

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
FINDING OR LOSING OUR LIFE

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It looks like the suffering and death of Jesus will be the work of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Still, Jesus must go, must suffer, must be killed and must be raised from death. All Peter can hear is the first bit, so he takes Jesus aside to talk some sense into him. He wants God to forbid the suffering and death of Jesus. The Lord turns. The rock on which the New Humanity is to be built now looks like a stumbling block. Jesus speaks to Peter, taking back the role of leader that Peter has just stolen. Peter must submit. He must set aside ordinary thinking and reach for higher ground. To do this, Peter will have to deny himself and his desire to avoid suffering and loss at any cost. He must make space in his panic for what he cannot hear - Resurrection. Disciples are to take up the cross gladly. If they do this, it will be a path of transformation for others and the doorway to resurrection for themselves.



Jesus hopes they will have the wisdom to see that when they are following Him, what looks like loss is really gain. Nothing the world has to offer can come close to the Kingdom of Heaven. They cannot be traded. And, at the end of time, the Son of God will come and repay everyone in accordance with how they have responded to His offer of a new humanity. The whole scene - the Father's Glory, the Son of Man, the Angels, the gathering of all time and space - is an invitation to see how our small contribution has been well received. The end of

history judges all history and the end of history belongs only to the Son of Man and the new humanity who follow Him.

It is a sad fact of life that those who stand up get knocked down. A police officer reports corruption in his team and is shunned for the rest of his working life. A woman reports accounting 'inaccuracies' in her office. She is thanked and made redundant a few weeks later. Criticism and cover up go hand in hand. And Jesus was a fierce critic of the hypocrisy of many so called religious leaders. They were taken up with their own importance, loving the trappings of their status rather than its substance. They loved money, elaborate robes, seats at the top table, ego massages in the town centre and being called teachers. They polished the outside of the cup. They kept people from the knowledge that would help them. They laid burdens on others and enjoyed watching them stumble and fall. Jesus saw the organisational abuse and he named it. When He did this he was not naive. He knows that those who have power over others, destroy those who question them.

Anyone who takes a stand knows that there will be reprisals. So why do people continue to criticise this kind of wrong doing? Some say, 'I just couldn't let it go on.' Others say, 'I couldn't live with myself if I kept quiet any longer.' But whatever the reason for the critique, it is because the right thing means so much for them. And in the Gospel, the deeper life of God depends on the voice of prophets. Every time the 'Cross' is taken up, a double revelation unfolds. God's Love is easier to see, as is the resistance of those who stand against it. The Cross is the symbol of the stand-off between divine Love and Human sin.

And Jesus must take you and me aside to explain to us why this is necessary. Given who God is and who we are, it cannot be any other way. And as Jesus talks to us about the need to take up our cross and follow Him, He must keep saying the word we cannot hear - the word that was lost in the sound of our hearts pounding and our feet running from suffering and death. The sacred word. The most sacred word of all. Resurrection.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Paul Baker, RIP
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Gregory James Arthur, RIP (Foundation)
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Monday	4 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	5 th	9.30am	Mass	Una Mair, RIP
Wednesday	6 th	9.30am	Mass	James and Johanna Moriarty, RIP
Thursday	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Maura Holt

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast

Friday	8 th	9.15am	School Mass – St Joseph’s School (all welcome)	
Saturday	9 th	10.00am	Mass	Ms Tesie, RIP

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Margaret Kettle, RIP
Sunday	10 th	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Margaret Carey



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, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary. **Confessions** every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than midday on Wednesdays.



NEW CHURCH ADDRESS – The new address for St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church and Presbytery:
39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE- No change to telephone number and email



PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY AT R&R: Operations Manager - Re:Charge R&R is a Christian based charity working with families with challenging and difficult circumstances in the Maidenhead area. Retirement of present employee requires an Operations Manager to help run its services with the Child and Family Support Manager. All the details are on the vacancy notice on the porch noticeboard.

Closing date for applications Friday 15 September.



First aid

ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER AT WORK? –

Would you be willing to join our new teams of First Aiders for each of the weekend Masses, if you wish to volunteer for this important and rewarding ministry at the Mass you attend, **please contact the Parish Office with all your details.**



ARE YOU A FIRE MARSHALL AT WORK? –

Would you be willing to join our new teams of Fire Marshalls for each of the weekend Masses. If you wish to volunteer for this important and rewarding ministry at the Mass you attend, **please contact the Parish Office with all your details.**



ALTAR SERVERS – We are delighted with the response so far, we have received several pledges thank you so much. We have 34 Altar server outfits to purchase. The invitation is for the millionaires in the parish to sponsor the purchase of one of these. If you are not a millionaire, you might like to join up with a friend or two or three and buy one between you. The full set costs around £75 each. It is part of our plans to deepen and expand the dignity of the Sunday Liturgy by replacing the albs with more traditional black cassock and white cotta.

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 when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injuries if not used correctly.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER – 8th Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary; 13th St John Chrysostom; 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15th Our Lady of Sorrows; 16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian; 20th Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21st St Matthew; 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina; 27th St Vincent de Paul; 29th Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael; 30th St Jerome.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Commences Monday 11 September and every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

KEEP FIT CLUB – Commences Tuesday 12 September. 2pm-3pm in the Hall.

TODDLER GROUP – Commences Tuesday 5 September, 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time.

PRAYER GROUPS – Evening Group: 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm Hall. Day Group: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am Hall.

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time.

YOUTH GROUP – Closed until further notice.



MASS OFFERINGS 12th 13th August – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY:
Total amount £1,414.94. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.
Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.

SECOND OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER: 17TH Home Mission Sunday; 24th Cathedral.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of our Community and for those who care for them.

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Robert Mulcahy, Robbie McDonald

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Nicholas Powell, Kathleen Brosnan, Blanche Shap, Emma Flavelle., Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Win McDermott, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – The parish office will be closed from **Monday 25 September 2017** until **Friday 6 October 2017** inclusive.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS) – Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral. Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:15pm at St John the Evangelist's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Monday 4 September**. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of our diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.



CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING
A special Harvest Briefing on **Thursday 7 September 2017** from 7.30pm - 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrod Road, Reading RG30 2EB about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk



TALKS ON SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

– You are all warmly invited to a series of talks on a range of social and mental health issues. Several charities, Bracknell Forest Council and Berkshire Healthcare Trust, will be giving these talks in the church hall, from 7pm to 9pm, starting on **Thursday 14 September 2017** with Bracknell Forest Council providing insights into what is currently offered in housing, work, benefits and addiction support. The local charity INVOLVE will then provide an introduction to mental health issues and domestic abuse 7pm-9pm **21st and 27th September** and **5th October**. Counselling, using Talking Therapies, will be addressed by Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust 7pm to 9pm on **12th October**. On **19th October** Yendall Manor Treatment Centre will also look at addiction. The charity Shelter will review local homelessness on **25th October**. Please attend as many or as few of the talks as you wish, no need to sign up, just turn up on the night. We hope the talks will interest everyone and especially those considering volunteering for this year's Night Shelter.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - The Life in the Spirit Seminars will be every Tuesday evening from **26 September** until **7 November 2017** 8.00pm to 9.30pm in the church hall.

PRAISE – TALK – DISCUSSION

26 September – God's Love
3rd October – Salvation
10th October – New Life
17th October – Receiving the Gift
24th October – Inviting Him into our Lives
31st October – Growth
7th November – Transformation in Christ

If you wish to attend but need transport, or can offer transport to someone wishing to attend please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PASTORAL CARE – There will be a Prayer and Pastoral Care meeting on **Wednesday 20th September 2017** from 7pm - 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for those in our parish community who are in need of our love and support and to explore ways of reaching out to them.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Saturday 23rd September 2017, Child Protection Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm; English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrod Road, Reading RG30 2EB (Trainer – Jo Hopkins)

Saturday 23rd September 2017, Vulnerable Adults Training – 1.30pm – 4.00pm; English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrod Road, Reading RG30 2EB (Trainer – Jo Hopkins)

Saturday 18th November 2017, Refresher Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm; The Holy Trinity, Bowenhurst Road, Church Crookham, GU51 3ST (Trainer – Sue Smy)

For reservations please contact Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Diocesan Financial Secretary, tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430
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CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP

(Portsmouth Diocese) – The annual CDF Mass is always a happy and holy occasion - with a tea-party to follow! Although it is primarily for people with disabilities, their families and friends, all are welcome to attend. This year's Mass will take place on **Saturday, 23 September at 2.30 pm** at the **Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle Church**, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR. Please let our parish office know if you wish to attend.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - The Chaplet will be on **Sunday 24 September 2017** at St Francis of Assisi, Ascot 2.30pm. The October Chaplet will be on **Sunday 15 October** at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church at 2.30pm. All welcome.



Dementia Friends Champions are trained volunteers who encourage others to learn a little bit about dementia. Champions run Information Sessions in their community and inspire others to help those living with dementia live well. If you are interested in becoming a Dementia Friends Champion there is an Induction Day on

Tuesday 26th September 2017 from 10:00 – 16:00 in Reading at Conference Hall, RISC 35-39 London Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 4PS. Booking a space is easily done online at www.dementiafriends.org.uk Please let the parish office know if you are planning to attend the Induction Day.