

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
BUILDING THE COMMUNITY OF LOVE

Sunday 31st May 2026

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Today we celebrate the Feast of The Most Holy Trinity. Our celebration will never get off the ground if we only try to work out in our heads what it means. Some things can only be understood when we experience them for ourselves. Perhaps our hearts will take us there more quickly than our heads.

In the Creation story in Genesis, God speaks the amazing words, 'Let us make humanity in our own image!' This is strange language for a One God culture. But it doesn't take long for that image to be tarnished and shattered, bringing punishment on the guilty.

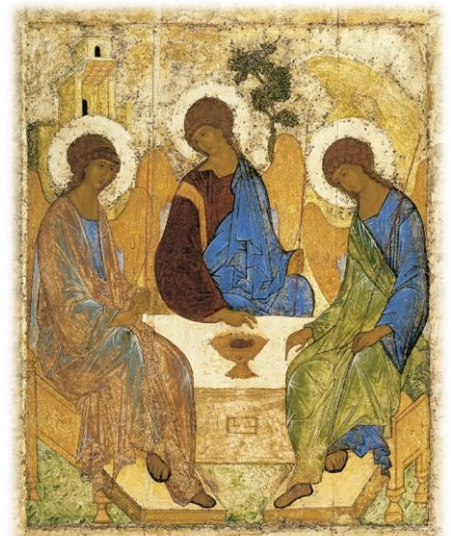
In St. John's Gospel, even though he agrees that the world and the human face have somehow become alienated from the one who created them. Even though he can see that something is happening which is separating creation and the human family from the Love which brought them to be. Even though he acknowledges that darkness and hostility cloud the faces of those born for better, he sees more.....

God continues to love His creation even when it is broken. This love flows into the world through the Beloved Son who came to renew the communion that was lost, and bring life where death reigns. St. John cannot stress enough that God is never motivated by the need for revenge or condemnation. There is no desire to punish the unjust. Yet, each of us has to choose whether to open or close ourselves to the offer of love that is on the table. And this isn't any old table. It is the table at which the Beloved Son of God celebrated the last Supper. Where new words of life and love were to be found hidden in the bread that was broken and in the chalice of forgiveness. Every word, every gesture at this table is an invitation to see into this Love. If we get it, it becomes more fun trying to figure out ways to remain steadfast in love, even with those who have separated themselves from us.

So for me it unfolds like this. The whole creation bears the imprint of the Creator and the human face is the Icon of the Creator. Since we are made in the image of the Trinity, who we are is much more than we ever imagined we could be. Just as the Trinity are so in Love that they are One, it means that we are not alone inside our own skin.

Perhaps our biggest mistake is to think of ourselves as self-sufficient, self-enclosed people who have an individual destiny. When we do this, we will always be in competition with others. Our personal dignity will always be undermined by comparing ourselves to others, and by negative experiences which may invade our lives.

Jesus speaks often about the infinite preciousness of every person. Perhaps we only grow in our understanding of what this means when we engage in the struggle to build communities of belonging. But we do not belong to each other in our solitude. Our belonging is created by the loving activity that defines our lives as people. Can you begin to feel the exhilaration which comes from escaping the prison of individualism and stepping into the far horizons of community?





GIVE Campaign Update #125



We are looking for an additional sacristan for the **Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass**. Full training will be provided. Please contact the office if you think you may be able to help!

St. Joseph's primary school are looking for 3 foundation governors. If you believe you will be able to bring something fresh and original to the board of governors, please contact the office.



A curry night fundraiser is being held at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Sandhurst, on **11th July, from 7:00pm-10:00pm**. The price is £15 per person for a two-course buffet-style meal.

- Please bring your own tipples and glasses (a selection of soft drinks will be available).

- Kindly bring your numbered ticket with you. Cash for a themed Raffle.

- Plenty of free parking is available after 7:00pm.

Come along for a relaxed and sociable evening - they look forward to welcoming you!



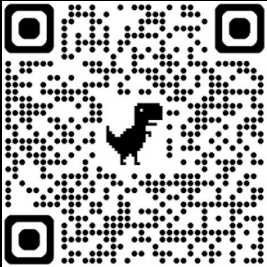
Dominica is looking for a successor to lead the local pro-life group and to be the parish rep for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). If you feel particularly drawn to supporting these causes please contact the office.



Life in the Spirit Seminars

The fifth Life in the Spirit seminar is online on **Thursday 4th June, 7:15pm**, and is a 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' catch-up session.

The seminars themselves will continue most Thursdays until 18th June. Full details can be seen on the posters at the entrances to church. They will be delivered via Zoom. Registration is now open, scan the QR code with your smartphone or head to <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ontyh8dxTF6b72BXv1LByg#> - please join us if you can!



On Monday 25th May 2026, the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV published his first Encyclical Letter. It is called Magnifica Humanitas ('Magnificent Humanity'). It is full of helpful commentary on how in an age when artificial intelligence is really taking off, the dignity and value of the human person might be safeguarded.



Magnifica Humanitas offers insights into the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, recognising a profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding technical progress.

The Church's social teaching accompanies these transformations, pointing to the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity as the fundamental benchmarks for understanding and interpreting the transformation currently underway. It proposes, as an alternative to the culture of power and war, a civilisation of love founded on justice, dialogue and shared responsibility. You can read the text itself here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html#_ftn1

Rosary on Zoom

The Knights of St. Columba Parish Fatima Devotions Group prays the rosary **over Zoom each day, Monday - Friday at 13:30pm**, and invites everyone to say the Rosary with them as Our Lady has asked us to do. If you wish to join in week commencing 18th May 2026, details are as follows: Zoom Access ID: **823 5866 7093** Password : **rosary**



Parish Events	When?	Where?
Gospel Outreach with Music	10/06, 2pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music	24/06, 2pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
RCIA	Every Thursday 7:30pm-9pm	Church Hall
Children's Liturgy (please pre-book) 👶 👶	07/06 & 21/06	Church Hall
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☕	Every Tuesday (term time only), 2pm-3pm	Church Hall
New Parent Coffee Morning	05/06, book in advance	Church Hall
Soup & Roll	12/06, 12:45pm	Church Hall
Life in the Spirit Seminar	04/06, 7:15pm	Online
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	02/06, 7pm	Church Hall
Monthly Filipino Mass	07/06, 5pm	St. Joseph's Church
Orthodox Mass	07/06, 12:30pm-2:30pm	St. Joseph's Church

Rest In Peace...



We pray for the repose of the souls of Raymond Savage and Winnie McDermott. The funeral service for Raymond Savage (Ray) will take place on **Tuesday, 9th June at 12 noon here at church**, followed by a committal at **Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2:00pm**. The funeral service for Winnie McDermott will take place on **Friday, 12th June at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 3:30pm**.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Amanda Killestein	Claire Berry	Evelyn Caruso	Mary Phelan	Sarah Flemming
Angela Dossett	Claire Hose	Inge Walker	Mary Stocking	Stan & Margaret Aburn
Ann D'Ambrosio	Colleen McCormack	Jacqueline Marshall	Mary Sullivan	Susan Tobin
Ann O'Sullivan	Debbie Hanley	Janet Read	Patricia Holmwood	Terri & Andy Landmann
Anne Hardy	Dorcas Innes-Grant	Jean Lovejoy	Paula Sandford	
Arthur Hardy	Douglas & Bernadette Hunt	Judith Newman	Peggy McCullough	Vilma Taborda
Audrey Lam	Dymphna Slade	Margaret Finnieston	Raf Roberts	Vivienne Halfpenny
	Eamon McNeill	Marie Swash	Rico Morales	
Bridget Riordan	Edmund & Kate Carroll	Mary King	Rita Hayes	
Charles Beard	Eileen Tanner	Mary Murray	Sally Torode	

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

Parish Administrators: Francis Barton and Donna Mody

Safeguarding Team: Marion McGuire, Sarah Birch, Paula Read

07712 048695 safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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MASS TIMES

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, <i>solemnity</i>				
Saturday	30 th	6pm	Mass	<i>Joan Byrne RIP (anniversary)</i>
Sunday	31 st	8:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10:30am	Mass	
St Justin, Martyr, <i>memorial</i>				
Monday	1 st		NO MASS	
Tuesday	2 nd	10am	Mass	<i>Angela Jacobs (for the blessings of health)</i>
St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, <i>memorial</i>				
Wednesday	3 rd	10am	Mass	
Thursday	4 th	10am	Mass	
St Boniface, Religious, Bishop & Martyr, <i>memorial</i>				
Friday	5 th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	
Saturday	6 th	10am	Mass	
		11am	Confessions	
CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]				
Saturday	6 th	6pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	7 th	8:30am	Mass	<i>John Spooner RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Brenda Lynch 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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