

THE YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW - On Earth as it is in Heaven
CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]
GRATITUDE, TRANSCENDENCE AND SACRIFICE

Sunday 7th June 2026

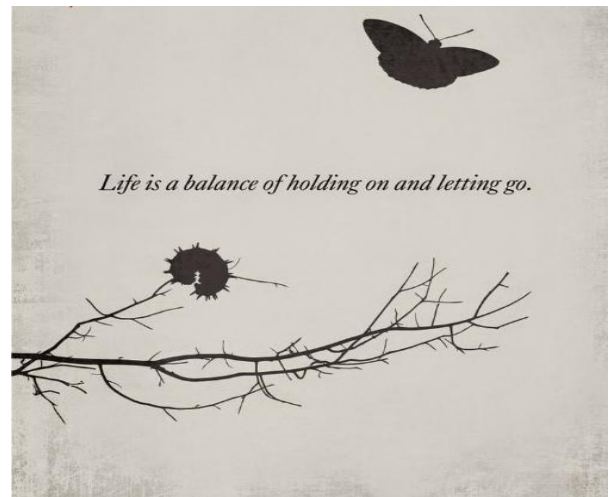
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We eat a piece of bread - We drink a glass of wine - it becomes part of us. Robert Noznik fills this out.

"We meet the food in the ante-room of the mouth and greet it there. We probe and explore it, surround it, permeate it with juices, press it with our tongues against the roof of the mouth along the hard ridge directly above the teeth, place it under suction and pressure, move it around. We know its texture fully; it holds no secrets or hidden parts."
(The Examined Life. 1989. Pp 56-57)

Whatever we eat demands a sacrifice from someone or something. Eating hints that we are all involved in Sacrifice - 'in making life holy by giving something back. There is no avoiding this. In his wonderful book, 'Scientific Proof of the Existence of god will Soon be Announced by the White House! Da Free John writes, (pp 33-34)

"Those who cling to one or another religious or spiritual way must realise that the foundation of all such ways is the disposition of sacrifice ... Such a disposition freely anoints the world with help and intelligent consideration ... The whole Earth, the Cosmos, and every separate being is a great Sacrifice! ... Let us give ourselves up, so that each temple - each bodily and mental person - may become a temporary and perishable altar of self-giving into the Mystery that pervades us."



Jesus gathers His Life in his Hands and gives Thanks. His Life is not His own, and since all is Grace, He turns to the Giver of Life in Gratitude. Now filled within, He flows without. The life freely given becomes the life He seeks to give away.

Jesus is a Great Teacher. Gratitude, Sacrifice and Transcendence must move as one Dance. If we just look up we risk being aloof and uninvolved. If we just give thanks but do not move to Sacrifice we risk we only counting our Blessings without realising they are separating us from the communion of love. If we Sacrifice without gratitude we risk the cul-de-sac of resentment. We pour ourselves out and find we are empty so we stop giving ourselves away.

Don't forget to consult the One who knows how to break bread and pour out his life blood.

Insights from our Parish Contemplative Movement

You and I are justified not by your works, but through grace. The Lord's finished works find expression through you and I as we make ourselves available. As true believers, we are called to walk by faith, not by sight. We prevail not by power or might, but by the spirit, says the Lord.

Ken Maimo



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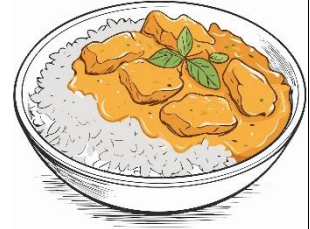


Thank you to those who have shown interest in becoming a foundation governor for St. Joseph's school- we appreciate your desire in wanting help the pupils grow together with Jesus. The school will contact you in due course with next steps.

We are still 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!

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 tittle 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.



Baptism Preparation Evening

Baptism preparation for any parents wishing their child to be baptised between now and the end of the year will be held on Monday 20th July, 7:30pm until 9:00pm in the hall. This is the last opportunity for 2026.

In order to seek baptism for your child you must be registered in the parish.

You can do so here: <https://bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-life/parish-registration/>



Life in the Spirit Seminars

*The fifth Life in the Spirit seminar is online on **Thursday 11th June, 7:15pm**, and is titled 'Growth' by Ros Powell.*

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!

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**



Significant Anniversaries Mass

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 21st 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 to request a form for you to complete and return.

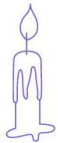


CELEBRATE Festival

CELEBRATE Festival returns to West Sussex. The Festival, one of the UK's leading Catholic family events, returns to Worth School in West Sussex and tickets are now available. The Festival expects to welcome around 1,000 attendees for five days of worship, teaching and community with the theme 'Let There Be Light'. To find out more, please visit: <https://www.celebratefestival.org/>.

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) 🧒🧒	21/06	Church Hall
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☕	Every Tuesday (term time only), 2pm-3pm	Church Hall
New Parent Coffee Morning	03/07, book in advance	Church Hall
Soup & Roll	12/06, 12:45pm	Church Hall
Life in the Spirit Seminar	11/06, 7:15pm	Online
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	16/06, 7pm	Church Hall
Monthly Filipino Mass	05/07, 5pm	St. Joseph's Church
Orthodox Mass	14/06, 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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Email: office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org **Website:** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org>

MASS TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ], solemnity				
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>
Monday	8 th		NO MASS	
Tuesday	9 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass	<i>Raymond Savage RIP</i>
Wednesday	10 th	10am	Mass	<i>Eusebius Joseph RIP</i>
St Barnabas, Apostle, memorial				
Thursday	11 th		NO MASS	
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity				
Friday	12 th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	
The Immaculate Heart of Mary, memorial				
Saturday	13 th	10am	Mass	
		11am	Confessions	
ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	13 th	6pm	Mass	<i>John Ellerton RIP</i> <i>(anniversary of death)</i>
Sunday	14 th	8:30am	Mass	<i>Campion Family</i> <i>(private intention)</i>
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Keith Lanehart 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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