

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE - THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW

The Presentation of the Lord

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

2nd February 2025

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***BETTER TO LIGHT THE
CANDLE, THAN TO CURSE
THE DARKNESS.***



GIVE Campaign Update #057



Cake Sale We will be having a cake sale after the Masses the weekend of the 8th and 9th February, in support of the trip to the **Flame** concert at Wembley for our Confirmation candidates. All proceeds go directly towards helping subsidise the cost of the trip to make it feasible for all 44 young people to attend.

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.

Notes on Finance Procedures

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that nobody should be purchasing anything on behalf of the parish without prior written permission from the Parish Priest (Father Danny), and the Chair of Finance (Deacon Aidan). All orders should go via the parish office. Thank you for understanding.

Finance Presentation

Deacon Aidan apologises but the finance information discussed at last week's Masses might not be on the website until next week, and will be made available for viewing then.

Ramp Work

There will be an update at all Masses this weekend. Work is likely to commence in the next couple of weeks and this will result in restrictions to car parking and entering the church, arising from the setting up of a contractor's compound. Final details will be shared as and when they have been confirmed with the contractor. Just to let everyone know, there will be contractor's vehicles and supply vehicles that will need access during the day Monday-Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused, but parking availability will be greatly reduced.

Sunday Parking

There have been recent incidents of double and triple parking in the car park, and people being blocked in and unable to move their vehicles. On numerous occasions, Father Danny and Deacon Aidan have asked parishioners not to do this; it needs to stop. We ask one final time that people respect the use of the car park and leave spaces, especially for those who are elderly or infirm. This especially matters when the ramp work is being undertaken, as spaces will be greatly reduced.

Baptism Preparation Evening

If you are planning to have your child baptised soon, please book onto the next baptism preparation evening on February 3rd at 7:30pm. Please note that the session after won't be for a while, and baptism can only occur once you have attended this evening. Please click on the link below to book your place:

<https://stjosephandstmargaretclitherow.churchsuite.com/events/z18qmvzg>

A Church Renewed: An Update from Dr. Austen Ivereigh

Join us for a webinar with Dr. Austen Ivereigh on February 5th at 7:30 PM. Following his insightful talk at Corpus Christi in 2023, Dr. Ivereigh will discuss the latest developments since the conclusion of the Synod on Synodality. Learn why this shift towards a more participatory Church is crucial for the future. Register now for this important event which is free of charge: <https://bit.ly/CCAlw>.



Couple Counselling

If you are experiencing any difficulties in your relationship with your spouse/partner, we have collaborated with a local relationship counsellor based in the Bracknell area who will be able to assist you. For more information please visit <http://www.marriagecare.org.uk> or call 0800 389 3801. Your call is confidential.

Bickerton House Care Home Events (RG12 2JB):

<p>Canine Café</p> <p>The first Wednesday of each month, 2pm – 4pm</p> 	<p>Friendship Café</p> <p>The second Thursday of each month, 10:30am – 12noon</p> 	<p>Community Cinema</p> <p>The third Thursday of each month, 2:30pm – 4:30pm</p> 
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Parish Events	When?	Where?
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☺	04/02	Church Hall
Children’s Liturgy (please pre-book) 👧👦	16/02, 02/03	Church Hall
Soup & Roll ☺	14/02 (second Friday of the month)	Church Hall
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	11/02, 25/02	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	Angela Dossett	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 Moore	Edmund & Kate Carroll	Inge Walker	Janet Read	Susan Tobin
Leonie Macintosh	Louis Burgisser	Lucia Saligo	Margaret Finnieston	Marie Swash
Mary King	Mary Murray	Mary Phelan	Mary Stocking	Maureen Baxter
Patricia Holmwood	Paula Sandford	Phyllis Lewis	Raf Roberts	Rico Morales
Sally Torode	Terri Landmann	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 souls of Terry McCullough, Anna Tighe & Rosie Watson who passed away recently.

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

Parish Office, St. Joseph's Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1HA

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

Telephone: 01344 425729

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

MASS TIMES

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, <i>feast</i>				
Saturday	1 st	6pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	2 nd	8:30am	Mass	<i>Eileen Harrison RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	
Monday	3 rd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4 th	10am	Mass	<i>Malcom Mack RIP</i>
St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial				
Wednesday	5 th	10am	Mass	
St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial				
Thursday	6 th	10am	Mass	
Friday	7 th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	<i>Darren Burke RIP</i>
Saturday	8 th	10am	Mass	
		11am	Confessions	
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	8 th	6pm	Mass	
Sunday	9 th	8:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Bridget Robinson RIP</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>

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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