



Parish of Saint Joseph and Saint Margaret Clitherow

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THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: Divine Wisdom, Human Problems!

While we are chiselling our own statues, each week, without fail, the liturgy presents us with heroes of our faith - women and men who lived and died for The Lord!

Whatever about that, most people believe that blood is thicker than water - family comes first, charity begins at home etc. Yet, the teaching in today's Gospel of non-violence demands a shift from selective love to universal (Baptismal) Love. Love has to build a bridge between friends and enemies. Loving those who love us is nothing to write home about! But being a mirror of what God is doing is something else.

Higher Love does not speed up the cycle of violence, or invite us to become a doormat! It demands that we nurture cleverness and find creative ways to bring violence to an end.

The Divine Teacher gives three ingenious examples of this to the poor of Palestine. Walter Wink comments on how wonderful they are.

" Turn the other cheek, thus indicating to the one who backhands you that their attempt to shame you into servility has failed. Strip naked and parade out of court, thus taking the momentum of the law and the whole debt economy and flipping them, jujitsu like, in a burlesque of legality. Walk a second mile, surprising the occupation troops with a sudden challenge to their control." (Engaging the Powers: Discernment and Resistance in a World of Domination, 1992' p.185)

Each example presumes that we, disciples, are waging Love, not war, in the world. And doing it with a clear sense of the danger, the sacrifice and the cost. We gather all our ingenuity to find ways to bring Love to bear on every violation of love we meet along the way.

We praise disciples who are willing to lay down their lives for their Faith. Let us praise too those wise disciples who find ways to bring non retaliation and love into stubborn and violent systems. Those men and women who, having grasped the Value, combine it with their extensive knowledge of medical, legal, political, educational, social and business systems. By their witness, by revealing the true meaning of perfection, new pathways of compassion and tenderness open under our feet.

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Coordinator for the Sick & Housebound: Mrs Liz Carpenter

PARISH NEWS

CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

- to be held here in the hall at St. Joseph's on **Saturday 22 March 2014**. Child Protection training will take place between **10am and 12.30pm** followed by Vulnerable Adults Training from 1.30pm-4pm. If you are hoping to get involved in a parish ministry involving young people including Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion or Confirmation and/or if you want to take Communion to the sick and housebound, you must attend one or both of these training sessions. If you have attended training in the past, you are probably due for refresher training so you are also encouraged to attend. To book your place please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 023 9282 5430 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you're not sure whether you are due refresher training, please contact Lisa, our parish Safeguarding Representative, on 01344 882576 or email lisagreenhow@aol.com

CONFIRMATION 2014 - Social evenings for the Confirmation Candidates:
28 February, 14 March, 2 May and 30 May from 7pm onwards.

NOT JUST CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETINGS - All parents in the parish are invited to these sessions, not just the parents of the Confirmation candidates. Dates are: 6 March, 27 March and 5 June from 7.30pm onwards. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - June 8th - 13th 2014 Led by Rev Fr Danny McAvoy. If you are interested in this Pilgrimage please put your name and telephone number on the list in the porch. Depending on the number of persons it will be decided if it is viable or not. Full details on notice board. The deadline has been imposed by British Airways the airline we are using out of Heathrow.

TRAINING/RETRAINING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - There will be training/retraining of **all** Eucharistic Ministers on **18 March 2014 at 7pm** in the Church. It will begin with training/retraining of Eucharistic Ministers who serve at Mass and it will continue with training/retraining of Eucharistic Ministers who take/wish to take Holy Communion to our Sick and Housebound.

SACRED SPACE - Sacred Space began in 1999 and has offered new content every day since then. The prayer site is run by the Irish Jesuits and you are invited to make a 'Sacred Space' in your day, praying as you visit their website, with the help of scripture chosen every day and on-screen guidance. Why not make a 'Sacred Space' in your day? www.sacredspace.ie

Please pray for the aged, sick, housebound and hospitalised of our community and for those who care for them.

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need"
Pope Francis

If you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital or housebound and unable to get to Mass, or just needing a priest, please tell Fr. Danny or contact the Parish Office

BRACKNELL CATENIANS - The Bracknell Catenian Association will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel Bracknell for their quarterly ladies night on March 4th at 7:30pm. The Catenians are an Association of Catholic Men. We have social events throughout the year and meet monthly. The aims of the Association are to foster the Catholic Faith and family Life. If you would like to come to a meeting or want more information please contact John Darnell on 01344 428810 or email the Bracknell Catenian Association secretary at BF318.secretary@gmail.com

GIVING LIFTS TO/FROM MASS OR PARISH EVENTS - Regarding drivers giving a fellow parishioner a lift to Mass: if the driver knows the fellow parishioner who lives near to them and offers the parishioner a lift to Mass, then this is a private arrangement between the two parishioners and as such does not require the driver to be DBS checked. If, however, our Parish advertises for drivers to come forward to maintain a 'pool of drivers to bring people to/from Mass or parish events', then the drivers who come forward to be part of the 'pool of drivers' will need to have a DBS check as they are doing this role through the request of the church and not as a private arrangement. If you would like to be part of the Parish 'pool of drivers', please contact the Parish office to follow the Parish Safeguarding procedure to do so.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND - If you are ill or unable to get to Mass and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office (Tel 425729).

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (INTERDENOMINATIONAL) - 7.30pm Friday 7th March at St Peter's Church, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne SL4 2EG

A MESSAGE FROM HCPT THE PILGRIMAGE TRUST - "Thank you to Mrs Perkins and all the parishioners at St. Joseph's who donated £120 to HCPT. This means that Declan, who is eight and has problems with his heart, kidneys, sight and hearing, will enjoy a life changing pilgrimage holiday to the shrine of Lourdes this Easter to share God's gift of love, friendship and joy. We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you so much.

LILY FENTON - Lily has moved to Moorlands Nursing Home, Lightwater GU18 5US. Please keep her in your prayers as she settles into her new home.

BIG BREW - As mentioned last Sunday we are marking Fairtrade Fortnight by having a 'Big Brew' weekend on **Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March**. Fairtrade teas and coffees will be served after **all** Masses. Please support this event. If anyone could make/buy a cake, contact Theresa McDougall 01344 427556 who is coordinating this event. All cakes can be brought to the Hall before Mass next Saturday/Sunday

***JUST TO SAY
THANK YOU TO***

All those who visit the
sick and housebound

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Envelopes – £320.80

Loose Plate - £580.76

Cheques - £18.00

Total £919.56 - Thank You

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

Total £154.17 – Thank You

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Psalter Week 3)

Sat 22 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Joseph Higgins†
Sun 23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis
	10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Mon 24 th	NO MASS		
Tue 25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	Mass	Bridget & Thomas Casey†
Wed 26 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	Mass	Alexander MacSwan
Thu 27 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	Mass	Francis Xavier Casimir†
Fri 28 th	11 – 12	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12.10pm	Mass	Michael Robinson†

FEAST OF ST DAVID

Sat 1 st	9.40am	Rosary	
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30am	Confession	

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Psalter Week 4)

Sat 1 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jean Dale†
Sun 2 nd	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
	10.30am	Mass	Kitty O'Connor†

***Just and loving God,
May my yes be yes and my no mean no.
Open my eyes to see the consequences of my actions,
and inspire my heart to put right what I have done wrong.
Amen.***