

**ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**

**THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – YEAR C**

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD AND KEEPING THE WORD**

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Pierre Teilhard de Chardin had a beautiful experience of God. With the skill of a poet, he tries to share something of what happened to him.

" the world gradually caught fire for me, burst into flames; how this happened all during my life, and as a result of my whole life, until it formed a great luminous mass, lit from within, that surrounded me". (The Heart of the Matter, p.15) And in another place, "The day will come when we shall harness for God the energies of Love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, human beings will have discovered fire". (Toward the Future p.87)



For us, the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God, is very special indeed.

She is an exceptional person. The first and best of disciples. From her, we have much to learn. And perhaps the best lesson she can teach us is how to listen for what we don't fully know yet, certain that we will recognise it when it happens, like Pierre did.

Rachel Naomi Remen says it beautifully:

I've spent many years learning how to fix life  
only to discover at the end of the day that life is not broken.

There is a hidden seed of greater wholeness  
in everyone and everything.  
We serve life best when we water it and befriend it.  
When we listen before we act.

In befriending life,  
we do not make things happen according to our own design.  
We uncover something that is already happening  
in us and around us, and create conditions that enable it.

Everything is moving toward its place of wholeness  
always struggling against odds.  
Everything has a deep dream of itself and its fulfilment.

(My Grandfather's Blessing: Stories of Strength, Refuge and Belonging. p.230)

## *St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow*



### **THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	John and Chris Colet†
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Tessie†
		10.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasset†
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Noreen Patterson†
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Beatrice Adoh†
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Parishioners Pilgrimage to Lourdes

### **ST BERNARD, Abbot**

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	

### **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Tony Brown†
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Sidney Burles†

## DATES AND NEWS

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Please note, newsletter deadline for all items is Wednesday 12.00 noon.

**LIFTS TO MASS NEEDED** – Can you help? A parishioner who lives in Great Hollands needs a lift to 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017** - To all parents of children entering Year 3 or above in September 2016: if you are practising your faith and coming to Mass regularly please register your child on-line through the parish website <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc-2017-registration-form.html> The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 31 August 2016**. Applications after this date will not be accepted, no exceptions.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Our Parish community are urgently in need of new Ministers of the Word and of the Holy Eucharist. Please come forward to serve in this small way, contact the parish office for more details.

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD** - Please sign the SPUC cards about midwives not doing abortions, but leave them in the porch to be sent on, to save postage.

**PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - The first Saturday of each month we will be offering the 10.00am Mass for the intention of Pro Life movements.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2016** now cancelled, next Chaplet is on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at 2.30pm

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - A group from our parish will be in Lourdes from **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016**. We are happy to take any prayer intentions to the Grotto at Lourdes. Please leave your intentions in an envelope in the box provided for them in the porch by **Monday 15 August** please.

**TAIZE PRAYER GROUP** – We will be inaugurating this style of beautiful prayerfulness for the whole community. I would like to invite all singers and musicians who are drawn to this new venture to let me know of their availability so that we can wisely choose the right time to come together. This new Ministry of Prayer needs a leader and, if you feel ‘called and gifted’ to this task, please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH DAY OUT TO PORTSMOUTH** – At the start of the Holy Year of Mercy in December 2015, Bishop Philip opened a Door of Mercy at St John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth. To join our **Parish Day Out to Portsmouth on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016** please contact the parish office or use the sign up sheet on the noticeboard. Suggested donation towards transport costs: Adult £10, children free.

**DEATH CAFÉ** – **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**, 7.00pm at Beatons Tearooms & Bookshop, 241 High Street, Crowthorne, RG45 7AH. We are a group of people sitting together and talking around the theme of death and dying. The idea is to make it easier to communicate about death and increase awareness of death, dying and making the most out of life. Book your place at [deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com](mailto:deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com).

**A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION** – On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at Marist Senior School, Sunninghill, what does Pope Francis mean by mercy in his exhortations on “The Environment”, “The Joy of Love” and the “Joy of the Gospel”? This will be led by R. Rev. Tom M Burns, Bishop of Menevia. Cost £12.00 include buffet lunch, teas and coffees. Further details contact Maura Holt on 01344 481750 by **20<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS’ MEETING** – **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** 10am to 1.30pm at St Bede’s RC Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. CAFOD’s work in Bolivia and Harvest Resources. To book call 01252 329385.

**PRAYER GROUP MUSIC MORNING MASS** - Every 2nd Saturday of the month commencing **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at 10.00am, dedicated to the Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.

**CELEBRATE 2016 - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016** Southampton Celebrate Weekend at St. George Catholic College bookings are now being taken. Full details and booking forms are available on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) Early booking is recommended as places are limited, especially for families with children.



**THE PARISH NEEDS YOU** – If you are recently retired, semi-retired or have a few spare hours per week/month to help out, lend a hand, support, be of assistance, rally round, the parish needs YOU. If you wish to offer your assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH RCIA, NEW TEAM** – Help is needed for those who feel drawn to our Catholic faith. There is no need to be an “expert”, just an understanding of our faith that can be gently passed on. If you are interested in this Ministry please contact the parish office.

**CALLED & GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2016** At Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted. Starts at 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and finishes at 3.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There is a cost of £70 to cover the accommodation and meal costs. Limited places so please book promptly, by contacting [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016** at St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT 10.00am to 12.30pm. To register and book a place contact Soraya Ciccarone [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 02392 836511.

**YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT WEEKEND AT DOUAI ABBEY - Friday 28<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016.** Are you 18-40, want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire led by Fr. Thomas Crean O.P. You will hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! To book go to [www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm](http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm). Prices start from £12.

**PRAYER GROUPS** -The Evening Prayer Group 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> /3rd Tuesday Church Hall. Daytime group 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup>/3rd Wednesday Church Hall.

**CRAFT GROUP** – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Next meetings **14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** – *Thank you.* Total amount £1532.42. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



***To Fr Danny for his tender pastoral care of us all and the beautiful, inspired reflections in our newsletter.***