

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEW HEARTS, NEW MINDS, NEW SHOES

Sunday 1 October 2023

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People in authority and people with power spend a lot of time checking for erosion. So, in today's Gospel, the leaders and elders are less interested in what Jesus is doing, and more interested in who authorised it, especially if it wasn't them! Remember the time Jesus healed the man with the withered arm. They could have said, "Nice Arm!" But they couldn't see the arm. If all you have is a hammer, all you can see is a nail.

They are, of course, looking to set a trap. If Jesus says he acts on Divine Authority, then God help him because that is their area of expertise. So, He resets their trap and springs it on them. Now watch them squirm. And they squirm so much they get all tangled up to the point where all they can say is that they don't know. Not a great answer from those who claim to speak for God.

Jesus, like John, wants Metanoia, a new mind. By profession the priests and elders are expected to be close to God. By profession, tax collectors and prostitutes are expected to be far from God. The only difference being that when the latter heard the call to change, they changed. New Mind, New Heart, New Shoes.



From the Sufi Wisdom stories:

Once upon a time, there was a court case against Mulla Nasruddin. The judge asked him, "How old are you Nasruddin?" And he answered, "Of course, you know and everybody knows I am forty years old." The judge was surprised. "But five years ago, you were also in this court. When I asked you then how old you were you said forty. How is this possible? After five years you are still forty?" Nasruddin said, "I am a consistent man, sir. Once I say I am forty, I will remain forty. I'm not going to keep changing my mind about that."

Loyalty to the mind is useless. Holding the same position despite the evidence carries a very high price tag. The Sufis say the mind is a good servant but a poor Master. Clinging to what we 'think' robs us of the ability to tune into the deeper rhythms of our hearts. The religious leaders could not listen to Jesus because their minds were already made up.

I wonder if the same dilemma still plagues us today?



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Neil Worsford RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, 111 Portsmouth Road, Frimley, GU16 7AA, on Monday 2 October at 11am.

**MAY HIS SOUL AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

Use this QR code to donate or give online at
<https://www.cafod.org.uk> or baskets will be available after
Masses this weekend.



PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL

Year R: 6 spaces, Year 1: 2 spaces, Year 2: - 4 spaces, Year 3: 3 spaces.

Contact the school office on 01344 424030 for more information.

THE LETTER - To conclude the 'Season of Creation', the LiveSimply team, UCM and Wokingham Catenians, invite you to a special showing of 'The Letter,' a captivating film that takes us on a journey to Rome, where front-line environmental campaigners discuss 'Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. Witness an exclusive dialogue with the Pope that unveils his personal history and untold stories. No tickets required, simply join us in the Keenan Rooms (60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, RG40 2HE). 5 October, 19:30.



SEASON OF CREATION



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

If you are already registered in the parish and attending Mass regularly, and would like your child to start preparation for First Holy Communion, please follow this link to register their name and details:

<https://stjosephandstmargaretclitherow.churchsuite.com/forms/7x6uzgom>

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING: Friday 20 October 2023.

FANCY A CUPPA AND A CHAT?

Every Tuesday in
the hall from 2pm.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

ZOOM MEETINGS Every 1st and 3rd

Tuesday 7:30pm-8:30pm. Email

stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for the link.



DATES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS TERM

8:30am Mass

1 Oct, 15 Oct, 29 Oct, 12 Nov, 26 Nov, 10 Dec.

10:30am Mass

1 Oct (we are hoping to get more volunteers for this Mass so that we can offer Children's Liturgy more frequently).



In case you missed it...

DIOCESAN FINAL TEN-YEAR MISSION PLAN

You Will Be My Witnesses Download your copy here:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/you-will-be-my-witnesses/>



LITURGICAL FORMATION FOR READERS

*Beginning on **Wednesday 4th October**, the Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team is pleased to host a series of formation sessions for readers, and anyone interested, during October and November...*

Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures 4th October 2023 (7:00 – 8:00 pm)

Fr Jeremy Corley will introduce us to the importance of knowing the living Word of God, by explaining what the scriptures are, where they are from, and the ultimate purpose of them. [Click here to Register](#) or email afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Liturgy - The theology of the Liturgy of the Word 11th October 2023 (7:00 – 8:00 pm)

Fr Anthony Fyk will reflect upon the importance of the Word of God in the context of liturgical celebrations, by looking at the theological structure of the Liturgy of the Word considering the readings, the psalms, the acclamation, the Gospel, the homily, the creed, and the intercessions. [Click here to Register](#) or email afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Youth Readers and Liturgy for Children 18th October 2023 (7:00 – 8:00 pm)

Dorinda Bray will introduce us with some tips on engaging and training youth readers, and also provide advice on liturgies directed towards children. [Click here to Register](#) or email afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

How to proclaim the Word of God in church 25th October 2023 (7:00 – 8:00 pm)

Paul Inwood will introduce us to the topic of the Art of Celebrating the Liturgy of Word, reflecting on the notion of proclamation, the importance of observing silence, participation of all the faithful, and other words and gestures around the celebration of the Word. [Click here to Register](#) or email afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Introduction to Lectio Divina - 1st November 2023 (7:00 – 8:00 pm)

Fr Tom Kleinschmidt will introduce us to this practice to aid in a more effective manner of proclaiming the Word of God in the liturgical assembly. [Click here to Register](#) or email afyk@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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, Ursula Docherty.

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



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

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

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07712 048695 safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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Email: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **Website:** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org>

MASS TIMES

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30 th	6pm	Mass	<i>Wilman, Rejeena & Ranjani Perera RIP</i>
Sunday 1 st	8:30am	Mass	<i>Parish Intentions</i>
	10:30am	Mass	<i>Oliwier Karwig (FHC)</i>

Monday 2nd **NO MASS – OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday 3rd 10am Mass *Krystyna Szmalec*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Founder, *memorial*

Wednesday 4th 10am Mass *Holy Souls*

ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, Religious, *memorial*

Thursday 5th 10am Mass *Anne Clancy RIP*

Friday 6th 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Mass *Marie-Danielle Tichbon RIP*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, *memorial*

Saturday 7th 10am Mass *Elisabeth Grace Hreben (FHC)*
11am Confessions

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7 th	6pm	Mass	<i>Parish Intentions</i>
Sunday 8 th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Sandro Batirashvili (FHC)</i>
	10:30am	Mass	<i>Josephina Joseph</i>

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

New to our parish or not yet registered?

<https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-life/parish-registration>



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Are you lonely? 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 do 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 are struggling financially and need practical assistance, the local Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) may be able to help. Do call us in confidence for a chat.

DONATIONS TO PARISH FUNDS Online, Bank Transfer, DD, <https://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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