

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

## THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

10<sup>th</sup> August 2014 Psalter Week 3

## THE EYE OF THE STORM

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One of the most popular pieces of writing is a little thing called 'Footprints in the Sand'. It's a sentimental piece where God appears to carry us when the storm clouds gather and the wind is trying to bowl us over. It is a favourite of a particular kind of disciple. However ...

The disciple is not asked to say prayers but to become prayer. Yet the reality for many people is that they only ever 'say' prayers when they are in trouble, or their life is in danger or when they want something badly. Once the storm has passed and they feel lifted out of the raging sea, they are grateful and then drop God until the next crisis or need appears.

The real adventure of faith, as it is outlined in today's Gospel, is to be rooted in Gods Saving Presence with every breath that we take. Danger creates fear and fear is a prison cell. The boat, Matthews great symbol for the Church, is in danger of sinking. The disciples (men of little faith still) become afraid and lose their rudder.

Like them, we are struggling for community in an age of holocaust. Struggling for an end to war and violence, struggling to make poverty, hunger and disease things of the past,

struggling to uphold dignity and respect for all of creation, for lives that are pure with love, struggling for beauty and truth in art and education, in healthcare, education and in politics. Working for higher consciousness of the Sacred in our Midst. In Matthews language, trying to bring Heaven to Earth!

As we reach for these things we become afraid. Afraid for our lives, Afraid of Failure. We notice the winds of change are stronger than we thought. We imagine that the tsunami of violation, greed, injustice and cruelty will make our own little efforts seems ridiculous.

But we might keep this on the breath of our prayer. Before the outstretched arm of Christ reaches out to hold us up, there is no better way to sink!



## ***St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow***

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Adolf Sema Lima †
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Matthew & Laura Tichbon
		10.30am	Mass	Nicola Howard†
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Joe Zarowny
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mary Calvey†
		10.15am	Rosary	

### ***ST MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE***

Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jackie & Elish Tate
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady	Napoleon Cea

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

Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Robin Cousens†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Una Mair
		10.30m	Confessions	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Augusta Da Sousa †
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Damion Donnelly

### **Please pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community and for those who care for them.**

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peter Bentley, Chris & Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca Joanna O'Connell, Alex McCall, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

#### **And those who are unwell or in hospital**

Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Mair, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,  
Eileen Green & Catherine Jones

## PARISH NEWS

**WELCOME TO FR BENJAMIN** – Who will be here at St Joseph's and St Margaret Clitherow's whilst Fr Danny is taking a well-earned holiday.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** – George Chapman who has died. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY** – Amber Bullock and Maria Mendes who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**BISHOP PHILIP EGAN** - Will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4:00 pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All is invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502

**PETITION TO PHILIP HAMMOND** – If you would like to sign the Petition, which you will find in the Porch, asking the Foreign Secretary to help stop the violence and help to bring about a just and lasting peace in Gaza please do so.

**MARY MOTHER OF EVANGELISATION** - A day of Prayer and Reflection, based on Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium, at the Marist Senior School, Sunninghill 10.30am – 4.30pm on Saturday 13th September. Led by Fr Tom Taaffe, PP Ascot and Sr Mary-Magdalen Smyth SM. Cost £12.00 to include buffet lunch, teas and coffees. Further details and to book, contact Maura Holt through the Parish Office by 22nd August.

**HOLY HOUR** - There will be a Holy Hour to pray for lasting peace in the Gaza/Israel conflict on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00 pm.

**FR JAYA** – If you would still like to make an offering. Please send your Cheques to PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph and marked "for Fr. Jaya" on the back. The winning raffle ticket No **207** for the bottle of Whiskey has still not been claimed; please search your pockets & handbags.

**OBLIGATORY DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers: We have booked a place for each minister in the parish for your annual retreat day at Douai Abbey. It is important for you to let the parish office know as soon as possible which of the days you will be attending because the Abbey can only accommodate 20 per day. There are still places available on 13th September, 27th September and 5th October.

**PASTORAL CARE SERVICES** - So much outstanding practice already takes place in our local parishes that could be made more widely available. The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or [pcs@portsmouthdioceses.org.uk](mailto:pcs@portsmouthdioceses.org.uk).

**SAFEGUARDING** - There will be Child Protection Training (10am-12.30pm) and Vulnerable Adult Training (1.30pm-4pm) on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at St Edwards, 44 Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HU. To book your place, please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 02392816396 or email [soraya@portsmouthdioceses.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdioceses.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** - There will be a Day for Confirmation Leaders and Catechists led jointly by Formation for Mission and Liturgy & Music Teams on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-3pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Every first and third Tuesday in the month.

**YOUTH 2000 FESTIVAL WALSINGHAM** - If you're aged 16-30 and you're interested in coming to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham 21st-25th August, there will be a coach travelling from Portsmouth with pick-up points at Winchester and Reading. For more information [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org) or contact Fr PJ Smith at [edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH** - Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING** – The next meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. These meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, everyone is welcome.

**THE WEIGHT SUPPORT GROUP** - Is taking a break, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10.00-12.00 at St Joseph's Church and every Tuesday after. Do come along for support and advice on diet and exercises. For more information please call Sue on 07594976699.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?** - If you've made your First Holy Communion, then you can! Just come along 15 minutes before Mass and introduce yourself to Fr. Danny and the other servers who will look after you and show you what to do.

**CHURCH CLEANING** - From August we will be cleaning the church every 3rd Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome

**FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES** - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. If you would like to join the rota from September, please contact the Parish Office.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** – If you would like prayers said for anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital of our community and, also those who care for them, please contact the Parish Office on 01344 425729

**COMMUNICATION** – Do you know that you can receive our parish newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list. Keep up to date with what's happening in the Diocese. The Diocesan e-news comes out once a week. Sign up on [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**THE PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER** – Is **07936 538 167**. Fr Danny can be contacted on this number by those who are very ill or needing viaticum.

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***For your***  
***commitment to***  
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