

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**  
**FINDING OR LOSING OUR LIFE**  
**SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020**

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It looks like the suffering and death of Jesus will be the work of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Still, Jesus must go, must suffer, must be killed and must be raised from death. All Peter can hear is the first bit, so he takes Jesus aside to talk some sense into him. He wants God to forbid the suffering and death of Jesus. The Lord turns. The rock on which the New Humanity is to be built now looks like a stumbling block. Jesus speaks to Peter, taking back the role of leader that Peter has just stolen. Peter must submit. He must set aside ordinary thinking and reach for higher ground. To do this, Peter will have to deny himself and his desire to avoid suffering and loss at any cost. He must make space in his panic for what he cannot hear - Resurrection. Disciples are to take up the cross gladly. If they do this, it will be a path of transformation for others and the doorway to resurrection for themselves.



Jesus hopes they will have the wisdom to see that when they are following Him, what looks like loss is really gain. Nothing the world has to offer can come close to the Kingdom of Heaven. They cannot be traded. And, at the end of time, the Son of God will come and repay everyone in accordance with how they have responded to His offer of a new humanity. The whole scene - the Father's Glory, the Son of Man, the Angels, the gathering of all time and space - is an invitation to see how our small contribution has been well received. The end of history judges all history and the end of history belongs only to the Son of

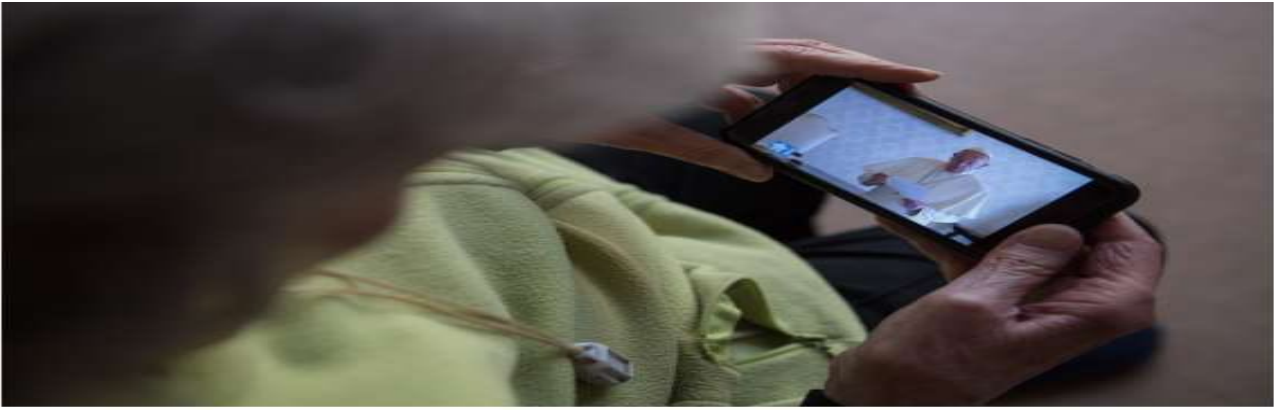
Man and the new humanity who follow Him.

It is a sad fact of life that those who stand up get knocked down. A police officer reports corruption in his team and is shunned for the rest of his working life. A woman reports accounting 'inaccuracies' in her office. She is thanked and made redundant a few weeks later. Criticism and cover up go hand in hand. And Jesus was a fierce critic of the hypocrisy of many so called religious leaders. They were taken up with their own importance, loving the trappings of their status rather than its substance. They loved money, elaborate robes, seats at the top table, ego massages in the town centre and being called teachers. They polished the outside of the cup. They kept people from the knowledge that would help them. They laid burdens on others and enjoyed watching them stumble and fall. Jesus saw the organisational abuse and he named it. When He did this he was not naive. He knows that those who have power over others, destroy those who question them.

Anyone who takes a stand knows that there will be reprisals. So why do people continue to criticise this kind of wrong doing? Some say, 'I just couldn't let it go on.' Others say, 'I couldn't live with myself if I kept quiet any longer.' But whatever the reason for the critique, it is because the right thing means so much for them. And in the Gospel, the deeper life of God depends on the voice of prophets. Every time the 'Cross' is taken up, a double revelation unfolds. God's Love is easier to see, as is the resistance of those who stand against it. The Cross is the symbol of the stand-off between divine Love and Human sin.

And Jesus must take you and me aside to explain to us why this is necessary. Given who God is and who we are, it cannot be any other way. And as Jesus talks to us about the need to take up our cross and follow Him, He must keep saying the word we cannot hear - the word that was lost in the sound of our hearts pounding and our feet running from suffering and death. The sacred word. The most sacred word of all. **Resurrection.**

## THE REVELATION OF LIVESTREAM HOLY MASS



One of the blessings we have received over these months of lockdown and confinement, has been the opportunity to continue to gather together, albeit virtually, to celebrate Holy Mass as a community of love. We have been able to throw open our doors to the world! We have enjoyed welcoming everyone, whether known to us or just 'visiting' and we have been able to reach those who find it difficult or impossible to get to Mass. It certainly continues to be an extraordinary time, but to know that so many of us have received reassurance and hope by participating in Holy Mass and being able to connect with others each week, is a source of great blessing.

However, it has not been without its technical difficulties, and we're still not quite there yet!

Back in March, we put the wheels in motion knowing that some work needed to be done first on improving our internet speed, before installing a permanent camera and livestream service. In the meantime, Mike kindly offered to set everything up to broadcast Sunday Mass using his iPhone and we went live for the first time on Facebook on 29 March. Little did he, or indeed any of us know, how long that 'temporary' arrangement would remain in place!

Over the last 5 months, we have experienced many unexpected setbacks and false dawns, but I am delighted to be able to say that the final piece of the puzzle – the installation of the camera system in the church – will finally be put in place on 14 September.

So, still a few more weeks to go but at last, the end of this particular 2020 challenge is in sight!

A final word of grateful thanks as always to Mike for his faithfulness each week, and to each one of you who has supported and encouraged us with such patience, kindness and love.

With prayers and blessings. God bless and stay safe.

Mary McNab 🙏

### 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, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Jenny Bashford, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy, Terry and Mary Brennan, Brenda Lynch, Amanda Killestein, Doreen Pryor, Sharon Bryan, Sarah Bryan, Fr John Chadwick Hannah Joan Byrne, Mary-Sol Faulkner.

*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.*

THE DREADFUL, LOCKDOWN 'SAME BUT DIFFERENT' SUMMER QUIZ - 2020

**ONE POUND** Per Page - All Proceeds Go To Muscular Dystrophy U.K.  
Win a Truly Tempting Token ! Send us your solutions by **10<sup>th</sup> September**.

All the cryptic clues have **ONE** answer and **ONE** spelling - but **SOUNDS** can differ !  
As ever, marks will be awarded for ingenuity - so don't worry if you leave a few gaps.  
If we have several winners our Judge will choose the 'Cleverest Clue'. (For No. 51.)

Examples:

Boat-Rage = Row. Iron A Newspaper = Press. Sway On A Stone = Rock.  
Sorrowful Conifer = Pine. Angry Vote ? = Cross.

GOOD LUCK !

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| 1 Carry A Teddy.....  | 2 Plant A Pig.....                     |
| 3 Underground Spy With A Spot.....                                | 4 Songbird Has Fun.....                |
| 5 Toy For A Bird ?.....   | 6 Bird Stretches To Lift Weights.....  |
| 7 Musical Fish.....   | 8 Musical Loop.....                    |
| 9 A Gift For You Today.....                                       | 10 Bend To Wrap Your Weapon.....       |
| 11 Conspire To Cultivate.....                                     | 12 Actors Fling A Plaster.....         |
| 13 Sail Together Speedily.....                                    | 14 Beat Drums On Inky Lines.....       |
| 15 Awful Puffing Underwear.....                                   | 16 Dead-Heat For Neckwear.....         |
| 17 Swiped A Silky Shawl.....                                      | 18 Jangle A Jewel.....                 |
| 19 Strong Drink For Ghosts.....                                   | 20 Leap Over A Crypt.....              |
| 21 Follow To Find A Fragment.....                                 | 22 Save On A Grassy Bend.....          |
| 23 Choke On A Joke.....   | 24 Jump On A Royal Portrait.....       |
| 25 A Record & A Reckoning.....                                    | 26 Swiftly Stuck & Starving.....       |
| 27 Heavy Guide-Line.....  | 28 Squeeze & State On A Train.....     |
| 29 Railway Dreamer.....   | 30 Jump Off In Flames.....             |
| 31 Feathery Slide.....  | 32 Trap A Swan With A Biro.....        |
| 33 Techno-Pills.....  | 34 Switchboard Shows Sympathy.....     |
| 35 Far-Off But Functioning.....                                   | 36 Forsaken Yet Frisky.....            |
| 37 Herbal Wisdom.....   | 38 Fragrant Flower Flew.....           |
| 39 Blonde Shares Entertainment.....                               | 40 Elegant Girl Gives Thanks.....      |
| 41 Indicate A Dot.....  | 42 Shrink, Succumb & Sign For It.....  |
| 43 Rips & Drips.....  | 44 Cash, Cage & Bash.....              |
| 45 Insect Invents Game.....                                       | 46 Nasty Insect Gets Answer Right..... |
| 47 Your Position Smells.....                                      | 48 I Own This Tunnel.....              |
| 49 On & On & On & On - Until There's Another Deep, Dark Hole..... |  |
| 50 Open The Door And Cast A Magic Spell.....                      |  |

AND FINALLY:

51 If 'CORONA' is the answer - What is the Question ?.....

NAME:.....

ADDRESS: .....

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

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>LIVE STREAMED MASS ONLY</b>	<i>Parish Intentions</i>
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Private Prayer or Mass – CHURCH CLOSED</b>		
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>John Baptist Robertson, RIP (Foundation)</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>Patsy Mason, RIP</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	

**ST GREGORY THE GREAT**

Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>Gregory James Arthur, RIP (Foundation)</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer and Exposition	
		7.30pm – 8.00pm	Mass	<i>Terri Landmann</i>
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 10.30am	Mass	<i>May-Marie Mair, RIP (Foundation)</i>
		11.00am – 12.00 noon	Private Prayer & Exposition	

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

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>LIVE STREAMED MASS ONLY</b>	<i>Parish Intentions</i>
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**THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR 30 MINUTES ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY MORNINGS AFTER MASS TO SANITISE THE CHURCH BEFORE RE-OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND EXPOSITION AT 11.00am. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS, THE DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AT THE START OF MASS.**

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**[DIRECT DEBIT, STANDING ORDER AND GIFT AID FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE \(drop down menu "Planned Giving"\)](#)**

**BANK DETAILS: Account Name: PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**

**Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account Number: 00875520**

**Bank: Lloyds Bank Plc, Palmerstone Road, Southsea**

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO (FULL NAME):**

**PRCDTR BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab**

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

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