

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**  
**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**  
***HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL***

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When we are in an empty room, it is easy to convince ourselves that we are a loving person. But when that room begins to fill with other people, we may have to humbly admit that we are not as loving as we thought we were! Worst still, when we listen to the teaching of Jesus, it begins to dawn on us that He is not talking about 'A Hollywood Romance'. The Love which Jesus delivers with such Passion is the Love which supports us to 'lay down our life' for friends and our enemies.

In the meantime, Jesus teaches and gives a wonderful example of the need for us to be committed to the work of reconciliation. Relationships in families, in the workplace, in schools, in neighbourhoods, in parishes and in our nation are fragile. They can and they do break easily. The moral imperative to keep working for Peace comes with a menu. Follow the suggested steps and it just might be possible to put Humpty Dumpty together again.

Step One: seek a meeting with the person who has wounded you. If the relationship is restored, no need to go the step two. If not, Step Two: invite witnesses, who have a history of being able to mend broken things, to help sort out the truth of what really happened. If this doesn't work go to Step 3: bring in more people to support the search for truth and reconciliation. If this does not work, move to Step Four: where the offender is seen as someone who needs missionary work in order to become a full member of the community once more.



The Teacher reminds the disciples that they are the mediators between earth and heaven. They are not to model their behaviour on those who exclude and alienate others. What we let go of and what we bind to ourselves is dictated by our allegiance to heaven. It is our spiritual identity which informs our actions. Heavens' agenda insists that the new humanity not only has the freedom and the strength to find new ways to make peace, but the power to make heaven come to earth. This happens when those who gather, in twos', or threes', tens or hundreds, gather around more than what has hurt them. When we gather in the name of Jesus, He is with and for all who are gathered. He is in the heart of all, breaking down the walls that separate and restoring the flow of the Love which loves all that exists.

We all need to learn how to work through conflict. We all need the courage to do it. When we are struggling to find our lion heart, the temptation is to hand the problem over to the 'higher ups'. When we are in the wrong, we need to have the ability to listen to what other people are telling us about ourselves. To listen without becoming overly defensive or overly protective of our need to be right all the time. Honest self-examination is worth much more than we know. Listening attentively protects us from rigid self-defence and from flippant apologies that are meaningless.

For Saint Matthew, reconciliation is a spiritual activity. Left to ourselves, hurt spirals beyond our control. But when we ask Jesus, in the power of the Spirit for help, we are creating a new art form. Human skill is woven by the spirit into a new tapestry.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Margaret Kettle, RIP
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Margaret Carey
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Christy Wallace, RIP

### ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Lucy and Becks
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### THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Feast

Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Those suffering the natural disasters of the world
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### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>School Mass – St Margaret Clitherow School</b>	<i>(all welcome)</i>
		11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Eileen O’Shaughnessy, RIP

### Ss CORNELIUS, Pope and CYPRIAN, Bishop

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	Private Intention
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### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Hermoine Bernadette Saloile, RIP
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Francis & Bridget Robinson
		10.30am	Mass	Michael Golden, RIP



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays**, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**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** – 13<sup>th</sup> St John Chrysostom; 14<sup>th</sup> Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Sorrows; 16<sup>th</sup> Ss Cornelius & Cyprian; 20<sup>th</sup> Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21<sup>st</sup> St Matthew; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Pio of Pietrelcina; 27<sup>th</sup> St Vincent de Paul; 29<sup>th</sup> Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael; 30<sup>th</sup> St Jerome.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Monday 11 September at 58 Qualitas, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. All are welcome.

**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: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm Hall. Day Group: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am Hall.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Commences Friday 22 September 2017.

**YOUTH GROUP** – Closed until further notice.



#### MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY:

Total amount £1,811.92. 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: 17<sup>TH</sup> Home Mission Sunday; 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Flavell., Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Win McDermott

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY** – Baby Sebastian James Benjamin Driscoll who is being baptised on **Sunday 10 September 2017** at 12 noon at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church. Please pray for Sebastian and his parents Danielle and James.



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



## 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 **21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September** and **5<sup>th</sup> October**. Counselling, using Talking Therapies, will be addressed by Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust 7pm to 9pm on **12<sup>th</sup> October**. On **19<sup>th</sup> October** Yendall Manor Treatment Centre will also look at addiction. The charity Shelter will review local homelessness on **25<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October – Salvation**  
**10<sup>th</sup> October – New Life**  
**17<sup>th</sup> October – Receiving the Gift**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October – Inviting Him into our Lives**  
**31<sup>st</sup> October – Growth**  
**7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Liebenroad Road, Reading RG30 2EB (Trainer – Jo Hopkins)

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017, Vulnerable Adults Training** – 1.30pm – 4.00pm; English Martyrs, 64 Liebenroad 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.



An Alzheimer's Society initiative

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk) Please let the parish office know if you are planning to attend the Induction Day.



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**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER** - This Harvest fast day we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support by giving whatever you can to other farmers, Fast Day envelopes will be available in the next few weeks. Many thanks.