

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ***THE EYE OF THE STORM***

Sunday 13 August 2023

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One of the most popular pieces of writing is a little thing called 'Footprints in the Sand'. It's a sentimental piece where God appears to carry us when the storm clouds gather and the wind is trying to bowl us over. It is a favourite of a particular kind of disciple. However ...

The disciple is not asked to say prayers but to become prayer. But the reality for many people is that they only ever 'say' prayers when they are in trouble, or their life is in danger or when they want something badly. Once the storm has passed and they feel lifted out of the raging sea, they are grateful and then drop God until the next crisis or need appears.

The real adventure of faith, as it is outlined in today's Gospel, is to be rooted in Gods Saving Presence with every breath that we take. Danger creates fear and fear is a prison cell which will not allow Gods presence. The boat, Matthew's great symbol for the Church, is in danger of sinking. The disciples (men of little faith still) become afraid and lose their rudder. But they are not just taking a walk on a dark country lane at night.

We are instead struggling for community in an age of holocaust. Struggling for an end to war and violence, struggling to make poverty, hunger and disease things of the past, struggling to uphold dignity and respect for all of creation, for lives that are pure with love, struggling for beauty and truth in art and education, in healthcare, education and in politics. Working for higher consciousness of the Sacred in our Midst. In Matthew's language, trying to bring heaven to earth!

As we reach for these things, we become afraid. Afraid for our lives, Afraid of Failure. We notice the winds of change are stronger than we thought. We imagine that the tsunami of violation, greed, injustice, and cruelty will make our own little efforts seems ridiculous.

But we might keep this on the breath of our prayer. Before the outstretched arm of Christ reaches out to hold us up, there is no better way to sink!



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Tuesday, 15th August Holy Day of Obligation**

The Assumption celebrates the great dogma of faith that the Blessed Mother was taken up into heaven body and soul at the end of her life on earth. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon that day.



### COMMUNITY SINGING AT OUR LOCAL CARE HOMES

We take the Love of Christ to these beautiful people through music. We meet at the Care Homes and together with the people we sing. Lyrics and percussion instruments are provided. Please email the parish office if you would like to get involved in this beautiful ministry:

[stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**FINALISED DATES/TIMES:** Please arrive 15 minutes early to set up. THANK YOU.

**Monday 14th August 2-3pm:** Liscombe House, Liscombe, Bracknell RG12 7AL.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2-3pm** Bracknell Care Home, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell RG12 7DN.

**Tuesday 5th September, 12-1pm:** Edmonds Court, Bracknell RG12 2HP.

**Wednesday 6th September, 2-3pm:** Clement House, Bracknell, RG12 2GU.

**Wednesday 13th September, 2-3pm:** Farningham House, Farningham, Winkfield Row, Bracknell RG12 0XR.

**Wednesday 20th September, 2-3pm:** Bracknell Care Home, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell RG12 7DN.



### CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTIONS

Current subscriptions expire on 31 August 2023. If you'd like to renew or take out a new subscription, please download the form from our website or pick up a form from the porch and return to the parish office. Please also remember to download or pick up a copy of the Car Park Rules. The new subscription period is from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, £50 per vehicle with Blue Badge Holders free of charge.

### LONDON MARCH FOR LIFE Saturday 2 September

See <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

SPUC will be running a coach from Reading. The cost is £25 per person, with discounts available for families and those that cannot afford it. There is a [booking site here](#), where you will also find more details, or you can email [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com)



Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE Monday 14 August

On the Vigil of the Assumption, the Good Counsel Network invite is to take part in a day of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and euthanasia.



## ONLINE MINI RETREAT Saturday 26 August 10am-1pm

hosted by "ADoRE" (Alton Day of Renewal) and includes Mass, Adoration, praise and worship, inspired teaching and prayer. The guest speaker is **Ros Powell**, a regular speaker for many years at major national Catholic conferences. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAUG2023](https://bit.ly/ADOREAUG2023)



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD

A range of support and low-cost activities are available in Bracknell Forest this summer to help parents and carers throughout the next six weeks. Find out more about what's on by visiting the council's website: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/news/2023/07/summer-holiday-activities-and-support-bracknell-forest>



**REMINDER PARISH BANK ACCOUNT** – In case you missed it, please note the change of name of our bank account to **CDP Bracknell St. Joseph**. There is no change in the sort code or account number and existing standing orders/DD's are not impacted by the change of name.

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

Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Blanche Shap, Ethna Sweeney, Mary King, Mary Phelan, Tony Andrews, Shaun Howard, Sally Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Audrey Lam, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy, Brenda Lynch, Amanda Killestein, Doreen Pryor, Sharon Bryan, Chantal Addley, Terry and Peggy McCullough, John Moir, Beryl Pilgrim, Charles Hose, Douglas & Bernadette Hunt, Clarita Kokou-Tchri, Margaret Finnieston, Louis Burgisser, Prim & Ian Maynard, Vivienne Halfpenny, Ann O'Sullivan, Lucia Saligo, Leonie Macintosh, Maureen Baxter, Ann D'Ambrosio, Edmund & Kate Carroll, Claire Hose, Arthur Hardy, Bernard O'Neill, Phyllis Lewis, Eddie & Flo Moore, Jerry & Susan Tobin, Janet Read, Ann Lynch, Bridget Riordan, Antonina Lisanti.



*To add or remove a name to this list with consent, please contact the Parish Office.*

If you or your relative is housebound, or because of illness cannot come to Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, call the parish office 01344 425729.

or email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Daniel McAvoy **Deacon:** Rev. Aidan Lynch

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**Website:** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org>

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mass	Veronika Jastrzebski
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
	10:30am	Mass	Allan James RIP
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS – OFFICE CLOSED		
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity			
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mass	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass	Justin Grattan RIP
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mass	John O’Sullivan RIP
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12 noon	Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS		
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mass	Christopher Browne RIP
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Mass	
	10:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/watch-live>

New to our parish or not yet registered? <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-registration>



**07394 440 938**

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Are you lonely? Are you shielding? Are you ill and in need of prayer and/or support? Perhaps you have not had contact with the Catholic Church for a while. Whatever the reason, please get in touch for a chat.



**07852 497 218 / 07851 200 987**

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Are you in the land of loss & would appreciate a chat with someone in our group? If so, do not hesitate to get in touch.



Call **IN CONFIDENCE**  
**07731 862 349**

If you need help, particularly, as a result of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the local Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) may be able to provide some assistance.

**DONATIONS TO PARISH FUNDS** Online, Bank Transfer, DD, <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/planned-giving>

**BANK DETAILS:** Account Name: CDP Bracknell St Joseph Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account Number: 00875520

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: **CDP BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH**

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