

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK - EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**  
**FREE TO SERVE OTHERS**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
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*German theologian Dorothee Sölle (1929–2003) describes how seeing with God's eyes, hearing with God's ears, and acting with God's passion for justice is a truly liberating experience that benefits the entire community.*

*Sölle writes:*

In the sense of theology that liberates, the soul that is united with God sees the world with God's eyes. That soul, like God, sees what otherwise is rendered invisible and irrelevant. It hears the whimpering of starving children and does not let itself be diverted from real misery, becoming one with God in perceiving and understanding as well as in acting. For people in the slums, redemption does not consist of some great and far-removed actor ending the misery of the oppressed. Rather, in coming so very close, that far-near one acts in and through those who have become one with that actor. In liberating movements, the mystical eye sees God at work: seeing, hearing, acting, even in forms that are utterly secular. In the contingency of literacy programs, or collaboration in building a school, God's action is manifest. It is a mysticism of wide-open eyes...

What happens really in the soul's union with God in terms of liberation and of healing? It is an exercise in seeing how God sees, the perception of what is little and unimportant; it is listening to the cry of God's children who are in slavery in Egypt. God calls upon the soul to give away its own ears and eyes and to let itself be given those of God. Only they who hear with other ears can speak with the mouth of God. God sees what elsewhere is rendered invisible and is of no relevance. Who other than God sees the poor and hears their cry? To use "God's senses" does not mean simply turning inward but becoming free for a different way of living life: See what God sees! Hear what God hears! Laugh where God laughs! Cry where God cries!



*Allowing God to fully inhabit our senses does not mean we close ourselves off from the world but open ourselves more fully to it. We are free to be fully ourselves but not to exist only for ourselves. We are free to become Christ in the world to the same extent that we recognize the Christ in others, especially the last and the least.*

Reference: Dorothee Sölle, *The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance*, trans. Barbara and Martin Rumscheidt (Fortress Press: 2001), 283–284, 293



## GIVE Campaign Update #045



**\*St Joseph's Governors\*** positions have been filled! Thank you to those who will share their love for Christ on to our next generation.

**\*Children's Liturgy\*** Thank you for our new helpers, however we are still in need for someone to **lead** our **10:30** Children's Liturgy Masses. Full training will be provided and support is always available!

**\*Parish excursions\*** for 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!

### Bamenda Sunday

**Sunday, November 3rd, marks the 50th anniversary of Bamenda Sunday**, celebrating the partnership between our Diocese and the Diocese of Bamenda, established by Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov as a practical expression of St. Pope Paul VI's Gaudium et Spes. Since 1974, this relationship has flourished: priests from our Diocese initially served in Bamenda, helping establish a strong Church presence, and now Bamenda priests support our parishes, renewing our faith in an increasingly secular society. Over £1 million has been raised through Bamenda Sunday collections, funding vital projects that improve lives in Bamenda, which is ranked 151st on the UN Human Development Index. **We will be celebrating Bamenda Sunday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of this month**, so we can dedicate a whole weekend to this fulfilling partnership. Please give generously when the time comes on the 17<sup>th</sup> November; every penny goes directly to valuable projects. Donations can also be made online [Donate to Bamenda Commission, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth | Give as you Live Donate](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### 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.

### Holy Days of Obligation

If a feast is followed by **'solemnity'** or **'Holy Day of Obligation'** in the Mass schedule at the back of the newsletter and is highlighted in red, this means it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and should be attended by as many parishioners as possible.

### 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!



## Pastoral Letter from the Bishop



The Bishop has released a pastoral letter titled 'Thou Shalt Not Kill'. Please read it here for yourselves and try to fathom what disastrous consequences this could have for our country: [BoP-PL39-301024-Assisted-Suicide.pdf](#)

### 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 29th November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote NO. Contact your MP on [www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow)

### 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.

Parish Events	When?	Where?
Gospel Outreach with Music	13/11, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">EVENT CANCELLED</span>	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+) ☺	05/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11	Church Hall
Children's Liturgy ( <b>please pre-book</b> ) 👧 👦	03/11, 17/11, 01/12, 15/12	Church Hall
Soup & Roll ☺	08/11 (every second Friday of the month)	Church Hall
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	05/11, 7:00pm-8:00pm	Church Hall
RCIA 📖	Every Wednesday, 7:30pm-9pm	Church Hall

### 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)

## 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

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### MASS TIMES

#### 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	

#### ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, Bishop, memorial

Monday	4th	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	5th	11:30am	Mass	<i>Malcolm Harper</i>
Wednesday	6th	10am	Mass	<i>Steve Ottewill RIP</i>

#### ST WILLIBRORD, Bishop, optional memorial

Thursday	7th	10am	Mass	<i>Anthony Nunes RIP</i>
Friday	8th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	<i>The Whitehead Family</i>

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast

Saturday	9th	10am	Mass	Bereavement Mass
		11am	Confessions	

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	9th	6pm	Mass	<i>Stephen &amp; Richard McCann, Arlette Ryan RIP</i>
Sunday	10th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Mary, Stephen, Tony, Danny, &amp; John (The Griffin Family) RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	<b>Remembrance Sunday:</b> For all those killed in conflict around the world

**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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