

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
HOLDING ONTO LIFE WITH AN OPEN HAND**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Psalter Week 4**

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The running man is eager. The kneeling man is respectful. The questioning man is sincere. He calls Jesus 'Good Teacher'. Jesus gently reminds him that, if he has an eye to eternal life, he will have to focus on the goodness of God.

But the seekers mind is distracted. He still thinks of his life in terms of behaviour and reward. Jesus reminds him of the Charter for Justice, listing the foundational good works. The seeker doesn't need reminding. He knows them and has kept them since his 'youth'. Here's the clue. Now we know we are in the company of someone who never really grew up. His religious life is only eagerness, energy and ego. Of all the ways to look at someone, gazing is probably best. So Jesus doesn't glare at him.

Then, suddenly, the Teacher suggests something new - treasure in heaven. What! Indeed, let me say it again, the seeker must value first his relationship with God, and the pathway to this is to give away his wealth to the poor. What! When he hears this he is shocked and bereaved. The disciples who have been watching this encounter are also shocked and bereaved.



So what about us? The drive to own and possess people and things is deep in all of us. At least our possessions offer the illusion of safety. But the need to stay safe has turned many to ruthless injustice and unimaginable cruelty. Instead the Teacher invites us to blend our sense of time and eternity. We must never allow what we own to own us, or to identify so fully with what we think we have that our hearts are closed to God and to those who suffer.

In the 19th century, a tourist from the States visited the famous polish rabbi Hafez Hayyim. He was astonished to see that the rabbis dwelling was a simple room filled with books. The only furniture was a table and a bench.

"Rabbi, where is your furniture?" asked the tourist.

"Where is yours?" replied Hafez.

"Mine? But I'm only a visitor here."

"So am I," said the rabbi.

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## ***TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ray & Pam Savage's 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Parish Intentions
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	
		10.30am	Mass	Fred Abbott†
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Brenda Hook
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sr Maggie†
		10.15am	Rosary	

## ***ST TERESA OF AVILA***

Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Yvonne Corfield
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-11.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>Joseph Patrick Flanagan†</b>
		7.00pm	Rosary	

## ***ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH***

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Bereavement Support
		10.30am	Confessions	

## ***TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Anthony O'Boy†
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Considine†
		<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>	

### **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, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Kate McGrath, Frances Dyson, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer.

**Those who are unwell or in hospital:** Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Winnie Justice, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Maureen Groves and Nora Cronin.

## DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Joseph Patrick Flanagan† whose Requiem Mass is on Friday **16<sup>th</sup> October** at 12.00 noon. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE – New Beginnings** - We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month to reflect on and prepare for the Liturgy of the Word in the following Sunday Mass. Our next meeting is on Monday **12<sup>th</sup> October** from 7.45pm-9.30pm at 57 Wellington Road, Crowthorne. You are very welcome to join us. More information is on the Parish website, or call Anne on 01344 451847.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Our next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.15pm in the Church Hall.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDS** - There will be a Dementia Friends awareness session in the parish hall at 11am on Thursday **15<sup>th</sup> October** led by Caroline Rathmell, Bracknell Forest Dementia Action Alliance Co-ordinator. Dementia Friends gives people an understanding of dementia and the small things that you can do to make a difference. This session will last approx. 45 minutes and there is no charge. Book your place by contacting [caroline.rathmell@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:caroline.rathmell@alzheimers.org.uk) or turn up on the day. For further information see: [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

**SECULAR FRANCISAN MEETING** - The Order of St Francis Secular meet on Saturday **17<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.00 pm in the Hall. All are welcome.

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 4pm**

Join catechists from around the Diocese at St Bede's, Basingstoke, for a Mass of thanksgiving with Fr Mark Hogan, a chance to meet other catechists, and a choice of workshops in: RCIA, Children's Liturgy, Confirmation, adult catechesis, First Holy Communion. Go to [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation) for more information or to book your place.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH BENEDICTION** – Will be held **next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.30pm.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7.45pm-9.15pm in the hall. The next meeting is on Tuesday **20<sup>th</sup> October**.

**DAY TIME PRAYER GROUP** - Welcoming everyone who would like to come to our Day Time Prayer Group starting on the Wednesday **21<sup>st</sup> October** 2015 in the hall from 10.30-11.30am For further information please feel free to contact ANNE D'SOUZA on 01344 420465.

**SERVICE OF HEALING** – There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly of our Parish at **3.00pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. We will be looking for help on the day - giving lifts or helping with the catering and serving. Please contact Maura or Theresa through the parish office if you can help.

**SHARE YOUR STORY** - Do you have a family member or friend, over 18, who is baptised Catholic but no longer practises their faith? Perhaps they no longer attend Mass regularly? As part of a campaign to listen to those who no longer practise, Bishop Philip would like to hear from them. Perhaps they feel let down by the Church or have something they would like to say to the Church. Or perhaps they have just drifted away. Whatever their story, they are invited to share it anonymously. The survey is available at [www.mystoryshared.co.uk](http://www.mystoryshared.co.uk) and will be open until Christmas. Encourage them to share their story today!

**CARER AND TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the hall during school term time.

**OVER 50s KEEP FIT CLASSES** – On Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm in the hall.

**CRAFT GROUP** – The first meeting of the Craft Group will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am-12.00pm. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Marija Brincat through the Parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 01344 425729.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** – The Knights of St Columba are organising a collection of rosaries, prayer books, prayer cards and religious medals that people are not currently using but would like to pass on to others in need. The seafarers say these items give them comfort when away from home for long trips and draws them ever-nearer to the love and trust in God and Our Lady – Star of the sea. You will find the collection box in the Porch. Thank you.

**PEW PACKS FOR CHILDREN** – Our new Pew Packs are in the porch please take one. They are designed for you to use with your children during Mass, they contain many different activities. **PLEASE RETURN THEM AFTER MASS** so that they can be used again.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** – Now weekly at 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. To enable us to continue we welcome more people who are able to join the team. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**SVP – RAFFLE PRIZES.** Please collect asap from the Parish Office, the winning tickets numbers as follows; 180, 447, 442, 489, 494, 455, 223, 102, 118, 144, and raffle ticket number 10. Many thanks for your support.

**THANK YOU - From CAFOD** - This Harvest Fast Day our parish raised £128.90 for CAFOD. Thank you for your support and solidarity.

**DONATION BOXES IN THE PORCH** – There is now a box in the Porch for 'The Poor and Needy' to support the work of the **SVP** in our parish. Other donation boxes include Bamenda/Mother Teresa, The Life House, Flowers, and Papers and Books etc. Thank you for your generosity.

**VACANCY IN THE PARISH OFFICE** – Due to a reorganisation in the Parish Office a vacancy has arisen for a part-time secretary/administrator. If this is of interest to you, please email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and somebody will be in touch to provide you with more information.

**CAR PARK ADMINISTRATION** – John Cole has done a tremendous job in designing and implementing a new system for the administration of the Church car park. He would now like to hand this over to another willing volunteer. This would suit a retired/semi-retired person. If you feel drawn to help please call the parish office on 01344 425729 or email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Total £1168.29- Thank You

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To all those involved in our newly  
formed Bereavement Support Group