

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

HOLDING ONTO LIFE WITH AN OPEN HAND

31ST July 2016 - Psalter Week 2 – Missal Page 117

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It doesn't matter if it's the rich or the poor - I have seen families torn apart and destroyed over questions of inheritance. As if they believed that the precious relationships of their life were less valuable than the baubles which helped to hold them together!

In cash terms, all of us, no matter who we are - how young or how old - try to juggle many 'financial' balls. A job I love, or a job that pays well. Can I have both? Rare. Now I'm working with people I don't like, but the money is good so I'll endure. My boss is awful, nothing is worth having to face that one every working day. And so it goes on, with the great question, when will we ever have enough - too much would be better - to live the life we want. Then.....

Jesus sent His disciples, without cloak or coin, His word their only possession, like troubadours with a single song. They broke over Galilee like a summer storm, cleansing air and earth and leaving a fragrance as fresh as the time before the first scream. They came back to Him, having broken the back of pain and He said, 'Come aside and rest awhile'. So Jesus pulled them away to a desert place where they reclined on the green grass of His soul. "We have done great things," they said. 'Your feet are dusty, I will wash them,' He said. "We will have a time of no more hunger, no more thirst," they said. Jesus said to them, "People who would end hunger may be hungry themselves. Here is Bread. People who would do away with thirst may be thirsty themselves. Here is wine. Eat and remember or the earth you shake will swallow you. The mountains you move will crush you. The sin you stalk will in turn stalk you".

Then Jesus opened his hands and a story fell live to the ground.

'Once there was a rich man
And the over-generous earth opened to him
With the gift of 1000 suppers of wheat.
At the sight of such abundance
His mind became a ledger
And he broke down his bins and built bigger barns
To house his new self-sufficiency.
I will never be hungry again - he shouted.
He never was. That night he died.
Eat and Remember!

(Adapted from John Shea, The Indiscriminate Host)



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

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| Saturday | 30 th | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Alice and Paddy Egan† |
| Sunday | 31 st | 8.30am | Mass | Socorro Barretto† |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | John and Mary Smith† |
| Monday | 1 st | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday | 2 nd | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Paul Baker† |

ST ETHELWOLD, Bishop Abingdon/Winchester

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| Wednesday | 3 rd | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
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ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest

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| Thursday | 4 th | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Fr Philip Carroll's Intention† |
| Friday | 5 th | 11.00am | Exposition (until 12.00noon) | |
| | | 12.10pm | Mass | Joseph Kelly |

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, Feast

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| Saturday | 6 th | 10.00am | Mass | Pro-Life |
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

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| Saturday | 6 th | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | George Chapman† |
| Sunday | 7 th | 8.30am | Mass | James O'Connell† |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Martin McHale† |

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community and for those who care for them.

Sick and Housebound: Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Brian Mecklenburg, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, , Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, David McCann, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Bill Guilfoyle, Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Mary Williams, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo.

DATES AND NEWS

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

CHURCH SHOP – The Church Shop will be closed throughout August. You are welcome to see and buy our many beautiful items and cards that you may want for family and friends, or to take on holiday.

LIFTS TO MASS NEEDED – Can you help? A parishioner who lives in Bullbrook needs a lift to Saturday 6pm Mass or Sunday 10.30 am Mass and a parishioner who lives in Great Hollands needs a lift to 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

FR JAYA APPEAL - Thanks to all who have sponsored an orphan for £150 a year. There will be a basket in the porch this weekend and next, for his work among the very poorest in India. Every penny goes directly to feed, clothe and educate. Please visit <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/father-jaya.html> If you are a taxpayer the parish can add the reclaimed tax.

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 at <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/> The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 31 August 2016**.

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.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEVASTATION OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI - On **Saturday 6th August 2016** we mark the anniversary of these terrible events. For more information please consult the excellent website of Pax Christi and the Justice and Peace group which have fine prayers and insights for those working for peace. It is easy to subscribe to their newsletter and to support their work.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - From **Saturday 6th August 2016** and continuing on the first Saturday of each month we will be gathering to offer our 10.00am Mass for the intention of Pro Life movements. Please try to support this endeavour.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 21 August 2016** - NOW CANCELLED, next Chaplet is on **Sunday 18th September 2016** at 2.30pm

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - A group from our parish will be in Lourdes from **Friday 19th to Friday 26th 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.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK STORE – Are desperately in need of volunteers to help on Fridays. If you are interested in this Ministry please contact Carole Mayes email jcmayes@ntlworld.com

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 3rd 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.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION – On **Saturday 10th 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 **20th August 2016**.

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

CELEBRATE 2016 - Saturday 24th September 2016 Southampton Celebrate Weekend at St. George Catholic College bookings are now being taken. Speakers this year include: Ros Powell, Russ Parker, Emily Leakey and Michelle Moran. Full details and booking forms are available on 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 1st & 2nd OCTOBER 2016
There will be a special weekend at the Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted. The time will be a mixture of the teaching, discussion, praying, reflections and opportunity for Confession and Adoration. Starts at 11am on the 1st and finishes at 3.30pm on the 2nd 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

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING – **Saturday 8th 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 or call 02392 836511.



As from Monday 1 August 2016, enquiries and booking requests should be directed to the National Appointment Service, phone numbers 0800 3893801 or 01159 934255, email: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on **Monday 8th August 2016** at 58 Qualitas.

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

CRAFT GROUP – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Next meetings **10th and 24th August 2016**.

KEEP FIT CLUB – No sessions through July and August until further notice.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING – *Thank you.* Total amount £1474.79. Second Offering for Fr Jaya £47.30. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



To the leaders of the Called and Gifted teams for their inspiration and all those who responded to taking the journey of discovery of God's calling in their lives.