

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

## THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM CHAIN REACTIONS!

10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Psalter Week 2

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Once upon a time a king was riding in a coach on a miserable, cold winters day. He sees a poor man trudging along the road and stops the coach and offers him a ride. But life has taught the poor man to be suspicious. "What will it cost me?" he asks. "Only the courage to accept it", the king replied!

The Law of Completion states that we only understand what we have received when we give it away. So the Unbounded Joy which Jesus Celebrates and offers can only be experienced when disciples see themselves as links in a chain - from the Father to Jesus, from Jesus to them and from them to others. All the old hierarchies are dissolved, now there are only friends moving effortlessly in the Fathers Love.

So here's the question to ponder. Can we tell ourselves the story that Jesus tells his disciples and that he wants us to tell others? Or to put it perhaps more in the language of the Gospel, can we allow ourselves to be chosen by Love for Love?

James Mackey, in 'Jesus: The Man and the Myth' has noted that the only way to give others the experience of being themselves grace and treasure, into treat them as treasure and be gracious to them.... [the gospel] will be lost on me unless the warmth of another human being envelops me, unless some other human person refresh the weariness of my defeated days. (p.170)



This week, think of someone who has loved you and treasured you and see in that person a revelation of the unconditional, universal love of God. Some people are sacramental carriers of that Love. Then, contemplating the Word of Jesus, notice how he ignites a fire, begins a chain reaction that allows people to join the chain of Love. Notice too, that for Him, it doesn't really matter how we get there. It only matters that we get there!

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sarah O'Brien†
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Jenny & Helen Considine
		10.30am	Mass	George & Berthe Prové†
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Margaret Rogerson
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Thomas & Bridget Casey†
		10.15am	Rosary	

## THE FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS

Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Joanna O'Connell†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Maureen Arthur & Family
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Margaret Donisthorpe†
		10.30am	First Confessions Service	

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Amy McNamara†
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Ernie Brown†
		10.30am	Mass	Tao Micklewright†

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

### Sick and Housebound

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Kate McGrath, Peggy Finan, Frances Dyson and Yvonne Gantzer

### And those who are unwell or in hospital

Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Una Mair and Peggy Heasman, Alex McCall and Nora Cronin

## DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** – Patrick Holmwood, Marjory Vermuelen and Ronald Williams who have died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**REQUIEM MASS** – For Marjory Vermuelen will be held on Wednesday **20<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.15am here at St Joseph's.

**NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** – Thank you for your generous offerings for this appeal. We have raised £2000.00; all offerings have been sent to CAFOD.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS** – The children on the First Holy Communion journey this year will be making their first Confessions in special services every Saturday morning in May. Fr Danny will hear any other Confessions after the children's services have finished.

**BRACKNELL FOODBANK UPDATE** - "The Bracknell Foodbank has a new permanent store. We are about to move all our stocks to the new store, so please can we ask for no donations until Monday **11<sup>th</sup> May**. Thank you to everyone who has donated since Easter and for all your wonderful support to help our clients".

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on Monday **11<sup>th</sup> May** 7.45pm in the Parish Room.

**CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP** – Each **Tuesday** in the hall 9.30am-11.30am during School Term Time.

**OVER 50 KEEP FIT** – Every **TUESDAYS** from 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

**THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** – The next meeting is on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.00pm. Please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699 for details

**PROCLAIM '15 – Building Missionary Parishes** - Proclaim '15 is the name of the initiative by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to support enthuse and equip parish evangelisation. In the lead up to Pentecost, there will be 3 Small Group Sessions on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)** - Our next meeting on **13<sup>th</sup> May** any suggestions, ideas or concern that you may have. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings.

**THE ORDER OF FRANCISCANS SECULAR** – Will meet in the hall on Saturday **23<sup>rd</sup> March** at 2.00pm-4.00am. Why not visit the Perfect Joy Fraternity to find out more about the call of St Francis of Assisi? The Church car park will be open. No need to book – simply arrive!

**SERVICE OF HEALING – 24<sup>th</sup> May** - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday **24<sup>th</sup> May** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. If you would like to attend but need a lift, please contact the Parish Office (Tel: 01344 425729 /Email: stj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). NOTE: There are lists on the Notice Board, please sign up if you are able to help with food or transport or on the day itself. Thank you.

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST** – If there is a trained Physiotherapist in the Parish who specialises in infant care please get in touch with the Parish Office.

**OVER 50s CLUB** - The Over 50s Keep-fit Club has organized a daytrip by coach to visit Corfe Castle and the seaside town of Swanage on Tuesday **26th May**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the church car park at 0800 and return approximately 1900. (The car park will be made available for all-day parking) The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham on 01344 425040.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016** (21.07.2016 - 02.08.2016) All young members of the parish who will be over 15 years old (and under 35!) in 2016 are invited to join other young people from Portsmouth Diocese to travel together by coach to Krakow in Poland in Summer 2016 to celebrate with Pope Francis and other Catholic youth from around the world. Places are limited so if you are interested, please speak to Fr Danny as soon as possible.



**ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** - St Francis Primary School in Ascot are currently advertising for 2 Teachers to join their outstanding Team. All information & application forms on the school website [www.stfrancisprimary.org](http://www.stfrancisprimary.org). Please see Notice Board in the Porch for details. Application deadline, Monday **18th May** - Midday'.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Divine Mercy Chaplet starts on Sunday **August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 2.30pm, and will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**TIME FOR REFLECTION – ‘Pentecost’** – On Saturday **23rd May** 9.30am – 1.00pm at St Francis of Assisi Church Ascot, facilitator Fr Tom Taaffe. Please book your place through the Ascot Parish Office on 01344.620591.

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSAIRES - Mass: Saturday 27th June 2015**

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass to celebrate. This takes place on 27th June at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office.

**CAR PARK** – We hope to have the car park fully operational by next week. There are still a number of people who have not collected their windscreen stickers, John will be in the office after the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses this Sunday

**RETIRING OFFERING** - This weekend is for World Communications.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** – If you would like prayers for anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital and those who care for them, please contact the Parish Office on 01344 425729 or speak to Fr. Danny.

**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.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Total £1045.12 - Thank You

Nepal Emergency Appeal

Total £2000.00 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE  
TO

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

**Thank You**  
**To our Eucharistic**  
**Ministers who go out to**  
**the sick.**