

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

PUTTING COMPASSION FIRST

10th July 2016 - Psalter Week 2 – Missal Page 108

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The beautiful gift of the Charter for Love and Justice, carved on two stone tablets with the tears and prayers of a broken community, soon became a thicket of rules and regulations which strangled love and creativity.

The lawyer in today's Gospel can read these laws but, like ourselves, his creativity is more in the service of how to get around them! Worse still, he is hampered by the question, 'What's in it for me?'

He comes to test Jesus and finds himself tested. He calls Jesus "teacher" but he isn't really interested in learning anything new. When Jesus reveals that He too can read the law, the lawyer then tries to pull Jesus into a maze of opinions about who is in and who is out in the neighbours game. All of this to justify doing nothing!



The parable of the Good Samaritan, like every parable, is designed to sneak past his defences. On hearing it, all the lawyer is left with is only the compassion, the creativity and the limitless generosity of a man doing love of God and neighbour. The Samaritan crosses every boundary. All of his might is put to work in his desire to bring healing to the traveller. Bandages, oil, wine,

animal, money, time and skill are brought to bear on the man's suffering. And then he positions himself for an endless flow of care by offering whatever is needed to effect a full recovery.

We can hear and love this story. But the injunction at the end, 'Go and do likewise', is not as easy as it sounds. This demands another step - a step that will call for courage and creativity. Like the lawyer, we can recite the commandments. After all, they have been drummed into us for years. This story shows us how to live, how the commandments work and that doing them is their own reward. But where is the lawyer? He has vanished without trace. Our cover has been blown. Jesus is talking to us. What will we do?

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	9 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Pat Campbell†
Sunday	10 th	8.30am	Mass	David Hancock†
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Lewis
		3.00pm	Service of Healing	
Monday	11 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	12 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John & Josephine Breen O'Grady†
Wednesday	13 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Rose†, Kit† and Nula†
Thursday	14 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Tim and Dominica Roberts
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	

ST SWITHUN, Bishop

Friday	15 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Letesia Moynihan†
Saturday	16 th	10.00am	Mass	Crisostomo Silva†
		10.45am	Confessions	

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	16 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Agnes O'Farrell†
Sunday	17 th	8.30am	Mass	Angelina Ediale†
		10.30am	Mass	Joseph Lewis

**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, Peggy Pendergast, 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, Tom Larkin, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock

DATES AND NEWS

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please note, the newsletter deadline for all items is 12.00 noon on Wednesdays.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – Second offering at all Masses **9th and 10th July 2016**. The food, machines, fuel and clothes we use are often brought to us by seafarers who are very badly treated and poorly paid. Please give generously.

SERVICE OF HEALING – Everyone is welcome to the Service of Healing on **Sunday 10 July 2016** at 3.00pm. If you are willing to offer a lift to/from the Service or make cakes/sandwiches for the afternoon tea, there will be sign-up sheets in the porch nearer this time.

EURO COINS FOR WYD TEAM – It would be lovely if everybody brought in their stock of Euro coins to give to our young people going to Poland for World Youth Day. So, please check pockets, purses, wallets and even look down the back of your sofas. Please leave them in the Sacristy or the Parish Office, this will be very much appreciated.

'WORLD YOUTH DAY – THANK YOU! We are so grateful for all the tremendous support we have received from our community here at St Joseph's and St Margaret Clitherow's. Special thanks to the Knights of St Columba for their very generous gift of £100 to our fundraising. Also, thanks to Gosia Kopacz-Brunton for her amazing support and the wonderful talk she gave on Krakow. There are so many people (just too many to mention), to whom we owe an enormous debt of thanks. The theme for this amazing pilgrimage is **'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy shown them'**. We promise to pray for the Parish and take with us any special prayer requests you may have. Please use the pray request slips and place them in the **'WYD Prayer requests'** box, all at the back of the church. Thank you again for your continued support - Abigail, Jason, Larissa, Lesley, Lizette & Tom

***P.S.** If anyone was kind enough to take a Smarties tubes home with them and collect 20p's for us, would you mind bringing them back now with whatever you have managed to collect? Thank you.*

MASTERCLASS IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – A series of eight reflections (on CD) by Dr James Finley on Thomas Merton seventh session on **Thursday 14th July 2016** at 7.00pm in the parish hall. If you feel drawn to this Masterclass, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

FR JAYA APPEAL - Fr. Madanu Jaya, who visited our parish last year, runs an orphanage and a very poor parish in India. The need is urgent as the monsoon has failed again. To feed, clothe and educate a child takes about £150 a year. If you wish to join the parishioners who have been so generously doing this, or to make any contribution, please leave a cheque in the office payable to PRCDTR Bracknell St. Joseph and marked for Fr. Jaya. See our website under Community and Causes or contact dominica.roberts@gmail.com . If you are a taxpayer the parish can add the reclaimed tax.

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION – Every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks on the Essentials of the Faith at St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead from **14th June to 19th July 2016**
7.30pm – 9.00pm.



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. The team meet every Thursday at 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Parish Room. Please come along.

LAY FRANCISCANS (OFS) – Meeting of the Lay Franciscans (OFS) will meet in the Church hall on **Saturday 16th July 2016** at 2.00pm. All are welcome to “come and see”.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 17 July 2016** at 2.30pm

PARISH DAY OUT TO ABINGDON & PORTSMOUTH - There will be 2 day pilgrimages to the Holy Doors in our diocese, namely Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon in Oxfordshire on **Saturday 23rd July 2016** and St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Saturday 3rd September 2016**. To book your seat, please contact the parish office or use the sign up sheet on the noticeboard. Suggested donation towards transport costs: Adult £10, children free.

THE BRACKNELL LIONS FAMILY SHOW – On Saturday 23rd July 2016 at Wildridings Playing Fields from 12 noon to 5.00pm. A fun packed day with outside traders, information stalls, arena display, raffle, fairground rides, face painting and much more. Bring a picnic and enjoy the show. All money raised will be used to support the needy and good causes in Bracknell.

OVER 50'S KEEP FIT CLUB DAYTRIP - A daytrip by coach has been organized to visit the sea-side town of Weston-super-Mare on **Wednesday 27th July 2016**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the Church car park at 0830. The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham, 01344 425040.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – **19th August – 26th August**, led by Bishop Philip. Information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office.

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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on **Monday 11 July 2016** at 58 Qualitas.

BABY CHANGING FACILITY – The new baby changing facility is available alongside the ladies' toilet near the hall. We are catching up with the rest of the world.

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.

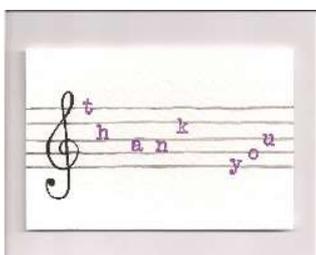
CRAFT GROUP – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Next meeting **13th July 2016**.

KEEP FIT CLUB – Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass during term time.



LAST WEEK'S OFFERING – **Thank you.** Total amount £1,474.32. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



To all our talented musicians and choir who bring beautiful music to our Church and lives.