

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK - EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS

Sunday 6th October 2024

Mass Book Page 140

It is interesting that Jesus does not engage in questions about divorce. When is it possible? What are good reasons to do it? How should property be divided? For Jesus, divorce is a symptom of human immaturity. It is a 'breakdown' in relationship. Friends are lost, communion is lost. The One who came to restore creation wants it otherwise.

When people choose to separate, they tend to focus on the surface of things, to break connection and become detached. Spiritually mature people work to build community and have a huge impact on the world of breakdown and separation. As Martin Buber said, "The seat of the soul is where the inner world and the outer world meet. Where they overlap, it is in every point of the overlap". (The Sphere of the In-Between).

For Jesus, marriage is the most beautiful symbol of this overlap. Two are not two, but One. The cause of this joining, and it's destiny, is the love of loves that is drawn from the wellspring of Gods heart. Divorce is the culmination of an inability to do this. Individuals break and then break away from each other. This is also a breaking away of the surface from the depths. This happens because their hearts have been broken or hardened. A person who is turned in on their self cannot melt, flow and merge. Jesus, the second Adam,(1 Cor 15) wants all life to be healed and permeated by the truth of communion, the truth of 'the Garden'. This presents a huge challenge for His disciples and for the community of disciples - the church. How do we become relational artists? How do we nurture the physical, social, moral, psychological and spiritual maturity of a person which makes them ready for this depth of living?

I recently came across this poem. It is not about marriage but about a lost relationship. I thought it was beautiful and I hope you do too. It is written by a father who gave his son up for adoption because he was unable to look after him. It is called **THINGS NOT SAID:**

Things not said, advice not given, envelopes unstamped, regrets enveloping me.
Is it easier there? I wonder. I ponder. I guess yes. I guess - yes.
Do you think of me as I do of you my son, my son, my son.

The things you'll do, I'll never know
The pain, the secrets.
Oh, to be given a chance, a start, the restart, the fresh start.

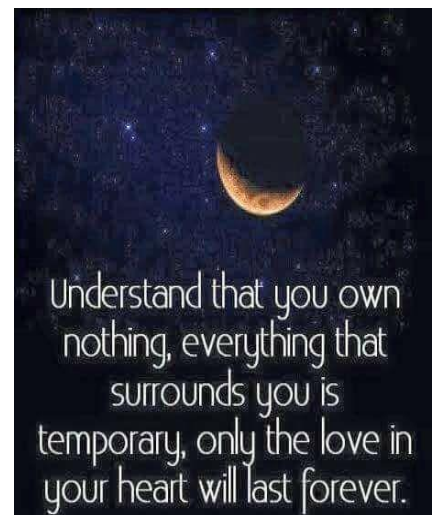
Will love come for you as it did for me? Find you, wreck you, save you, change you?
And if life breaks for you, the way that it would not break for me,
If love hunts you, finds you, captures you, Will you hold it tight, nurture it, protect it.
I hope you will. I hope you can.

This fathers advice is not required. It has no call.
So instead I'll share some from another.
It is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all.

And now an addendum to my earlier advice.
If I am so lucky as to still have your ear.
I love you.
I lost you.
And I advised you, 'Twas better than to never having loved at all.

But now with more years
With more time and more perspective
I see things in a slightly new way.

So here my good son is a fathers advice
Updated and recalled.
It is better to have loved and lost - surely!
But try not to lose it at all.





GIVE Campaign Update #041



-We are in need of a supporting Sacristan on Tuesdays at the 10am Mass. If you're free on a Tuesday morning, we'd really appreciate your help!

-St. Joseph's school are looking for 3 foundation governors; one specialised in numeracy, one in GDPR, and one general governor. If you fit any of these descriptions, please reach out- the fate of young children depends on it!

-We would like to thank all the people who have come forward to help with Children's liturgy, but we still need leaders for the 10.30am Mass, as we do not have any at the present time.

-If anybody needs spare carpet, please contact the office.

-Denise Williams is looking for someone to help clean her house in Warfield. If you know of anyone that may be able to help her, please contact the office.

-SHARE is looking for more volunteers. If you're free on a Friday night or a Saturday morning and would like to help sustain those in need, please contact the office.

-We have some new parish excursions happening for some of our older parishioners:

06/11: 7.00pm - Joseph & His Technicolour Dreamcoat. Performed by EBOS. Cost: £24.50

08/12: 3.00pm - Cineworld Bracknell. Andre Rieu's Christmas Concert. Cost: £13.45/14.45.

03/01: South Hill Park – Robin Hood & The Magic Arrow. Pantomime for adults. Cost: £26.50.

If any of these events appeal to you, please put your name down on the lists in the hall/entrance!

Car Park System

Please, under no circumstances, exit the car park through the entrance, and vice-versa. This disrupts the car park system and means it needs resetting, which requires a great deal of effort and can cause lasting damage.

Fresh Flower Arrangements

Any fresh flower arrangements requiring water should not be placed on the wooden plinths by the statues, nor on the radiators, as heating will be in use shortly. Please do not use lilies as these can be dangerous for the cats. Thank you for understanding.

Hope for the World Prayer Meeting

Please join us online and invite your friends, it will be a wonderful evening of praise, prayer and blessing. To participate please click on this [Zoom Registration Link](#).



HOPE FOR THE WORLD

Come and join us for a Portsmouth Diocese evening of praise, prayer and worship on Zoom 10th October 2024. Special guest Speaker is Ros Powell. Simply click on the link to register
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8122222222>

Confirmation Programme 2024/25

The Come and See session for parents and candidates will be at 7.30pm to 9 pm on the 24th October in the church hall. Everyone who has responded is invited to the meeting.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

To all parents and guardians - If you have a child aged between 8-11 years old as of 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, attend Mass regularly and would like your child to make their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion please come along to an information evening at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th October in the Church Hall.

To register for this event, please use the link below.



<https://stjosephandstmargaretclitherow.churchsuite.com/events/zxa4zj2z>

St. Margaret Clitherow York Pilgrimage

There will be an Autumn ClothesBank Giveaway on Tuesday 8th October, 10.15am-1pm, at St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield, RG42 4AH. Please contact the office if you'd like a voucher, and if you need free transport from Bracknell train station.

Energy Saving Road Show

Come along to the Methodist Church on Shepherds Lane, RG42 2DD, on Thursday 17th October from 4pm, to see how you could reduce your energy prices over these cold winter months. There will be a lot on offer to help you keep costs low!

Called and Gifted Teaching Day

To begin to discover *how* Christ calls and equips you for a unique work of love only you can do, the Called & Gifted (C&G) teaching team will be at Corpus Christi Church, Wokingham on Sat 19/10/2024, 8:30am-4:30pm. Please contact the office for more information.

After the several years of lockdown, Parish funds have become depleted. The parish really struggles with paying all its bills every quarter –these include the normal things like heating, lighting, cleaning, routine maintenance, but also extra projects like building disabled facilities, toilets, ramps, security cameras, cutting down dangerous trees etc. If you could pay even a small amount by standing order (for example £3 per month) that would be really helpful.

Please scroll to the bottom of this webpage <https://bracknellcatholicchurch.org/give/financial/> and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parish Events	When?	Where?
Gospel Outreach with Music	07/10	Bickerton House, RG12 2JB
Gospel Outreach with Music	09/10, 21/20	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music	04/11	Edmonds Court, RG12 2HP
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☕	Every Tuesday, 2pm-3pm	Church Hall
Children's Liturgy (please pre-book) 👧👦	29/09, 13/10, 27/10, 03/11, 17/11, 01/12, 15/12	Church Hall
Soup & Roll 🍲	11/10, 8/11	Church Hall
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	01/10, 7:00pm-8:00pm	Church Hall
RCIA 📖	Every Wednesday, 7:30pm-9pm	Church Hall
Church Concert (John Weeks + Guests) 🎵	05/10/2024, 7:30pm-Late	Church Hall
Josephina's 70th Party 🎂	06/10/2024, 11:15am-1pm	Church Hall
Called and Gifted Teaching Day 🙏	19/10/2024, 8:30am-4:30pm	Corpus Christi Wokingham

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

Amanda Killestein	Ann D'Ambrosio	Ann Lynch	Ann O'Sullivan	Anne Hardy
Arthur Hardy	Audrey Lam	Bernard O'Neill	Beryl Pilgrim	Blanche Shap
Brenda Lynch	Bridget Riordan	Charles Hose	Claire Hose	Clarita Kokou-Tchri
Dorcas Innes-Grant	Douglas & Bernadette Hunt	Dymphna Slade	Eamon McNeill	Eddie & Flo Moore
Edmund & Kate Carroll	Inge Walker	Janet Read	Jerry & Susan Tobin	Joe Rice
Leonie Macintosh	Louis Burgisser	Lucia Saligo	Margaret Finnieston	Marie Swash
Marie Swash	Mary King	Mary Murray	Mary Phelan	Mary Stocking
Maureen Baxter	Patricia Holmwood	Paula Sandford	Phyllis Lewis	Rico Morales
Sally Torode	Terri Landmann	Terry & Peggy McCullough	Tony Andrews	Ursula Docherty
Vilma Taborda	Vivienne Halfpenny			

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 office on 01344 425729 or email office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

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

Parish Administrators: Francis Barton and Donna Mody

Safeguarding Team: Marion McGuire, Sarah Birch, Paula Read

07712 048695 safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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Office Hours: Monday - Tuesday 9:00-3:00pm, Wednesday - Friday 9:00-5:00pm

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Email: office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org **Website:** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org>

MASS TIMES

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	5th	6pm	Mass	<i>John Weeks & Guests</i>
Sunday	6th	8:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Josephina Joseph 70th birthday</i>

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, *memorial*

Monday 7th **NO MASS**

Tuesday 8th 10am Mass *Marie Danielle & Marie Claire RIP*

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, *Religious, feast*

Wednesday 9th 10am Mass

Thursday 10th 10am Mass *Molly, Ivy & Shirley RIP
(Stella's sisters)*

Friday 11th 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Mass *The Mc Tague Family*

Saturday 12th 10am Mass
11am Confessions

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12th 6pm Mass

Sunday 13th 8:30am Mass Parish Intentions
10:30am Mass *Alvaro Dos Santos & Joana Ferrera RIP*

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>

Pastoral Care 01344 425729

office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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.

Bereavement Support

07852 497 218 / 07851 200 987

bereavement@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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.

SVP Call IN CONFIDENCE 07731

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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/give/>
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**

JOBS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

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