

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

GETTING IT RIGHT

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PARISH PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION: Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have given us, through your Son Jesus, the mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve you. We entrust our parish family to the care of St. Joseph, St. Margaret Clitherow, with Mary our Mother. We ask for their intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel. Amen.

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Spiritual Parables sometimes present the 'rich' person as a hero of justice, sometimes as a miserly villain. Today's Parable from the Beloved Son of God has mighty imagery. The extravagance of the rich man is played off against the utter destitution of the poor man. The rich man is not a miser. His problem is that he is numb to the presence of the poor and inattentive to their needs. While Lazarus starves, he has Sunday lunch seven days a week. Where Lazarus is covered in sores, the rich man is covered in the finest threads. Lazarus lies at his door and it is a door that never opens. The rich man needs to become more sensitive to the poverty and suffering in front of his eyes.

Death brings a reversal. The rich man is given a proper burial while beggars rarely are. But instead of saying that the body of Lazarus was devoured by beasts, the story has angels carry him to the bosom of Abraham. Now Abraham was a rich man of the first kind - generous, heroic and a master of the art of hospitality. No poor person would ever have lain unnoticed and unattended at his door. His door was open and the poor would have been clothed and sat at his table.

In some teaching stories, when the rich man finds himself in hell he sees the error of his ways and asks for a second chance. But this story does not go in that direction. The rich man is not interested in repentance or second chances. When he asks 'Father' Abraham for help, he is told that the real children of Abraham are those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and create for the lonely a home, a community where they belong. The rich man will not get the hearing he wants. Notice too how he can now see Lazarus very clearly and that he calls on him for help! Abraham's reply gives no explanation for the reversed situation but he empties the rich man of his last vestige of hope by pointing to the uncrossable gulf that makes help impossible. The time before death is the time for repentance. The message of the story is clear. Don't waste your precious time: repent NOW!


The rich man's torment cannot be relieved but he might be able to save those he loves from the same fate. But his request to send a resuscitated Lazarus to warn them, only galvanises the storyteller to drive his point home all the harder. The way of change is not to fear the future but to listen and act on the prophets call for justice now. The rich man is not convinced. People will change if they see something spectacular, like say, a resurrection. Abraham is now the one who is not convinced. Moses and the Prophets are the key to understanding the life, death and resurrection of the Beloved Son of God. They don't need something more. They must attend to what they already have. The story ends by stating clearly that the rich man's fate was sealed when he refused to listen to Moses and the Prophets. They were absolutely clear that caring for the poor of the earth is the only show in town. But the rich man misunderstood his wealth and saw it as an advantage over the poor. When he did this, he put himself at odds with God's purposes.

This story, although it unfolds and is told in the afterlife, is not intended by Jesus to scare his hearers, or to try and paint a picture of life beyond the grave. The real target of the story are the assumptions and attitudes of people living here and now on planet earth. Vivid stories about heaven and hell are told to make clear the truths that may be obscured in the murky dealings of the world. The way the world works is not the way God works. The class systems and social arrangements of the world are not sanctioned by eternity. Any theology that sees wealth as a blessing from God and poverty and sickness as a divine curse is mistaken. And if this theology is used to keep the gap between the rich and the poor as wide as possible it is insidious. The Beloved Son of God teaches His disciples to rearrange the wealth of the earth in such a way that all people share in them. Abraham thinks the rich man should have known this all along - and he is right. There is no excuse for his appalling behaviour. Something more is not needed. There is enough already.

The directive to bridge the gap between rich and poor is clear; but how we should do it isn't always so clear. Change can only come from those who have heard the Parable and ask themselves, how, in this situation change can be created. Every disciple has to know how to translate spiritual truth into social fact. On one side of the door, the rich Feast, on the other side of the door, the poor starve. Who holds the Key? The answer is to be found in the universal truth that doors can only be opened from the inside.



# DID YOU KNOW...?

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email the item text you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We will visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you, a relative or friend who lives in our parish would like a home visit or to meet for a chat please email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care) or 07376 790 256 (Bereavement Support).



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

**PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org) drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners.**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER:** 30<sup>th</sup> St Jerome. **OCTOBER :** 1<sup>st</sup> St Theresa of the Child Jesus; 2<sup>nd</sup> The Holy Guardian Angels; 4<sup>th</sup> St Francis of Assisi; 7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary; 9<sup>th</sup> Blessed John Henry Newman; 15<sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Avila; 17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch; 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke; 28<sup>th</sup> Ss Simon & Jude; 30<sup>th</sup> Blessed Winchester Martyrs.

**CHURCH SHOP NEWS:** 2020 Diaries and Calendars now available to purchase in the Church Shop.

**FLASH SALE** of many shop items including cards, books, medals to take place in the hall after Masses on **Sunday 6 October 2019**

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1753.32**

**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER: CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4 October; 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Foreign Missions**

**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 all forms to the parish office.

**THANK YOU**  
SO VERY MUCH

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm. Please contact the parish office for venue details.

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am during term time in the hall.

**KEEP FIT** – Tuesdays 2pm in the hall.

**PRAYER GROUPS** – Hall Evening : 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am  
**Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**



**BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES:** Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

**Mondays 10am – 12pm:** St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP **AND** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

**Tuesdays 10am – 12pm:** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** Every last Friday in the month at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall.  
**Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.**  
**Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

**TEAS & COFFEES** – After all weekend Masses

**OFS – Saturday 16 November 2019** at 2pm-4pm in the hall.

**Wednesdays 2.15pm: 4.15pm:** Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

**Thursdays 10am – 12pm:** Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-In Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

**Fridays 10am – 12pm:** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

**Visit Berkshire Credit Union at <https://www.cslberks.org.uk>**

## SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy**, 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 Simon Thomson**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM.

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, 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 King, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Sally Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacquie Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Pauline McShane, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann.

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



Our "RCIA COME AND SEE" EVENING is almost here! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of seeking out, encouraging and walking with those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you have never been baptised; if you have been baptised but are interested in learning about the Catholic faith; if you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church and would like to get re-acquainted; if you are Catholic and want to learn more about the church and mature in your faith: everyone is invited. So, if you want to learn more about the Catholic faith, (or know someone who does), join us on **Thursday 3 October 2019** from **7:30pm-9pm** in the hall. ISpeak to Mary McNab for more information or email [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** : Can you help us save the planet and save money? We can email to you every **FRIDAY** the parish weekly newsletter which you can review anytime. Just send your email address to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and we will add your email address to the newsletter confidential group email list. We will reduce the number of newsletters printed every week, saving money on paper, toner and reduce the recycling for us all. A nominal quantity of newsletters will be placed in the porch only for parishioners who do not have an email address, new parishioners and guests to our parish.



**SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS** – Please bring any forms to the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday. You must be present in front of Fr Danny for the form to be signed. Please complete your form(s) with HONESTY. Forms posted through the letterbox or just left in the Sacristy will not be signed until you are present in front of Fr Danny.



**ABLAZE! & IGNITE! Joint Social Event - Gravity Force - Friday 4 October 2019.** Please return your consent forms by 29 September 2019 to secure your place.  
**YOUTH ALPHA TRAINING** – Young Leaders Assemble! 11 October 7pm-9pm – Church Hall. This is for anyone who has already completed Youth Alpha and would like to help out at the next one starting in the New Year!  
**New to either of our youth groups?** Make some new friends and have some fun! Register on our Parish website and come along. We look forward to welcoming you! Please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) for more information.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY** – Thanks to all the parents who attended the meetings last weekend to find out more about the 2020 First Holy Communion Journey. If you were unable to attend one of the meetings please email [catechesis@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:catechesis@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) Please note that the closing date for application forms to be returned is **Sunday 27 October 2019**.



**Celebrate Family Fast Day this Harvest with your family, friends and parish.**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 4 October 2019** : No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, **CAFOD** invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On **Family Fast Day**, **CAFOD** invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously or you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday)

**CAFOD HARVEST SOUPER SUNDAY** - Following the success of this event in Lent on **Sunday 6 October** we are holding another **Souper Sunday** along with the collection of **CAFOD** envelopes for Harvest Fast Day. Join us for a simple meal to support **CAFOD** and show solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the world who regularly have very little to eat. Soup will be served in the hall after 10am mass. This was so popular at Lent Fast day we ran out of soup!! So this time we'll be serving 4 choices of soup and two servings one directly after 10:30 am mass and another at 12:30. Bring your **CAFOD** envelope with your donation or just give a donation on the day. It will be **Souper** to see you there and a chance to socialise with others in the Parish.



**DEMENTIA FORUM** – If you'd like to hear about how Carers are supported in Bracknell Forest, come along to our Dementia Forum and hear from Bracknell Forest Council, Bracknell Memory Clinic and supporting organisations. The forum is open to anyone. A free lunch is provided. Date: Friday 1 November 2019 11:30am-2:30pm Easthampstead Baptist Church, Bracknell, RG12 7NS Contact Karen White on 01344 823220 to book your place.(Book early as places are limited!)



**CLOTHES BANK** - The next Clothes Bank Giveaway, held every quarter in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be on **Wednesday 9th October**. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of **new children's pyjamas, underwear and socks and good quality used clothes for children** of all ages and **children's trainers**, especially sizes 10 – 2. Please contact St Mark's Binfield direct to arrange drop off of donations. Help will be needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on Mon 7th October, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on Wed 9th October from around 9.15am ready for the Giveaway to start at 10.15am, finishing at 1pm. If you would like to donate or volunteer on either of those days please contact **Giselle** on **07724 889169**. **PLEASE NOTE: If you and/or your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office to receive a ClothesBank voucher.** Thank you.

**CAMBERLEY PRAYER GROUP** are holding a workshop on Healing and Prophecy afternoon of **Saturday 26 October** at St. Peter and St. John Church, Camberley. The workshop will be prior to the 5.30 p.m. vigil mass, and a healing service will follow the mass. To register an interest email David Connelly by **28 September**, at [d.a.connelly999@gmail.com](mailto:d.a.connelly999@gmail.com)



**BRACKNELL FOREST STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) REPRESENTATIVE**

A second Catholic Representative is needed for the Bracknell Forest SACRE team. If you are interested in young people and their education, are open to sharing your faith with others, are interested in what others believe and could act as a bridge between the church and the schools in your area, please speak to Fr. Danny or contact the parish office.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE** To book call 023 92 836511/ 023 92 816396 or email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CHILD PROTECTION & VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENES:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September Child Protection 10.00am – 12.30pm and Vulnerable Adult 1.30pm – 4.00pm at St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT (Maureen Wiltshire)

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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

|           |                  |                |      |                     |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|---------------------|
| Saturday  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Madge Sawyer, RIP   |
| Sunday    | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Miguela Alcala, RIP |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Leela George, RIP   |
| Monday    | 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                     |
| Tuesday   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                     |
| Wednesday | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                     |
| Thursday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                     |
| Friday    | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                     |
| Saturday  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am        | Mass |                     |

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

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Abdon Arriba RIP               |
| Sunday   | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | The Campion Family             |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Deceased Relatives and Friends |



*Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer*

*Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help*

*10.15 am Mother's Prayers*

*Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary*

*Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment*

**THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR "REQUIEM MASS AND "NO MASS"**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

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