

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

12th October 2014 Psalter Week 4

FALLING IN LOVE WITH GOD

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Parents dress their children for Baptism in a wedding gown. And when they arrive at the Church, they are asked if they really, really understand that they are enrolling their little one in the School of Love. Godparents are asked if, instead of vanishing from sight after the service, they are ready, willing and able to support the parents in their role as 'first and best teachers' in the School of Love. Quite often, parents and godparents are surprised that this is what they are signing up for. And even more surprised when they hear that their understanding of Love, and what they teach about Love, needs to be shaped, over time, by Jesus, and not by the world (who only love those who love them and who only give for what they can get back) or by the sentimentality that makes good movies.

Today's Gospel teaches all of us who are in the School of Love, that 'hearing' is a beginning, but 'just hearing' is a fatal end. Hearing must be followed by understanding and understanding followed by action.

Is our Church a two tier community made up of those who take this seriously and those whose eyes glaze over at the suggestion that they should. If it is, Matthew 7, 24 - 27 has something serious to say about that.

And yet, this invitation to Fall in Love with God invites us to have respect for Time. Some are drawn when they are children, some in their youth, some in middle and some in old age. Some come on the tidal wave of failure, some on the elevator of success. Some, when there is now an empty place at the table where someone they loved once sat.

It is too easy to say that all will find their wedding garment in time, but it is easier still to say they some will not. In the Gospel, all are invited: good and bad. But good and bad are not what defines them. I sometimes wonder if, once inside the Love we have fallen into, we may find that God has chosen, with great love, the wedding gown we will wear when we marry Him. Yet Matthew is clear that it is better to arrive in the fully grown Robe of our Baptism, and having made it easier, by the witness of our kindness, our holiness, our faithfulness and our integrity, for others to come to the Wedding Feast.



Matthew 7, 24 - 27 has something

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	11 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	George Chapman†
Sunday	12 th	8.30am	Mass	For Our Parish Community
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget O'Reilly†
Monday	13 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	14 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jurgen Family

ST TERESA OF AVILA

Wednesday	15 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Don & Avril Pereira
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	16 th	NO MASS		

ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

Friday	17 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Elizabeth Cousens
		7.00pm	Rosary	

FEAST OF ST LUKE

Saturday	18 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	For Our Parish Community
		10.30am	Confessions	
Saturday	18 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sydney & Mary Egan†
Sunday	19 th	8.30am	Mass	George Blackmore
		10.30am	Mass	Frederick George Abbott†
		3.00pm	Service of Healing	Sick, Housebound and Elderly of our Community

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

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Joanna O'Connell, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Marjory Vermuelen, Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Catherine Jones, Una Mair and Alex McCall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Come and join us to explore and reflect on our Scripture readings every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We will meet in the Parish Room at 7.45pm on Monday **13th October**. More information from the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANING - Will be on Saturday **18th October** after the 10.00am Mass. You are most welcome to join us.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 3pm, Sunday 19th October - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday **19th October** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. If you know someone who finds it difficult to get to church and would like to come, please offer them a lift. Also, if anyone is willing to give a lift to/from the Service of Healing or make cakes or sandwiches for the afternoon tea, please sign up on the sheets in the porch. All cakes can be brought to the Hall before Mass next Saturday/Sunday.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – Every **Tuesday**. You are invited to join any of our weekly sessions to deepen your Catholic Faith. This week's topic is Creation and Fall. 7.30 pm ~ 9.00 pm. Free Church car park open. Access via Service Yard D. Please will you become a sponsor - details from shaunhoward@msn.com

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Every first and third Tuesday in the month, 7.45-9.15pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome; the next meeting is on **21st October**.

PEGGY'S KEEP FIT CLASSES – Every **Wednesday** 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall. The Over 50s keep-fit group will meet after the keep-fit session at 2.45 pm on Wednesday **22nd October** to discuss options and menus for Christmas lunch. (To reserve lunch members must bring to the meeting a £20 non-refundable deposit for each diner).

YOUTH MASS – Our next Mass will be on Sunday **26th October** at 5.00pm. Why not come along and join in the Celebration of the Mass with our young people.

DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY - For those who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood there is a Discovering Priesthood Day at St John's Seminary, Womersley, on **1st November**, 2014, 10am - 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact: Fr. John Chandler: jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

NEW CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS COURSE - Would you be interested in finding out about the new Certificate in Catechesis, offered by the Diocese of Portsmouth through the Maryvale Institute? This is a course dedicated to your own formation, and it can be done via distance-learning. Do you feel the need to grow in an understanding of your faith in order to adequately hand on the faith to others? The first study day is on **1st November**. If you are interested to find out more, please contact the Parish Office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and Sr Veronica Brennan OP at catform@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

LIVING OUR FAITH – This weekend, at the request of the Bishop, our Parish Community is being asked to embrace this campaign. Full information is available in the Hall and on request.

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER COURSE - On Saturday **22nd November**, St Francis, Ascot, 10am – 12.30pm. - To register, contact Soraya Ciccarone at 02392816396 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HARVEST FAST DAY - Thank you for your compassion. The amount you gave will help to ensure countless more people are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today and can grow their own food to support themselves tomorrow.

PERMANENT DEACONS – Fr Danny would like to present two candidates for this Ministry to the Bishop. The journey towards ordination lasts for four years and is open to married or single men who are under fifty. Could God be calling you to this great work?

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM – Soon everyone will be able to apply on the Parish Website for a Baptism. Until then, where possible, please email the names of the Child, Parents and Godparents to the Parish Office to ensure they are correct for entry to the Baptismal Register and Certificate. Thank you Fr Danny

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE – If your child was born on or after 1st September 2010 and on or before 31st August 2011 then please register your child now by telephone on 01344 35200 or online at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/primaryschooladmissions Bracknell Forest residents only.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Harley Aquino, Declan and Keziah Agyabeng-Dadzie and Sebastian Kettle who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS – **Tuesdays** 9.30-11.30am in the Hall.

SOUP AND ROLL – **Friday** after 12.10pm Mass, everyone is welcome.

FINANCE TEAM – There is now one vacancy on the Finance Team. Especially welcome are those with skills in IT, Finance and Building.

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

KEEP IN TOUCH - With the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

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.

THANK YOU
To Peter Hancock and
Mary McNab for
organising the start of
Living Our Faith

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Total £1132.67 Thank You
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