



**Parish of Saint Joseph and Saint Margaret Clitherow**

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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

### **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: Birds & the Bees, Flowers & the Trees**

Masters love to have Servants! What we value most shapes our destiny, our personality and all of our relationships.

The Divine teacher invites us today to get to know what dominates us. He also invites us to celebrate our life as a wonderful gift!

This will be very important if our values are an option between God and money. If money becomes the cornerstone of our sense of security, we will have no time for the security that God is offering. By the same token, if we find our rest in Him, All our anxieties will fade.

Step one is to see from the mountain top rather than the foothills. The quality of our life is not measured by the food we eat. Life is about love, kindness, friendship and meaningful work. Our bodies cannot be reduced to, nor are we to be measure by, the clothes we wear. Too much is at stake and we risk the loss of tenderness and sensuality. And the flowers and the birds which are all around us are a constant and gentle reminder of Gods generosity and of the fragility of all life.

In his poem, The Indiscriminate Host, John Shea offers this short parable for our consideration.

Jesus opened his hands and a story fell to the ground.  
There was one a rich man  
And the over generous earth provided him with 1,000 suppers of wheat.  
Before such riches his mind became an accountant.  
" I will build bigger barns to hold my wealth  
And I will never be hungry again." He said.

He never was, he died that night. Eat and Remember!

There is a beautiful prayer which we say each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

Deliver us O Lord from everything that is evil  
And grant us Peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin  
And protect us from all anxiety  
As we wait in Joyful Hope  
For the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If we could tot up how much time we spend with worry, and then tot up how much time we spend contemplating the gift of life we might be surprised to discover that little faith equals little contemplation!

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**Coordinator for the Sick & Housebound:** Mrs Liz Carpenter

**EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME****(Psalter Week 4)**

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Jean Dale†
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
	10.30am	Mass	Kitty O'Connor†
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NO MASS		
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	Mass	Jim Webster†

**ASH WEDNESDAY – BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT**

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	School Mass at St Joseph's School	
	11.00am	School Mass at St Margaret Clitherow School	
	12.10pm	Mass	Maxima Camba†
	7.30pm	Mass	Melda Galvin†
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	Mass	Norman & Noëline Mannert
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 – 12	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12.10pm	Mass	John & Connie McEvoy
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
	10.00am	Mass	Rita O'Neill
	10.30am	Confession	

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****(Psalter Week 1)**

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Soane Family
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
	10.30am	Mass	Bridget & Francis Robinson

*God of compassion and love, I place my worries before you,  
knowing you hold them all, and place myself in the present.  
Open my eyes to what I need to see, and give me strength to bring love  
to the people and situations I have opened my eyes to.  
Amen.*

## 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 Ciccicone on 023 9282 5430 or email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:lisagreenhow@aol.com)

**CONFIRMATION 2014** - Social evenings for the Confirmation Candidates:  
**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.

**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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Please don't forget to feed through to the PPC before our next meeting on 12th March any thoughts and ideas that you may have on the ministry of Welcoming and also what we, as a Parish, can do to support our young people. Young people, please feel free to share your ideas with us.

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – On **7<sup>th</sup> March** Crowthorne Methodist Church in Duke's Ride at 10.30 a.m. with Sue Burrow as the speaker. Also 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne SL4 2EG.

**PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – The next meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 8.00-9.30pm in the Parish Room.

**SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER** – Will meet in the Parish Room on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm with Fr Stephen Inness.

**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](mailto:BF318.secretary@gmail.com)

**OVER 50s** - The Over 50s keep-fit group will meet at 2.45 pm on **Tuesday 11th March** to discuss the 2014 programme for day-trip excursions.

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 24 Feb. to 9 March**

Did you know that 1 in 3 bananas sold in the UK is Fairtrade? In the last 10 years, a bitter price war has seen the UK supermarket sector almost halve the price of loose bananas while the cost of producing them has doubled, trapping many of the farmers and workers who grow them in poverty. Please sign the petition on [foncho.fairtrade.org.uk](http://foncho.fairtrade.org.uk)

**BIG BREW** - - We are marking Fairtrade Fortnight (24 Feb – 9 March) by having a 'Big Brew' weekend on **Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March**. Fairtrade teas and coffees and a selection of cakes will be served after **all** Masses. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD. Please support this event.

**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).

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER** – If you have any news or items you would like to be announced in the newsletter please call/email the parish office before Thursday afternoon.

**URGENT REQUEST FROM BRACKNELL AND ASCOT FOODBANK:** Is in urgent need of Fruit Juice, 500g Sugar and Tinned Rice pudding. Please bring your donations to the Church.

**FREE WEIGHT LOSS PRAYER GROUP** – The first meeting will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm-8.00pm in the Parish Room. For more details please contact Sue on 07594976699 or see the notice in the Porch.

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

**To Pat, Pauline and all the  
volunteers who staff the  
Church Shop**

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**

Envelopes – £306.11  
Loose Plate - £574.19  
Cheques - £5.00

**Total £885.30 - Thank You**

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO  
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**