

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

BUT IF SALT BECOMES TASTELESS

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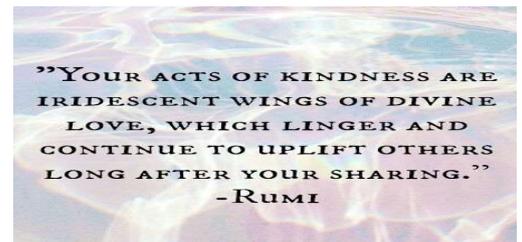
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Salt is a symbol of the highest value. It is a treasure of incalculable worth, so excellent that, if its flavour is lost, nothing higher can restore it. In the Gospel, 'Salt' is the symbol for the works of Peace. Jesus final exhortation for those who desire to be great is, 'Have salt in yourself and be at peace with one another'. (v.50)

Jesus, the Teacher, has told His disciples that their desire to be 'great' will sabotage the work of the Kingdom. But they have not understood, or integrated, this teaching. In their defence, this is not an easy thing to do. Now they are reacting to an exorcist who does not belong to their inner circle. He is immediately seen as a threat. They guard their turf against anyone who might steal their sense of self-importance. They are so competitive, they do not even see the ones who have been liberated. The fact that a sister, or a brother, has been freed does not enter their minds. They have become, in their own minds, a tight knit power group. When good is being done, and they do not benefit, they want to stop it.

The fact that they 'tried' to stop it may indicate that they failed. Now they want Jesus to intervene. But Jesus, as usual, has a different vision of what is happening. His heart is set first on the coming of the Kingdom. Anyone who is helping that happen is a welcome guest. They are part of the family because they are doing the Fathers will. He urges His disciples to be more generous. All are for them, unless they prove otherwise. Until people exhibit hostility and hold values that go counter to the new humanity, they should be welcomed as allies. Disciples must not exclude anyone.

'Servants of the Kingdom' includes those who offer welcome, hospitality and who perform small acts of kindness. They should not be overlooked. Those who want to "Lord it" over others sabotage the Kingdom and might make those who do the little things question if what they do has any value. For Jesus, the little ones will not lose their reward. Their welcome, their hospitality, their kindness stand shoulder to shoulder with the great acts of teaching, preaching and exorcising.



The best way for disciples to avoid causing hurt or scandal is to eliminate the causes in themselves. The drive to be great, to save our self, to have power over others or to harm others in order to save ourselves are the ways of the world. They are second nature. They are like a hand, an eye or a foot. If disciples choose to serve, to losing their lives for the sake of the Kingdom, being least of all and servant of all and not harming others, there must be clarity about what is at stake and a commitment to whatever surgery is needed to remain faithful. When disciples amputate from their hearts whatever is preventing them from entering life, the fire of damnation becomes a purifying fire. The emphasis here is clearly on what is kept and not on what is lost.

The desire to be great is in us all. We weigh everything, and probably everyone, in terms of whether they promote or diminish us. The craving to be promoted and not diminished might drive and steer the course of our day to day lives! We see examples of this all around us. Hierarchies are everywhere and become the benchmark of how we are doing. So how can Jesus command us to make ourselves last of all? He can't. He has to add one last piece to the jigsaw if disciples are not to become resenting servants. Disciples must come to understand why Service is the only true greatness.

Sam Keen (*To a Dancing God* [New York: Harper & Row, 1970]17), was asking the question, 'What can I do to give my life meaning, dignity, density?' In response he wrote, "The answer came suddenly jumping up and down in my mind with the force of an obvious fact long denied. I woke one night in Manhattan with the words, 'Nothing, Nothing,' on my lips. As I started to laugh at the comedy of my seriousness, my vertigo began to subside. I saw that I had been obsessed with the wrong question. In the face of uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, no human act or project could render existence meaningful or secure ... Either dignity and meaningfulness come with the territory or they must forever be absent. Sanctity is given with being. It is not earned".

This is so true! And Jesus with absolute clarity teaches this. He asks us to imagine the worst possible thing that could happen to us. Then adds that it doesn't come close to the horror of extinguishing the light of love in another person's heart. The stakes are indeed very high. Very high indeed!

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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

|          |                  |                |      |                                 |
|----------|------------------|----------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Wemmy J Carabuena, Thanksgiving |
| Sunday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Parish Intentions               |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | John and Betty Hurl, RIP        |
| Monday   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                 |

### THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

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|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>1.15pm</b>  | <b>REQUIEM MASS - Barbara Simpson, RIP</b> |
| Wednesday      | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                            |

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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| Thursday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b>               |
| Friday   | 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass or Exposition</b> |
| Saturday | 6 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b>               |

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

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

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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
Telephone: 01344 425729 **Email:** stj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Please make cheques payable to (full name): "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph"

Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy

Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): Elizabeth Fisher

Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab

Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read,

Safeguarding email: safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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.

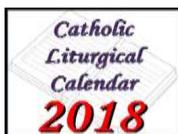


THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (the SVP) - Provides practical help and support whenever possible for those who need it. Are you lonely or in need of help of any kind or know someone who is? If so, please contact the SVP on 07731862349 to arrange a visit. All calls are completely confidential.

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: 1st St Teresa of the Child Jesus; 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels; 4th St Francis of Assisi; 6th St Bruno; 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;

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

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.

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 – Every Friday after Mass during term time in the hall.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY – Every 3rd Saturday 2pm in the hall.



MASS OFFERINGS: £1805.55. 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: 5th CAFOD Family Fast Day; 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 invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Our CAFOD Team will be presenting during the Homily at all Masses this weekend. Many thanks for your generous support.



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 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.....



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY: 29 September, Magdalena Sylvia Miranda, 6 October PENELOPE CAROLINE JENNIFER JASPER-ROGERS, please pray for Vinnie Penelope who are being given to God through baptism and their families that they will be surrounded by God's love.



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 to 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

IGNITE - Aged 10 to 12? Check out our new youth group '**IGNITE!**' starting on **Friday 5 October**, 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Parish website for Registration: youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org



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 **7, 20, 21 and 27 October** at Douai Abbey. Register your place online at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/douai or contact the parish office.



CLOTHES BANK - The 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, need to be new. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at St Joseph's Church 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 with 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 WHO HELP 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. 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.
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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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.

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 THE ABOVE TRAINING, 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

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING on Saturday 20 October 2018, 10.30am – 1pm in St. Joseph & St. Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall, Bracknell. **Register directly with Marion McGuire email: safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org**

CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS REFRESHER TRAINING on Saturday 3 November 2018, 2pm-4pm in St. Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall, Bracknell. **Register directly with Marion McGuire email: safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org**

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