

Pentecost Sunday

BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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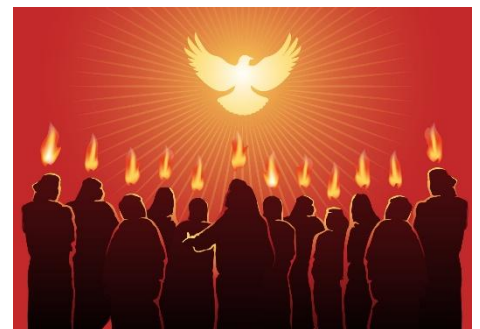
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It is still the first day of the week and the movements of the new creation are still unfolding. In the morning, the Beloved Disciple and Mary of Magdala realise that Jesus is with God (Jn 20:1-18). Now, as evening falls, His disciples realise that He is still in their midst. In His Resurrection, Jesus is with them. In His Ascension, Jesus is with God. He is the bridge which connects and bolts together the Sacred and the Secular, the Divine and the Human. What Jesus was in His Advent, in His Living and in His Dying, He continues to be in His Resurrection.

But there is a huge difference between the pre and the post Easter Jesus. The Easter Jesus can find His way through locked doors and locked hearts. If you like, He manifests Himself as Presence emerging from within, calming the fears, the inner turmoil, and the panic of His disciples. His Presence is remarkable and clear because He continues to bring the gift of Peace. This is what He promised. The overall sense of the text seems to be that 'the world' gives and takes away. Security can be very quickly replaced with anxiety. The world cannot sustain the Peace that does not fail. But Jesus sees Himself as the One whose nearness transcends the vagaries of time and of the world. He cannot stop the chaos. But He is present within, calming the heart, bringing Peace.

As Jesus moves from Word to action, he shows His disciples His Hands, His Feet and His wounded side. His disciples are expected to know how to understand this action. But what is it we have to know? How should we read the signs of the hands, the feet and the side?

Well, I think it goes like this. Jesus and the Father are One. But this oneness is not a private possession. It can only be sustained as it flows out, bringing life to all who ask to receive it. As He flows, Jesus gives glory to the Father. His crucifixion is the supreme expression of his Glory. It is the time and the place where Sacred Love and life are most visible and available. The secret hidden in the heart of the death of Jesus is that it unseals the fountain of Life! As an unnamed soldier rams a lance into the heart of the Beloved Son of God, he unwittingly starts a flow of blood and water. This flow is normally associated with birth processes. Through the opening in His side, His heart, in full communion with His Abba, becomes available as a life-giving birth for others. The openings in His hands and feet perform the same symbolic function. They are channels that make His Communion with the Father available and accessible to us. The Love that does not fail is mediated through His death because it is a Love that 'lays down its life for His friends'. It is this dawning realisation which leads His disciples to Joy. The Joy that cannot be taken away complements the Peace that the world cannot give.

But wait, there's more. Why does Jesus offer Peace a second time? The disciples are growing in their understanding. Once they feel the ground beneath their feet as Peace, the second conferral of Peace is an invitation to join the flow. It is the power for mission. Disciples receive the gift of the love that is stronger than death and which is mediated through the open wounds of the Risen Christ. But this gift will wither if they try to hold onto it as a private possession. It must be received and given away in a recursive dance of joy. This is why they are 'sent', commissioned by Jesus in exactly the same way as he was sent by the Father. Disciples must give the life they have received to others. The chain is established.



Disciples will break the chain if they limit their capacity to receive the Holy Spirit. Like a Genesis rerun, the Risen Christ breathes into His disciples and they become a new creation - living by the breath of God. The Sign of their faithfulness will be the quality of the life of the community which is created and sustained by the word they preach. The only pathway to community is one that is created by forgiving. In a world where sin and no forgiveness separate people from God and from one another, disciples bring communion. Disciples must engage fully with this task. If we hold onto the sins that separate, the separation will continue. If we let go (forgive) community will grow.

The Power of the Resurrection of Jesus and His gift of the Spirit are experienced precisely as the freedom to overcome separation and build the communion of love. Is this the life I am living? If your answer is yes, we should celebrate. If your answer is no. Don't let it be so.

**\*CAFOD SAYS THANK YOU\*** for all you do to follow Jesus' example of loving your neighbour. Whether through donations to Lent Family Fast Day, the earthquake appeal or through prayer and campaigning, thank you for helping build a better world that reflects the Kingdom of God.

If you would like to pray the Rosary of Hope, together with CAFOD, Missio, Aid to the Church in Need and Stella Maris, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, please register using the link below:

[https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/jubilee\\_year\\_rosary\\_of\\_hope](https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/jubilee_year_rosary_of_hope)

**\*IF YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR BOOKS\*** we are looking for a librarian to help make our shelves tidy and ordered- please reach out to the office if you think you could help!

**\*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.



**Evangelisation Day at St Peter's Church, Winchester, SO23 8RY**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June, from 10am-4pm, there will be a day full of information becoming more equipped for evangelisation. The day offers practical help and encouragement on ways to witness and share our faith with others and be equipped for the task of evangelisation. It will include teaching on the importance of sharing faith and the Gospel message and will also look at the power of testimonies and how to share our personal story with others.

Worship and prayer form part of the day, which will be led by Allegra Mutanda, Director of Evangelisation & Leadership (St Peter's and the Winchester Martyrs). For her bio, visit [Allegra Mutanda – Biography](#). To register for the day, visit <https://bit.ly/EvangelisationDay>. Please bring a packed lunch.



## 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>





## Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Catholic Association has been running an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes since 1900. They answer Our Lady's request to "come in procession" and also respond to Her Son's command "to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves" (Mark 12: 29-31). The CA Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place from 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August this year.

For more details and to register your interest, please visit: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join>

### Life in the Spirit Talk and Seminars

*The fifth Life in the Spirit session is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm (arrive slightly earlier for refreshments), in the hall, and is titled 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit'.*

The seminars themselves will run from 8<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025, EVERY THURSDAY, 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!



**There has been a suggestion from parishioners that we name the church hall the St. Margaret Clitherow hall. Parishioners thoughts would be welcome!**

| 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 📖                                  | Postponed until further notice            | 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

07712 048695 [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) **Website:** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org>

### MASS TIMES

|                                                                              |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>                                                      |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
| Saturday                                                                     | 7th  | 6pm            | Mass                                | <i>Jenny Mane</i>                                       |
| Sunday                                                                       | 8th  | 8:30am         | Mass                                | Parish Intentions                                       |
|                                                                              |      | 10:30am        | Mass                                | <i>Beryl Pilgrim RIP</i>                                |
| <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, <i>memorial</i></b>        |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
| Monday                                                                       | 9th  | <b>NO MASS</b> |                                     |                                                         |
| Tuesday                                                                      | 10th | 10am           | Mass                                | <i>Eusebius Joseph RIP</i><br><i>(25th Anniversary)</i> |
| <b>St Barnabas, Apostle, <i>memorial</i></b>                                 |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
| Wednesday                                                                    | 11th | 10am           | Mass                                |                                                         |
| <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, <i>feast</i></b>          |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
| Thursday                                                                     | 12th | 10am           | Mass                                | <i>John, Loraine, and Barbara Booroff RIP</i>           |
| <b>St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i></b> |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
| Friday                                                                       | 13th | 11am           | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |                                                         |
|                                                                              |      | 12 noon        | Mass                                |                                                         |
| Saturday                                                                     | 14th | 10am           | Mass                                |                                                         |
|                                                                              |      | 11am           | Confessions                         |                                                         |
| <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>                                                 |      |                |                                     |                                                         |
| Saturday                                                                     | 14th | 6pm            | Mass                                | Parish Intentions                                       |
| Sunday                                                                       | 15th | 8:30am         | Mass                                |                                                         |
|                                                                              |      | 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**

**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://www.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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