

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

MAKING THE DARKNESS VISIBLE

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The heartbeat, the core of the 'Great Charter for Justice' (sometimes called the 10 commandments) is a Command to Love God, and a Command to Love our neighbour as ourselves. Each generation adapts the charter to meet the new situation. In theory, they might add something new, but they must never do it in such a way that it causes heart failure. In reality, new traditions take on a power of their own. The distinction between the heart and the edge becomes unclear. What was once a matter of the heart can become an obsession with externals.

The problem is that the heart is on the inside. It cannot be measured directly. External behaviours are on the outside and can be, or so it seems, be more easily measured. Clean hands, pots and pans can be scrutinised. But the heart may not be available for inspection. Therefore, the guardians of the 'tradition' are prone to policing externals. They ask trivial questions and forget to ask the important one. They can no longer distinguish God's Command from human custom.

But the Beloved Son of God lives out of the Heart, the Centre. He confronts their hypocrisy. He confronts their refusal to hold the inner love of God and neighbour and the outer ways this can be embodied as one dance.

These guardians of the law, the Scribes and the Pharisees, are concerned with ritual defilement, about putting something 'unclean' inside yourself. They move from the outside in, and fret about contamination. With this in mind, all of their energy is focused on the outside world and whatever might make someone unclean.

But Jesus, like all good spiritual teachers, is more concerned about moral defilement, and the havoc it unleashes in the world. This happens in exactly the opposite way. It begins and grows in the human heart, in the cultivation of evil thoughts and intentions. People are destructive from the inside out if their hearts are fixated on fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, slander, envy. Discover what is driving these things and you may know how to make Peace.

But this is the problem. We can agree with Jesus that the heart is a strange landscape, but the reason why we do certain things may not be clear to us. This is why we need to know ourselves well. This is why we need to come regularly to confession. This is why we need the gift of a friend who challenges our worst behaviours and tells us the truth about ourselves. As we become more aware of what drives us we have better choice in whether to go with it or not. If we surround ourselves with 'flunkies' who only tell us what we want to hear, we might never grow in wisdom or understanding. Worst still, we might be destroying love and not know how to reverse the trend.

Over the course of my life, I have been invited by certain events and challenged by friends to take a good hard look on the 'inside'. I do not find this kind of inner scrutiny easy or enjoyable. Knowing my hidden self doesn't always match the scrubbed up persona I like to present to the world. Lifting the veil and humbly acknowledging who I really am is not an activity most are willing to do. But when I have found the courage to shine a light into my darkness there has always been a payoff. I find I can be a better person. Perhaps this is what Carl Jung meant when he said that we grow up, not by entertaining figures of light, but by making our darkness visible.



## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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| Saturday  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass       | Eileen Larkin, RIP & Family        |
| Sunday    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass       | Parish Intentions                  |
|           |                 | 10.30am        | Mass       | Teachers & Pupils of our Schools   |
| Monday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                                    |
| Tuesday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Lifesaving Crews of the RNLI       |
| Wednesday | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Maurice Timms, RIP                 |
| Thursday  | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Deceased Members of Horgan Family  |
| Friday    | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition |                                    |
|           |                 | 12.10pm        | Mass       | Veronika Jastrzebski, Thanksgiving |

### THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FEAST

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| Saturday | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Bob Winn, RIP |
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### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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| Saturday | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions   |
| Sunday   | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Michael Devlin, RIP |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Frank Keene, 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, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.
Confessions: every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE

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

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

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays, please email any items to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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.



KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL - As you know, terrible floods in Kerala in southern India where hundreds of people have been killed and many are missing; countless homes have been washed away. The monsoon season will continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and doing great work helping victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques payable to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Kerala.



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.

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.



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.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER: 3rd St Gregory the Great; 4th St Cuthbert; 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Closed until early September.

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 – Commencing **Thursday 6 September**, every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome. Please see separate notice.

ALPHA – Commencing **Thursday 6 September** 7.30pm-9.00pm, Hall

SOUP & ROLL – Commencing **Friday 14 September**.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY – **Saturday 15 September**, 2pm-4pm, Parish Hall



MASS OFFERINGS: £1669.22. 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 SEPTEMBER: 15/16 Home Missions Sunday



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 www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk 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.

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, Barbara Simpson, 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

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: 8 September, WILLIAM LUC WATT, please pray for William 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.



MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING – On the **last Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.



MUSICIANS! - Choir Practice commences on **Thursday 6 September 2018** at 7.30pm in the Church, new members always welcome. Instrumentalists are needed to support our music groups at all Masses, if you would like to join the groups please make yourselves known to any of us at the choir corner.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 - If you and your child feel ready to begin the journey towards First Holy Communion, please register your interest online via at bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc2019 by **Friday 14 September 2018**. The first meeting for parents is on **Wednesday 19 September 2018**.



HOME FOR GOOD FOUNDATIONS COURSE IN BRACKNELL – On Tuesday evenings in K2, The Kerith Centre, Church Road, Bracknell commencing **Tuesday 25 September 2018**. The Home for Good Foundations course is for anyone who wants to further explore fostering or adoption. See the poster on the porch noticeboard.

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>

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

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING & VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING, **Saturday 6th 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.

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

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.

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, 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

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

ALPHA YOUTH - Is happening at **Corpus Christi, Wokingham** starting **Friday 5 October 2018** from 7pm to 9pm. It is aimed at young people between the ages 11-18 years who would like to explore life, faith and its meaning. A 10 week program with an away weekend which promises to be fun and fulfilling. To register your interest : visit the Web page <https://bit.ly/youthacc>; call Wokingham Parish Office on 0118 978 0348 or email:- wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Also, see the posters on the church notice boards'



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD - Dates for this year's Days of Reflection at Douai Abbey are: **7th, 20th, 21st and 27th October**. For now, save your preferred date as more information will be available next weekend on how to book your place.



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA
Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, 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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