

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK - EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**  
**BEGGING FOR SIGHT**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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In spiritual terms, 'blindness' is the inability to notice, understand and integrate sacred things with ordinary things. If we cannot do this, we are the poorest of the poor.

Not to know that we are loved more than we could ever know creates a spiritual homelessness in our hearts. We become beggars. We stretch out our hands and our hearts as we long to understand the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Blind, we sit by the roadside, on the road that runs from Jericho to Jerusalem where this revelation will unfold. We need to go to Jerusalem. But only Jesus can raise us to our feet and invite us to follow Him there.

Jerusalem is the place where Gods' unconditional love will be revealed. This is the Love that will not fail. Its light will cure our darkened eyes and illuminate our darkened hearts.

In our poverty, our begging becomes bolder. Obstacles must be overcome - especially those that come from other people. They are troubled by our naked desire. Our heartfelt plea for mercy offends their more moderate ways. If we persist, the One who hears all cries for mercy will come and stand before us. Anyone who begs from the heart for sight will always be heard by the clear sighted one. His call lifts us up from the ground. But still - He will test the strength of our desire.

The Beloved Son is not a magician. He is the Teacher, who wants to reveal to us the ways of God. We have always longed for this but Jesus calls for a new way of seeing. His death and resurrection are a new revelation; old eyes are blind to it. Now that He has opened our eyes, we know where we must go. There is no turning back. With new eyes we must follow Him into a new understanding.

We join the others who are following Him. "They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed and those who followed were afraid." (Mark 10:32) The need to understand the longing for the Truth which will set us free is in all of us. Those who follow their hearts desire touch the door to a mystery - a mystery to which someone else has the key. Usually, by the time we arrive at the door, our desire will have transformed us into beggars.

The Son of Timeaus is driven to see and understand the revelation of the Son of David. When the Son of David hears his cry, he perceives the fury of his desire. The crowd cannot crush it. Jesus matches his passion with a summons that's brings him to his feet. Eye to eye - what a meeting!

But the one with the revelation has met many who are not able to understand it. Only faith will empower this person to take the first step. Only faith will fuel his desire to go deeper. Any great desire will transform us into beggars.

In 'Zorba the Greek', Zorba tells his boss that the first time he heard the 'Sunatri'- a musical instrument - it took his breath away and he could not eat for three days. He knew he had to learn how to play it. His father berated Him. But Zorba gathered his life savings and bought a Sunatri. He then travelled to Salonica and threw himself at the feet of the Turk, Retsep Effendi. He begged him to teach him, even though he had no money. "Are you really crazy about the Sunatri?" The twenty-one year old Zorba answered, "Yes!" "Well you can stay", answered Retsep.

No amount of money can purchase our deepest desire. We must beg the Teacher to teach us. For us, as Christians, our deepest desire must be the longing to understand the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day we must begin by asking God to heal our blindness. The Father will ask, "Are you really crazy about Jesus?"





## GIVE Campaign Update #044



**-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!

### Newsletter Deadline

From now on, any announcements that are due to go into the newsletter need to be sent over before the end of Wednesday, otherwise they will go in the following week's newsletter. Thank you for understanding.

### Parking in Service Yard D

It has come to our attention that parishioners have been fined for parking in Service Yard D to attend Mass. Please bring your tickets into the office (although next week office hours will be limited) to have them waived. In future, **PLEASE ONLY USE SERVICE YARD D FOR PARKING DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER PERIODS**, as that is the only time we have been permitted to use it.

### Youth Group

New youth group meetings are scheduled!

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm – 8pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm – 8pm

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



### Mass for the Bereaved

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October, at Corpus Christi Wokingham, there will be a celebration of All Hallows' Eve. There will be activities, games, food and friendship, and dressing up as angels, shepherds, or saints 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.

Parish Events	When?	Where?
Gospel Outreach with Music	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+) ☺	<b>NOT HAPPENING THIS WEEK</b>	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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> October at 11:30am, with the funeral taking place afterwards at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

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

## ONE MONTH TO STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE!

***The most vulnerable in our society are at risk. MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme assisted suicide law on 29<sup>th</sup> November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote NO.***

***Take action now - it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using the tool here:***

***[www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow)***

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

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**Parish Administrators:** Francis Barton and Donna Mody

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### MASS TIMES

#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	26th	6pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	27th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Derek Alexander RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	

#### Ss SIMON & JUDE, Apostles, feast

Monday	28th	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	29th	11:30am	Mass	<b>Mike Cleary Requiem Mass</b>
Wednesday	30th	10am	Mass	<i>Anne Belcher RIP</i>
Thursday	31st	10am	Mass	<i>Joyce Newland RIP</i>

#### ALL SAINTS, solemnity

Friday	1st	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	<i>Pete Dossett RIP</i>

#### Commemoration of ALL SOULS

Saturday	2nd	10am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
		11am	Confessions	

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	2nd	6pm	Mass	<i>Patrick Wright RIP</i>
Sunday	3rd	8:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		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](mailto: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](mailto: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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