

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW  
*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**LISTENING FOR THE WORD AND KEEPING THE WORD**

24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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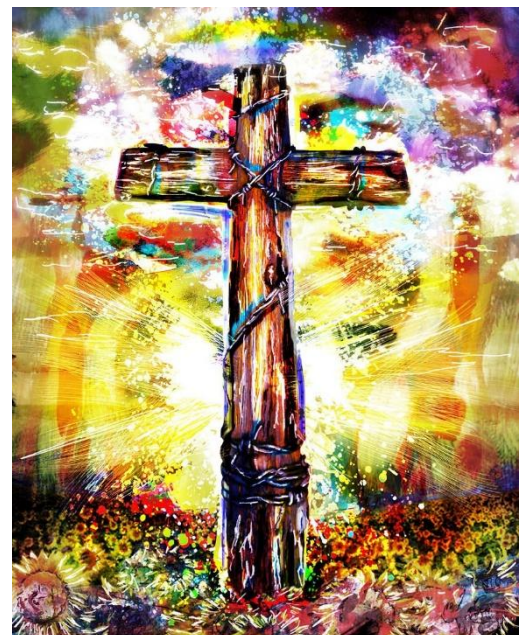
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Someone asks a question about salvation. This is religious talk for health and wellbeing. Jesus tells them that there is a door, in the age to come, where God is hosting a banquet. Everyone is trying to get in and the owner solves the log jam problem by rising from the dead and shutting the door!

The people outside beg to be allowed in. But the Lord answers that He does not know them. It seems that relying on vague contact with Jesus is not enough. Jesus does not join in the man's quest for numbers but invites him to put all of himself behind the quest. So many are trying to be saved the wrong way. They think that 'who you know' rather than 'who you are' is what matters. But notice that the door does not open to the well connected.

Jesus only recognises His own. He knows us if we are like Him. Jesus speaks from a heart set on God alone and works with the Spirit to transfigure His heart into one which loves all people. This is not easy. It is a lifetime's work.

There will always be people who want Salvation on their own terms. They want to stride into the feast adorned in titles and lists of who they know. And then there are those who struggle for community and for the mighty love. These will learn the great lesson of Grace - that all who strive to love must die and surrender all to the One who has the power to save them. They are considered by the first group to be the last because they do not compete in the world of ego. But in the Kingdom, they are first because they have found in their heart what Jesus knew in His Heart - the divine love that makes us one. When we know this, the narrow door widens to become the widest of doors.



Someone once asked Fritz Perls if he was saved. He answered, 'I'm trying to figure out how to be spent!'

## Insights from our Parish Contemplative Movement

*Keeping Mary in your thoughts, you will never wander away. With your hand in hers, you will never stumble. With her protecting you, you will not be afraid. With her leading you, you will never tire. Her kindness will see you through the end.*

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux



### GIVE Campaign Update #087



**\*Your donations to Gaza\*** since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. CAFOD have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and they are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing their work through holding collections for their Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.



**\*Butterfly Buddies\*** is a charity bringing generations together. They provide a safe, fun environment where both children and older people can thrive. This is more than a children's activity, it's a positive way to make a difference in your local community! They have partnered with Bickerton House care home to help with running sessions. If you are interested in seeing how you can support them, please call 07491 459371 or e-mail [info@butterflybuddies.co.uk](mailto:info@butterflybuddies.co.uk).



### First Holy Communion Information Evening

There will be a First Holy Communion Information Evening on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 7-8pm. Please sign-up beforehand using the link below, as this is a pre-requisite for commencing the First Holy Communion journey:

[www.stjosephandstmargaretclitherow.churchsuite.com/events/bsqk5qfd](http://www.stjosephandstmargaretclitherow.churchsuite.com/events/bsqk5qfd)

### Baptism Preparation Evening

The next Baptism preparation evening is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, from 7:30pm-9pm, in the hall. The session after this won't be until the new year, so please attend this session to avoid delays.



### March for Life

A coach is going to the March for Life in London on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from the Church of St. William of York in Reading, where there is parking. Contact David Joyce at [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com) or use <https://tinyurl.com/spuccoach2025> if you're interested in attending. The important thing is to go: the contribution to the cost is not.



We pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Lynch. The Requiem Mass for Marie will be here on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, at 11am, followed by the internment at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 1:00pm.

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

Parish Events July/August	When?	Where?
Gospel Outreach with Music	27/08, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music	01/09, 1:45pm-3pm	Bickerton House, RG12 2JB
Gospel Outreach with Music	05/09, 1:45pm-3pm	Clement House, RG12 2GH
Gospel Outreach with Music	10/09, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Gospel Outreach with Music	24/09, 1:45pm-3pm	Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN
Children's Liturgy (please pre-book) 🧒🧒	07/09, 21/09	Church Hall
Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☕	26/08, 2pm	Church Hall
Parish Prayer Group 🙏	26/08, 7pm	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)



# QUIZ NIGHT

Parish of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow



**SATURDAY**  
13 SEPTEMBER, 2025

**Cash prize for the winner!**

**Raffle**



**START AT**  
19:15 – 21:45

**Entry for groups or individuals (max of 6)**



**TICKET PRICE**  
£5 / PERSON  
NIBBLES PROVIDED  
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK!

**JOIN NOW**  
<https://forms.gle/LNUfJLKppJPCNNvc6>



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## PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

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### MASS TIMES

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Mass	<i>Felix Patigayon RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	<i>Albera Chagadama RIP</i>
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		
St Monica, <i>memorial</i>				
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		
St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>				
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		
The Passion of St John the Baptist, <i>memorial</i>				
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	NO EXPOSITION		
		NO MASS		
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		
		NO CONFESSIONS		
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mass	
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	Mass	<i>Christine Anne Halligan RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

**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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