

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK - EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

Sunday 20th October 2024

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James and John approach the Teacher. And the Teacher knows the best way to give the disciple a better understanding of their own heart is to ask them to reveal their desire(s).

As soon as Jesus hears their 'desire', He knows they don't quite understand Him yet. They want it all and all Jesus has to offer is a cup of sorrow that becomes a saving cup. His invitation to a life lived in genuine loving service to others, of suffering for the sake of justice, and of losing in order to find, make it clear that death and resurrection are a package deal.

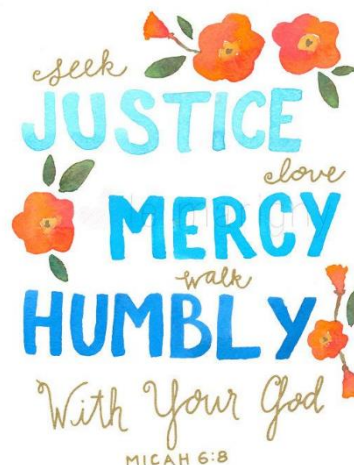
Spiritual and Social climbers tend to upset other spiritual and social climbers! The fantasy of being first has a tendency to make someone else feel they are the last. When life becomes a competition, someone looks higher than someone else. Those on top push around those beneath them. This is not the way of the new humanity which Jesus is bringing to birth.

Disciples touch their true greatness when their presence is gentle, healing, liberating, compassionate, loving and life giving - and through these activities, others are set free from what hurts, debases, imprisons and kills them.

The Buddha taught that for those who are overcome by ego, suffering spreads like wild grass. Those who overcome ego open a doorway to a larger, eternal world. As they go, their steps leave no trace.

The Golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" holds good but looks easier than it is.

The invitation of the prophets - This is what God asks if you, that you act justly, that you love tenderly that you walk humbly - is even more of a challenge. But there is only one way to find out if what Jesus is saying is true and that's to dive in and try the water. As a parish community, we are trying to embrace a more vibrant commitment to justice, peace and social responsibility, this Teaching supports us to take the next step together and not leave it for others.





GIVE Campaign Update #043



-St. Joseph's school are still looking for Governors! Please reach out if you think that could be you.

-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.

-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!



Youth Group

New youth group meetings are scheduled!

Monday 11th November, 7pm – 8pm

Monday 9th December, 7pm – 8pm

We look forward to seeing all the youth here in the church hall for a night of fun and relaxation!



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.

St. Margaret Clitherow York Pilgrimage

During the weekend of the 26th-27th October 2024, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to St. Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Bishophill – the oldest Church in York.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>.



Mass for the Bereaved

On Saturday 9th November, at 10am here at the church, there will be a Mass especially dedicated to those who have been bereaved. Please arrive early if you wish to light a candle or place a photo of your loved one on the Altar. Tea and cakes will be served in the hall afterwards.

Night of Light

On 31st October, at Corpus Christi Wokingham, there will be a celebration of All Hallows' Eve. There will be activities, games, food and friendship, and fancy dress is encouraged! Please contact their office at 0118 978 0348 if you plan on attending.



Bracknell Forest Household Support Fund

Bracknell Forest Council has announced that the 2024 Household Support Grant budget has been agreed, and applications will open later this month. The grant is aimed at families or individuals who are struggling on a low income and typically ranges upwards from £100, depending on circumstances.

Keep an eye on this link <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund> for more information!

Contactless Payment Machines

For all parishioners that donate through the contactless system, we are having to move to an alternate payment processor, which will due to go online in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to donate, please go online to the 'Give as you Live' section of our website.

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	21/10, 13/11, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music	04/11, 1:45pm-3pm	Edmonds Court, RG12 2HP
Gospel Outreach with Music	18/11, 1:45pm-3pm	Bickerton House, RG12 2JB
Gospel Outreach with Music	27/11, 2pm-3:15pm	Astbury Manor, RG12 7AU
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☺	Every Tuesday, 2pm-3pm	Church Hall
Children's Liturgy (please pre-book) 👶 👶	27/10, 03/11, 17/11, 01/12, 15/12	Church Hall
Soup & Roll ☺	8/11	Church Hall
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	05/11, 7:00pm-8:00pm	Church Hall
RCIA 📖	Every Wednesday, 7:30pm-9pm	Church Hall
Night of Light	31/10, 5:00pm-6:30pm	Corpus Christi Wokingham, RG40 2HE

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



We pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Cleary who passed away recently. The Requiem Mass for Mike will be held here on the 29th October at 11:30am, with the funeral taking place afterwards at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. The internment of Rita Woolley's ashes and her dog Coco will be held on the 23rd October at 1:45pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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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MASS TIMES

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	19th	6pm	Mass	<i>Rita, Liam & Breeye Wright & Family</i>
Sunday	20th	8:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10:30am	Mass	
Monday	21st	NO MASS		
Tuesday	22nd	10am	Mass	<i>Jurgens Family (living & deceased)</i>
DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION FOR LIFE				
Wednesday	23rd	10am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Thursday	24th	10am	Mass	<i>Eddie McGrath RIP</i>
Friday	25th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	<i>Robbie McDonald RIP TBC</i>
Saturday	26th	10am	Mass	<i>Robbie McDonald RIP TBC</i>
		11am	Confessions	
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Saturday	26th	6pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	27th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Derek Alexander RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	

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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