

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
ACTING ON THE WORD**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Psalter Week 3**

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Preaching, Teaching and Deeds of Power, are three expressions of one Activity- Kingdom Making. One river breaks into three streams, but Teaching comes First.

As the disciples go, individuals and communities are urged and taught to rethink the taboos around clean and unclean boundaries. All should repent. The emphasis on 'all' and the need to "think in a completely different way". A new community is on its way with a fresh understanding of what it really means to be Holy. Instead of being afraid of what they don't know, they are to mirror Gods' boundless compassion and mercy. As the strange and the estranged re-enter the community they will only stay if a new consciousness awaits them.



Walking stick and sandals remind the disciples not to settle in one place. One tunic, a symbol for single mindedness. Without bread, bag or money, they become one with those in need. Their poverty evokes the very compassion they are trying to elicit. Whoever welcomes you welcomes Me! Hospitality is the cornerstone of the new community. Finally they are not to fight with those who don't get it yet. And no need for retaliation. God moves on to where His invitation will be heard. So should we.

From Rumi:

This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival.  
A joy, a depression, a meanness, some new awareness comes as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!

Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture.  
Still, treat each guest honourably. They may be clearing you out for some new delight.

This dark thought, this shame, this malice,  
Meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,

Because

Each has been sent

As a Guide

From the Beyond.

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## ***FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	John Roberts†
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Margaret Carey
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sarah O'Brien†

## ***ST SWITHUN***

Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Nora Dunne†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	Teddy Cremin†
		9.30am	Mass	
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	

## ***ST BONAVENTURE***

Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	John Hughes†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Patrick Golden†
		10.30am	Confessions	

## ***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Yvette Briggs†
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Venerando Acusar

**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, Teresa Mercieca, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Kate McGrath, 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, Anne Hardy, Ester Brothy, Winnie Justice, Freda Edgington, Edith D'Souza, Sally Torode and Nora Cronin

## **DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS**

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** - On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website ([www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found in the Porch.

**CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2016** - To join this year's Confirmation journey, please apply online at [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org).

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on Monday **13<sup>th</sup> July** 7.45pm in the Hall.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016** - Application forms for next year's journey are available in the porch for children who will be in Year 3 and above in September 2015. Please complete and return the form to Mary McNab in the parish office by the **end of July**.

**SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER** – The next meeting is on Saturday **July 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH** - Do you know any 'Resting' Catholics? Our Keeping in Touch (KIT) Ministry launches this July to those who have been away from the Church for a while. KIT offers to meet informally and for those who wish - the opportunity to explore their Faith in today's Church. Please take a 'Now May Be The Time to Come Home' leaflet from the porch to pass on.

**KEYS** - Please note: All door locks to the Church, Presbytery and outbuildings have been changed. Old system keys will not fit the new locks. Parishioners whose duties around the church require them to have key access may now collect their new keys from the Parish Office.

**CHURCH SHOP** – Is re-opening on Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> August**, alternating Saturday/Sunday until a team is in place.

**FR JAYA'S ORPHANS** - More sponsors very welcome. There will be a basket in the porch this week for anyone who would like to contribute before we send sponsorship money.

**FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES ROTA** – Would you consider signing up on a rota to serve refreshments after Saturday 6pm Mass or Sunday 10.30am Mass? If so, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Theresa McDougall or Yvonne Scott.

**MASS INTENTIONS** – Please ensure that you include a contact name and telephone number on the Mass Intention envelope so that we can let you know the date of the Mass.

**THIS WEEKEND'S RETIRING OFFERING** – Is for the Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual offering is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Total **£940.20** - Thank You  
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE TO  
**PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**



**Living Our Faith - A message from your Organiser** - The appeal was launched just 8 months ago, and it is with a great joy that your Organiser can advise that against a target set at £165,000 for pledges over the next 5 years, we have pledges committed of £154,907 from 99 families. On the face of it that overview looks good, that we have almost reached our target, but that does not tell the whole story. At the appeal launch, I stated that our benchmark was to end up looking like Andover parish. They had a £170,000 target, and their stats show a parish broadly similar to ours, but they managed to receive pledges from 173 families and raised £240,000. Using that as our goal, we are some way short. At our launch we handed out just over 500 packages and received back the 99 indicated. Your Organiser has been reviewing why the 400 packages have failed to bring pledges, and He thinks that there are 5 reasons;

1. A family on low income/benefits, that just cannot afford to contribute.
2. Those that have searched their heart and just decided (for whatever reason) that the appeal was just not for them.

**Both perfectly reasonable and no more to be said.**

3. Those that have been described as "the dining room table families", who have always indicated that they will join, left the paperwork on the table but after the spring clean, the paperwork has ended up in the recycling box.
4. Those that were away for the launch and early weeks of the appeal, so missed the initial thrust and have never caught up the pace.
5. Those, clearly in the majority, that just leave things like this major Diocesan wide appeal to others.

So, assuming that the initial paperwork has gone astray, new envelopes are available after Masses this weekend and next, so that for all within categories 3, 4 and 5 they can join the silent minority who have already done their best to make this parish appeal successful. Remember the messages from Pope Francis and Bishop Philip that it our **duty to help those in need** through Evangelisation and this appeal, to finance Clergy training, lay formation and local needs, really goes to the heart of what we, as Catholics, should be about. As if you need any more encouragement to sign a pledge, when we reach our target, we receive back 80% of additional monies now pledged, and please believe that Fr Danny has some interesting projects that need financing, not least that facility for disabled.

Please do not allow the Living Our Faith appeal to simply pass you by. There is no reason why we cannot match Andover's success and get a further 60 or 70 families signed up. It is not difficult for your Organiser just to say that it is your duty to pledge, so that if you are not in the first 2 categories above you really should be involved in helping Fr Danny support his Bishop. Look at the updated homepage on the website for a copy of the speech, advertising material, and a pledge form.