

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

RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS

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It is interesting that Jesus does not engage in questions about divorce. When is it possible? What are good reasons to do it? How should property be divided? For Jesus, divorce is a symptom of human immaturity. It is a 'breakdown' in relationship. Friends are lost, communion is lost. The One who came to restore creation wants it otherwise.

When people choose to separate, they tend to focus on the surface of things, to break connection and become detached. Spiritually mature people work to build community and have a huge impact on the world of breakdown and separation. As Martin Buber said, "The seat of the soul is where the inner world and the outer world meet. Where they overlap, it is in every point of the overlap". (The Sphere of the In-Between)

For Jesus, marriage is the most beautiful symbol of this overlap. Two are not two, but One. The cause of this joining, and it's destiny, is the love of loves that is drawn from the wellspring of Gods heart. Divorce is the culmination of an inability to do this. Individuals break and then break away from each other. This is also a breaking away of the surface from the depths. This happens because their hearts have been broken or hardened. A person who is turned in on their self cannot melt, flow and merge. Jesus, the second Adam,(1 Cor 15) wants all life to be healed and permeated by the truth of communion, the truth of 'the Garden'. This presents a huge challenge for His disciples and for the community of disciples - the church. How do we become relational artists? How do we nurture the physical, social, moral, psychological and spiritual maturity of a person which makes them ready for this depth of living?

I recently came across this poem. It is not about marriage but about a lost relationship. I thought it was beautiful and I hope you do too. It is written by a father who gave his son up for adoption because he was unable to look after him. It is called,

**THINGS NOT SAID**

Things not said, advice not given, envelopes unstamped, regrets enveloping me.  
Is it easier there? I wonder. I ponder. I guess yes. I guess - yes.  
Do you think of me as I do of you my son, my son, my son.

The things you'll do, I'll never know  
The pain, the secrets.  
Oh, to be given a chance, a start, the restart, the fresh start.

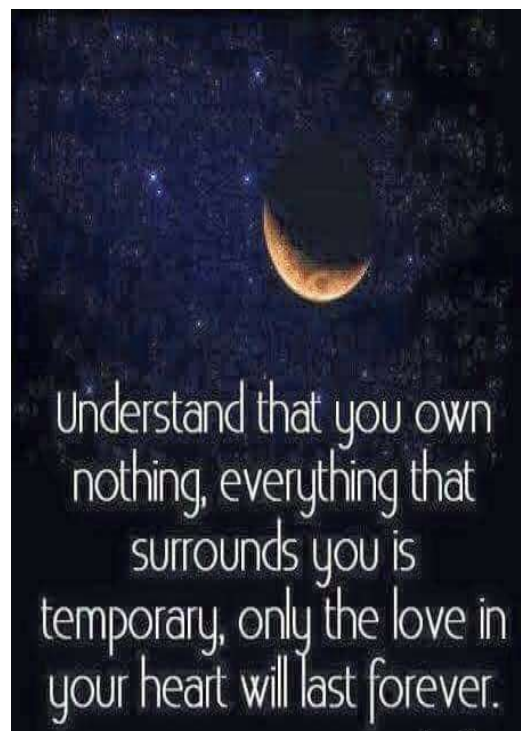
Will love come for you as it did for me? Find you, wreck you, save you, change you?  
And if life breaks for you, the way that it would not break for me,  
If love hunts you, finds you, captures you,  
Will you hold it tight, nurture it, protect it.  
I hope you will. I hope you can.

This fathers advice is not required. It has no call.  
So instead I'll share some from another.  
It is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all.

And now an addendum to my earlier advice.  
If I am so lucky as to still have your ear.  
I love you.  
I lost you.  
And I advised you, 'Twas better than to never having loved at all.

But now with more years  
With more time and more perspective  
I see things in a slightly new way.

So here my good son is a fathers advice  
Updated and recalled.  
It is better to have loved and lost - surely!  
But .....  
try not to lose it at all.



## **TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

|           |                  |                              |      |                           |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm                       | Mass | Bruna D'Souza, RIP        |
| Sunday    | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am                       | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
|           |                  | 10.30am                      | Mass | Camba Family Thanksgiving |
| Monday    | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>               |      |                           |
| Tuesday   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>               |      |                           |
| Wednesday | 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b>               |      |                           |
| Thursday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b>               |      |                           |
| Friday    | 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass or Exposition</b> |      |                           |
| Saturday  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b>               |      |                           |

### **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Eddie McGrath, RIP                |
| Sunday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Catherine Considine, RIP & Family |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions                 |

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ALTERNATIVE WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING MASSES & CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA:

Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE: Masses: Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am, Confessions: Saturday after morning Mass and Saturday at 6pm before evening Mass

St Francis of Assisi, Ascot, SL5 9HG: Masses: Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am,
Confessions: After Saturday 10.00am Mass

Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS: Wednesday and Friday 9.30am, Confessions: After Friday Mass

Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, RG45 6JG: Monday & Thursday 9.30am, Saturday 10.00am, Confessions: after Saturday morning Mass.

Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE, Office Hours: Monday – Friday
9.30am-2.30pm

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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 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

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



FR DANNY – RETREAT & VACATION – Fr Danny will be on Retreat for the first two weeks of October and then on a much needed vacation. **Fr Kevin Jones** will be celebrating all the weekend Masses during October, except for weekend **13th and 14th October** when **Fr John Kenrick** will be celebrating all Masses and making an appeal for the St Martin's Missions (Dominicans) for their work in the world. Please give Fr Kevin and Fr John your warmest welcome. There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses, Communion Services or Confessions during this time, please refer to "Times of Masses and Mass Intentions on page 4 of the newsletter for alternative weekday and Saturday masses & confessions in the pastoral area.

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 – OCTOBER: 9th Blessed John Henry Newman; 10th St Paulinus of York; 11th St John XXIII; 13th St Edward the Confessor; 15th St Teresa of Avila; 16th St Hedwig; 17th St Ignatius of Antioch; 18th St Luke; 19th Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions; 22nd St John Paul II; 23rd St John of Capestrano; 24th St Anthony Claret; 26th Ss Chad & Cedd;



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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 2nd & 4th Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm. 8th October at 75 Qualitas

BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am in the hall during term time.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.

ALPHA – Every Tuesday 7pm – 8.45pm at Brown Bag, High Street, Bracknell until 4 December. Sign-up online at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha

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.

SOUP & ROLL –Closed until 26 October 2018



MASS OFFERINGS: £1816.46. **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 OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER: 13th/14th St Martin's Missions Appeal (Dominicans); 20th/21st Foreign Missions



CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 5 October 2018 - Family Fast Day CAFOD Thank you for listening to the CAFOD talks last weekend. We hope you took the message to eat simply this week and will donate whatever you've saved towards the Harvest campaign supporting people in East Africa to get clean water so that they don't have to worry about getting ill. You can donate via: envelope given this weekend and returned on weekend 13/14th October, online Cafod.org.uk/harvest. By phone and credit card on 0300 100 0089



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, 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 Jastrzelski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Gerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY: 6 October PENELOPE CAROLINE JENNIFER JASPER-ROGERS, 13 October ETHAN MICHAEL RODRICKS, please pray for Penelope and Ethan who are being given to God through baptism and their families that they will be surrounded by God's love.

IGNITE - Aged 10 to 12? Check out our new youth group **'IGNITE!'** starting on **Friday 2 November**, details to be announced.



ABLAZE - Aged 13 or over? Get yourself down to our new youth group **'ABLAZE!'** for **Yr9+**, **NEXT MEETING** after half term on **Friday 2 November**, details to be announced.

"ROSARY UNDER THE CROSS: On **Sunday 7 October 2018**, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, at 3 p.m. We shall say the five Sorrowful Mysteries and an Act of Reparation for the sins of the Church and of our country. This is in solidarity with the USA's Coast to Coast Rosary. See https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/?message_id=f5161101-87d6-48fa-8800-0d60901a7fd8 "



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD DAYS OF REFLECTION taking place on **20, 21 and 27 October** at Douai Abbey. Register your place online at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/douai or contact the parish office.



CLOTHES BANK - Clothes Bank Giveaway, held every quarter in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, is on **Wednesday 10 October**. The ClothesBank need donations of **good quality** used clothes for adults (men and women) and children of all ages and children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks, for example, must be new. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container in St Joseph's Church porch at all weekend Masses, **6th/7th October**, but please not before that weekend. Help needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Monday 8th October**, from 9.30am and setting up at St Joseph's on **10 October** from around 9.15am ready for the Giveaway to start at 10.15am, finishing at 1pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you and your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office to receive a ClothesBank voucher.



QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 13 October 2018 commencing at 7:30pm. Bar open from 7pm. Tickets £3 each. The last Quiz Night we held was very well attended and great fun so get there early to claim your seats!



DAY FOR ADULTS ASSISTING WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM AND 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. Reflection on the mission, charisms, role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch provided. Sign up : <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874.



CALL FOR NIGHTSHELTER SUPPORT 2018/2019 - As of Sunday 2 December 2018, the parish community of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow again be inviting anyone who is homeless to come and share a meal, sleep in the warmth and security of our hall and enjoy a hot morning breakfast, every Sunday night and Monday morning. The Night Shelter will, once again, be run by seven local churches and continue until the end of March 2019.

BUT - we can't support the most vulnerable in our community without your help. We rely totally on our group volunteers to help run our three Night Shelter shifts: hosting the **evening meal** (6:30pm to 10pm); **watching over our guests as they sleep** (10pm to 6am) and providing them with a **cooked breakfast** (6:30am to 8:30am). Volunteers are desperately needed for either the night or morning shifts, we don't want to ask too much of our volunteers and only ask you to do one shift every three weeks. A full briefing and training will be given so you feel confident and can enjoy your time at the Night Shelter.

CALL FOR COOKS! – If you are unable to be a shift volunteer but want to help the homeless, you can help by preparing some or all of the evening meal we provide. This can be done in your own kitchen and brought to the hall around 6.00pm Sunday evenings. We need hearty, warming food, eg, roasts, casseroles, lasagne, sausages and mash – any family favourites – usually for 15 – 20 people. Church pots available and reimbursement for ingredient costs. You will only be asked to cook once or twice for the entire four months of the Night Shelter.

So, please think seriously about helping with this great social justice initiative, if you'd like more information please send an email to justiceandpeace@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or contact the Parish Office.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Register directly with Marion McGuire email: safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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

CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS REFRESHER TRAINING on **Saturday 3 November 2018**, 2pm-4pm in St. Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall, Bracknell.

SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvooy, 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