

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FLOWING WITH LIFE – COMMUNION AND MISSION

Sunday 10th May 2026

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Whenever someone is chosen for the office of Bishop, they usually create a coat of arms which is filled with the signs and symbols of their heart. Our own Bishop has the star of the sea, indicating his devotion to the blessed mother, the hart that yearns for and finds living water, and the cross of Jesus. Beside these symbols, there is usually a declaration of the bishops' understanding of himself, and of the way he intends to move. Bishop Philip has the motto, 'In Corde Jesu' - 'In the heart of Jesus'. He hopes that this is where we will find him. But we can only find him if we are there too.

So, here's a little game. Imagine you have been chosen to be a Bishop and now you have to create your own coat of arms and define the motto of your life. What would it look like I wonder?

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus is talking to His disciples about what happens when we enter His Sacred Heart. Our ability to love one another depends on us entering and staying there. It is when we leave that things go wrong. So, loving Jesus and staying in communion with Him is the key to Faithful Discipleship.

You might ask, "how can we do this since He is no longer with us in the same way?" It's a good question! The Saviour would answer that, like all who have gone before us into heaven, He is with us in a different way. Departure through death is not a total loss. It provides for a different way of being present. What is more, the shatterer of death also brings an unbreakable communion with Himself and His Father into the hearts of all who believe. The point seems to be that the more we act out of love for Him, the more deeply we experience that Love through the Spirit, the more intensely we experience the Love of the Father.

For Jesus, there is no doubt that the quality of our mission depends completely on the quality of our relationships. The way that we make or break affectional bonds takes on a new seriousness. Now that we are moved by the Spirit of God we are in for a wild ride. A ride that does not allow us to sin. In The Four Quartets, T.S. Eliot put it beautifully.

"We must be still and still moving - into another intensity - for a further and deeper communion..."

The reality of this relationship is eternal and is not subject to loss or time. It is a dance that survives death.

Perhaps this is why the Holy Trinity is best described as dancing. But more than that, we are being asked to join in the dance. To enter the flow of life that goes round and round without beginning or end. This is the Love I am talking about when I talk about Love. The dance is going on right now beneath our feet. The music is playing, and as we listen to Jesus, we sense our feet beginning to tap to His music.

Insights from our Parish Contemplative Movement

"I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun. Not because I can see it but by it, I can see everything else."

C.S. Lewis



GIVE Campaign Update #122



New and exciting Parish outings are as follows:

-Wed 17th June 7:45pm @ South Hill Park: One Night in Dublin, £29

-TBA July: Boat Trip in Windsor (40 mins/£13, 2 hours /£20)

-Thursday 15th October 2:30pm @ Windsor Theatre: The Mousetrap, £36

Please call or text 07395 077913 (Rita) to register your interest, or to discuss future events.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you are curious about the Catholic faith, asking questions, or simply wanting to explore a little further, you are very welcome to join our RCIA group. RCIA now takes place on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm–9:00pm in the hall at St. Joseph's Church and is open to everyone across our pastoral area. For more information, please e-mail rcia@bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk.

New Assisted Suicide Bill Expected

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill has fallen, but a very similar assisted dying bill for England and Wales is expected to be introduced soon. Such a bill is expected to deny nursing

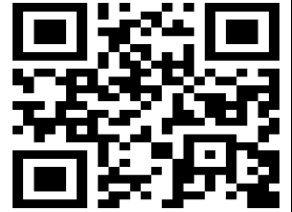
homes, hospices, health and social care professionals who oppose all involvement in the suicide of patients on conscience grounds—including NHS staff—the right to 'opt out' completely from such involvement without facing penalties. In addition, doctors with years of clinical expertise who are opposed to assisted dying on ethical or religious grounds (including frontline GPs) could be forced to resign, depriving NHS patients of their services.

The Bios Centre online petition calls on the Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, to:

- *Instruct the NHS to protect conscientious objection rights, generously interpreted, for all NHS staff.*
- *Make clear to all healthcare employers that existing human rights and equality laws prohibit discrimination based on religion or belief.*
- *Help ensure that, should assisted dying be legalised in the future, institutions such as hospices and Care Homes can refuse any involvement in the assisted death of patients/residents without fear of sanctions.*
- *Help ensure that patients can consult with a doctor without fear that they may be invited to end their own lives.*

You can sign the petition by scanning the QR code above, or by visiting

<https://bioscentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection/>.



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 20th 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 parish office if you would like to attend and we will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in the Bishop's Office. Thank you.



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

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy **Deacon:** Rev. Aidan Lynch

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MASS TIMES

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	9th	6pm	Mass	<i>Stuart Birley RIP</i>
Sunday	10th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Mary Lewis RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Ervin Phelan RIP</i>

Monday	11th		NO MASS	
Tuesday	12th	10am	Mass	St. Edmund Campion Relic
Wednesday	13th	10am	Mass	

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, *solemnity*

Wednesday	13th	7pm	Vigil Mass	
Thursday	14th	12 noon	Mass	
Friday	15th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	Parish Intentions
Saturday	16th	10am	Mass	
		11am	Confessions	

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	16th	6pm	Mass	<i>John Ellerton RIP Birthday</i>
Sunday	17th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving: Rohan Pais & Family</i>
		10:30am	Mass	<i>David Wear 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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