

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**FINDING WISDOM IN REAL TIME**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

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The Golden Rule, "Treat others as you would like them to treat You", is good common sense. It is a way of living which can be embraced by anyone at any time. It brings many blessings to those who live it. Sadly, it is not universally held as a way of living. On the local, national, and international stage we don't have to look very far to see the wounds of violence caused by those who think it is better to do unto others before they do it unto you!

Luke 26:27-38 is not common sense. The Golden Rule upholds a 'you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours' approach. But the Beloved Son of God teaches, 'Do to others as you would have them do to you and keep on doing this to them no matter what they do to you!'

This teaching will thin the crowd of Jesus' followers. Loving enemies just gives them the chance to hurt you even more. Doing good to those who hate us is co-dependency at best and masochism at worst. Giving to everyone means we will soon become beggars ourselves, where we will discover that most people don't help beggars. And worst of all if you find a burglar in your home you invite them to take whatever else they want!!

Has the Beloved Son of God lost His way? Or has he seen with clear eyes the never-ending tyranny of violence and the never-ending truth about God? These cannot co-exist. He chooses the pathway of unconditional loving over the pathway of reprisal. He invites us to follow Him and learn to do the same. For the Beloved Son, it is our relationship with the Father which shapes our considered response to the world and whatever is happening. We are not controlled by circumstance. We are led by Grace.

Enemies, haters, and users want us to be like them. Their power and poison infect us quickly and make it look like we have only one response. But for Jesus this seduction to imitate the violent is met with firm resolve. Instead, he teaches us to stop the crazy endless hurting by stopping it in ourselves.

These are spiritual teachings of the highest order. They are offered to us, not so that we can agree or disagree with them. They are offered as a way of illuminating our own experience. If we use their light and look deeply enough, we will come to see that they are true. And if we practice what they teach they will make us odd.

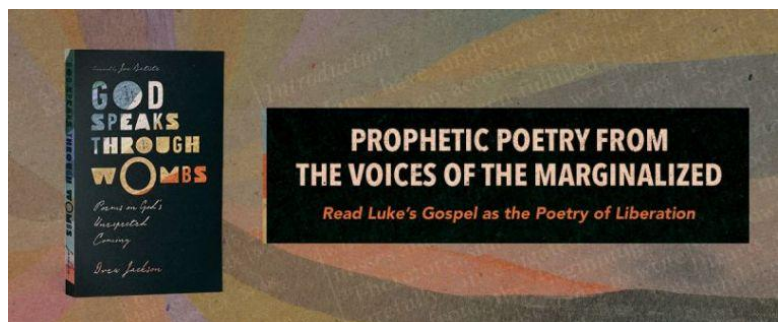
One day, as Jesus was walking down the road with His disciples, some people started to throw stones at them and cursed them. Jesus blessed them. And when his disciples asked why he blessed those who cursed him he said, 'I can only give what I have in my purse.' Violence can only end with graceful living. In every moment of conflict, we have a choice. Perhaps we also need to give ourselves the gift of time to enrich that choice with the right words and actions. To take time to see what is in our purse. To not mind being odd.

On the other hand, we find ourselves in a blossoming community of Grace. There are some famous people in this community, but my hunch is that most of them are ordinary disciples of the Kingdom, committed in loving service to God's dream of a safer world.

**GOD SPEAKS THROUGH WOMBS- Drew Jackson**

**HATERS – Luke 6:22,26, *A proverb from the block***

*If you have haters  
you're doing something right.  
and by right, I mean  
living as a conduit of love.  
Let come the words of those  
who feel exposed by my spirit,  
which insists on light.  
It is an honour to be numbered  
among the ancestors who  
have been labelled as evil,  
pegged as villainous,  
agitators who pillage the world for the loot of justice.  
This is my heavenly reward.  
If you have no haters,  
beware, you are probably  
in bed with mine.*





## GIVE Campaign Update #075



**\*THERE ARE SEVERAL\*** outings planned in May and June for our over 50's parishioners. Details are as follows, prices to come soon:

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June- Jersey Boys Tribute @ South Hill Park 7.45pm

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July- Trip on Basingstoke Canal

**Telephone 07852497218 if interested!**

**\*THERE ARE SOME OTHER EVENTS\*** that may be of interest to you here:

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June- Toby Wright, Solo Singing Recital, TW20 0EX

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June- Crowthorne Choral Society, Summer Concert, RG45 7PU

**\*ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL\*** are seeking a new school business manager, starting September '25. For more information, visit:

[https://ats-bracknellschooljobs.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/314027?ga\\_client\\_id=5388c2cc-3f50-4a9d-bb6c-6de731501b0c](https://ats-bracknellschooljobs.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/314027?ga_client_id=5388c2cc-3f50-4a9d-bb6c-6de731501b0c).

There is also a place available in the Year 1 class at St. Joseph's school, please call 01344 425246 or e-mail [secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk) if you're interested.

**\*THE SUMMER CLOTHESBANK GIVEAWAY\*** will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 from 10:15am to 1pm at St. Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield, RG42 4AH. We are once again providing vouchers for the ClothesBank to those in need, so please contact the office should you need a voucher. Due to the high volume of referrals they are currently receiving and the limited number of resources they have available, they are prioritising new client referrals over repeat clients so until further notice repeat adult clients will be limited to one spring or summer voucher and one autumn or winter voucher per person per year (so a maximum of two vouchers per year). However, there will not be any restrictions for child (18 years old and under) referrals. If you need transport to the ClothesBank, a free minibus



shuttle courtesy of Newbold College will be operating between Bracknell train station and St. Mark's Church, and will leave from the train station at 10am, 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, and 12 noon.

Please let us know in advance if you intend to travel using the minibus so a seat can be reserved.



### Missal Mistreatment

Please put the ribbons back in the missal, on the correct page for the next person to use if possible. If you could store them upright, same for the hymn books, it stops the spines breaking- thank you!

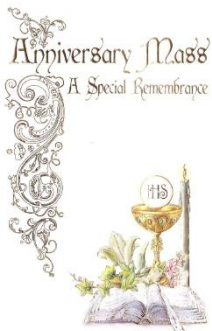
### Children's Masses

We are organising Masses led by the children on 29th June at 8:30am and 13th July at 10:30am. If any children would like to be involved in the readings and helping with the offertory and collections, please let a member of the children's liturgy team know!



### Significant Anniversaries Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June:

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact the office or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return.





## A Pilgrimage For The Jubilee Year Of Hope

We're going on a Pilgrimage on Sunday 22nd June, not to the eternal city of Rome, but to our local shrine church- St James's Forbury Road in Reading! For details on how to get involved, please visit:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/ccpilgrimageofhope/home>



### Life in the Spirit Talk and Seminars

*The fourth Life in the Spirit session is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm (arrive slightly earlier for refreshments), in the hall, and is titled 'Receiving God's Gift' by Stephanie Pena.*

The seminars themselves will run from 8<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025, EVERY THURSDAY (except 29<sup>th</sup> May), and will be livestreamed in the church hall; if you can, please attend in person. If unable to attend in person - kindly register using the link below:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LQ4MG1bfT\\_aXurqoU3UMyg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LQ4MG1bfT_aXurqoU3UMyg#/registration)



Details of THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS are on posters in the church and hall- see you there!



### Join the Journey of a Lifetime – The Jubilee 2025! ✨

Journey in the footsteps of saints, national Jubilee churches, places of the Eucharistic miracles, shrines of which you've never known, but will mark your memory for ever and surprises on the way 🌍 Discover stunning cities and sacred sites 🤝 Connect with fellow pilgrims from around the world 🎉 Celebrate the Jubilee in a spirit of unity and renewal.

For a chance to embark on a journey that will inspire your soul, strengthen your faith, and create memories to cherish forever, please contact the office for more details.

Parish Events	When?	Where?
Gospel Outreach with Music	11/06, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music	16/06, 1:45pm-3pm	Bickerton House, RG12 2JB
Gospel Outreach with Music	25/06, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☕	Every Tuesday, 2pm-3pm	Church Hall
Children's Liturgy (please pre-book) 👧👦	08&22/06, 06&20/07	Church Hall
Soup & Roll 🍲	13/06	Church Hall
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	Cancelled until 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 7pm	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 O'Sullivan	Arthur Hardy
Anne Hardy	Audrey Lam		Beverley Spencer	Blanche Shap
Brenda Lynch	Bridget Riordan	Charles Beard	Colleen McCormack	Claire Berry
Claire Hose	Dorcas Innes-Grant	Debbie Hanley	Douglas & Bernadette Hunt	Dymphna Slade
Eamon McNeill	Eddie Moore	Edmund & Kate Carroll	Eileen Tanner	Evelyn Caruso
Inge Walker	Janet Read	Jean Lovejoy	Leonie Macintosh	Lucia Saligo
Margaret Finnieston	Margaret Whitehead	Marie Swash	Mary King	Mary Murray
Mary Phelan	Mary Stocking	Mary Sullivan	Maureen Baxter	Patricia Holmwood
Paula Sandford	Peggy McCullough	Raf Roberts	Rico Morales	Sally Torode
Sarah Flemming	Stan & Margaret Aburn	Susan Tobin	Terri & Andy Landmann	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 souls of Neville Nesbitt, Bernie Morris, and Mary Burke.

*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

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

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## MASS TIMES

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	Mass	
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Jurgens Family (living &amp; deceased)</i>

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> **NO MASS**

**St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, memorial**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am Mass

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 10am Mass

**St Boniface, Religious, Bishop & Martyr, memorial**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Mass *Sarajini David RIP*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Mass *José Nascimento RIP*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10am Mass

11am Confessions

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mass *Jenny Mane*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Mass Parish Intentions

10:30am Mass *Beryl Pilgrim 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](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

**862 349**

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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