

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

4th Sunday of Easter

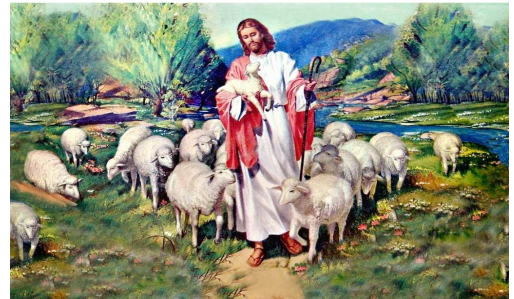
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

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Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

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Going Through the Gate

Imagine a Gate made of Nothing. God passes through. God speaks. It might sound like a Big Bang but Creation has begun. That is why it is not wholly accurate to say that God created the Universe. Why? Because God is still engaged in this wonderful work. The world and every heart in it still being created.



God passes through the Gate again. 'I Am who I Am' has become Jesus. He speaks your name. He passes back through the Gate and calls you to Follow Him. You try to get through but you can't. You get stuck. Too much baggage. You have to let go. Of what? God waits.

Any Leader can be a True Shepherd or a Terrorist. The latter steal by craft and deceit with violence and death. As they depart, they always leave us feeling smaller and with less.

St. John uses the powerful 'steal, kill, destroy' to describe them.

The Beautiful (Good) Shepherd always leaves us more and with more than He found us. Why? Because He know us by name. He is no stranger to us. His voice resonates in the depth of our soul and of our longing for life. So He walks ahead of us, bringing us to pasture. To places where we find nourishment and strength.

Jesus is the Gate. He is 'The Bread of Life', 'The Living Water', 'The True Vine', 'The Resurrection and the Life'. All of these are images of Love without Regret flowing through Him, so that we might have Life and have it to the Full. His name means, 'God is with us!'

He invites us to bring life not death. If we steal, kill or destroy someone's name; life or reputation - even our own- maybe we have to look again at our understanding of who He is.

God waits. What do we have to lose to pass through the Gate?

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Sunday Mass Schedule (and Intentions)

4th Sunday of Easter

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| Saturday | 10 th | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Fernanda Goncalves |
| Sunday | 11 th | 8.30am | Mass | Dominic and Alfredo Mari† |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions |
| | | 12.00pm | Baptism | Darcy Brady-Eldridge |
| | | 3.00pm | St Georges Day Scouts Service | |

Weekday Mass (and Intentions)

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| Monday | 12 th | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday | 13 th | 9.10am 9.30am | Morning Prayer Mass | Erwin Phelan† |
| Wednesday | 14 th | 9.10am 9.30am | Morning Prayer Mass | Kitty O'Connor |
| Thursday | 15 th | NO MASS | | |
| Friday | 16 th | 10.45-11.45 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 12.00pm | Requiem Mass | Elsie Nowell† |
| Saturday | 17 th | 12.00pm | First Holy Communion Mass | |
| | | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Mathew Cole |

5th Sunday of Easter

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| Sunday | 18 th | 8.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Jean Martin |

**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**

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS – To all the children who made their First Holy Communion this Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Darcy Brady-Eldridge who will be baptised this Sunday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL - Is on Friday 16th May at **6.00pm** for First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 17th May at 12.00pm

LOURDES COLLECTION – If you would like to make a donation by cheque towards the cost of sending Tim Brierley and his family to Lourdes this summer please make your cheque payable to PRCOTR Bracknell St Joseph. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - As the number of children attending children's liturgy is growing at both 8.30 and 10.30 masses we need more helpers. You must be willing to be DBS checked and undergo a safeguarding course. This can be done in one hour at the School. Please contact the parish office or Ann Burke on 01344 485790.

CONFIRMATION 2014 REMAINING SESSIONS - Candidates: 30 May (7pm) and **Parents:** 5 June (7.30pm) Rehearsal at St. Joseph's: 13 June (7pm) **Confirmation Mass:** 22 June at 3pm St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS BRACKNELL - Life in the Spirit Seminars continue every Tuesday 8pm – 9.30pm until 17 June in the Church Hall. All are welcome. The theme of Tuesday's talk is Salvation and the speaker is David Matthews. For more information, contact Anne D'Souza on 01344.420465 or the Parish Office or see the display board in the porch. Why not come along?

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on Monday 12th May at 8.00pm at 75 Qualitas, please contact Anne on 10344 451847 for more details.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 1ST JUNE - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday 1 June 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: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Could you offer someone you know a lift to the Service? Young people, if you would like to help in any way, for example serving or providing entertainment, contact Maura Holt on 01344.481750.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST JUDE FAVERSHAM – The Carmelite Friars are holding a Summer Celebration on Saturday 31st May, starting at 11.00am with Devotions and Anointing, 12.00-13.00pm Picnic in the grounds (bring your own picnic), and at 13.30pm open air Mass followed by a St Jude procession and prayers. If enough people in our parish want to go we will arrange transport.

Please contact marie-danielle.tichbon@globalknowledge.net

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Is on 12-17 May. Once again we are taking part in the national door-to-door envelope collection, together with many other churches in Bracknell. If you would like to join in, contact our Social Justice Co-ordinator hughgibbons@just1.org.uk

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14th May in the Church Hall. We are hoping to have a Parish Summer Social which we will be discussing at our next PPC meeting. Please put your thoughts, ideas and suggestions in the Suggestion Box in the Porch or speak to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (names listed on the noticeboard).

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP - Angela Dossett runs a very successful Mother and Toddler group which meets every Tuesday during term time from 9.30am-11.30am in the Church Hall. She particularly needs help with the taking out and putting away of toys at the beginning and end of the session. If you could help, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Angela.

THE BRACKNELL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Are about to tidy up the grass area in front of Princess Square. They will only do this on the condition that we can find 4 Volunteers to maintain this afterwards. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

EXERCISE WITH PEGGY – Every Tuesday 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

TEAS AND COFFEES AFTER MASS - There will be FAIRTRADE teas and coffees after all Masses this weekend. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far for rotas.



SPONSORED WALK - I am walking 20k on the South Downs with 2 friends on the 10th May, for the Alzheimer's Society. Please go to the following link if you wish to sponsor me www.justgiving.com/team-endevour (without the a), or just if you wish to hand into the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your support. Theresa McDougall

ROTAS – Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors Rotas are now available from the Sacristy.

SOUP AND ROLL - Is again available after 12.10pm Mass on Fridays.



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LENTEN PROJECT AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – The final amount offered for this wonderful charity was £1305.87. Thank you so much for your generosity.

*JUST TO SAY
THANK YOU TO
Bernie and her team for
preparing the children for
their 1st Holy Communion*

**LAST WEEK'S LOURDES
OFFERINGS FOR TIM
BRIERLEY
AMOUNTED TO
£1,676.00 - Thank you for
your generosity**