIS, ASCOT

Our neighbouring parish school at St Francis in Ascot is currently advertising for a highly motivated and inspiring Catholic leader to apply for their Head of School position. All information and application forms can be found on the school website www.stfrancisprimary.org The school warmly invite applicants to view the school. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a visit 01344 622840. Application deadline: 8 October 2018.

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. Nomination forms are available from the SchoolOffice or schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/schools/governance.php>

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. Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire

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. Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire

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 CP Trainer: Sue Smy; VA Trainer: Val Croughan.

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

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

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

Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Diocesan Financial Secretary, Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430, Email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvooy, 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;
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