

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW  
THE YEAR OF LUKE: THE RELENTLESS WIDOW  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Psalter Week 3

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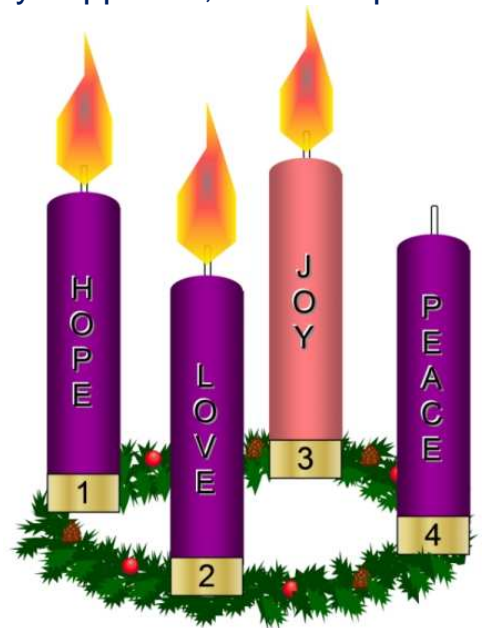
The Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Bishop Philip, was a wonderful, unforgettable experience.

Salvation History is familiar to us, the stories from the Old and New Testament, but Salvation Geography, the places where these things really happened, is also important.

For eight days we saw the places in which Our Lord lived. Some, like the Sea of Galilee and the rocky desert between Jerusalem and Jericho, were virtually unchanged. Others, like Bethlehem and the places of the Crucifixion and Resurrection in Jerusalem, are covered by elaborate buildings, but the reality is there underneath. It was extremely moving to reach down and touch the actual rock of Calvary.

We prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Mount of Olives. We heard Mass in the open air with the Sea of Galilee in the background, at the probable site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We renewed our marriage vows in Cana of Galilee. We went to the place on the River Jordan which is the most likely site for the Baptism of the Lord, and renewed our Baptismal promises nearby. We went up Mount Tabor, the traditional place of the Transfiguration, and visited Caesarea Philippi and Capernaum.

We also learnt about the plight of the Christians there, persecuted and becoming fewer every year. The Friends of the Holy Land urge us to support them by prayer, by making pilgrimages there, and financially. In this Diocese our Christmas Offerings at the Crib this year will do this, so please give very generously.



## *St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow*

### *THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Mike Chapman†
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
		10.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis†
		2.30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sean Robinson†
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sr Josephine
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Michael O'Grady†
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
		11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Sue Havers
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Rosary	
		9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	John O'Sullivan†
		10.45am	Confessions	

### *THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Robert Buchanan†
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Mary Blackmore†
		10.30am	Mass	Maire Mair†

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

**Sick and Housebound:** Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Jose Coelho, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Prendergast, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Frances Dyson, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** – The repose of the soul of Audrey Dunne† who has died. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Her funeral will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.00pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting will be on **14<sup>th</sup> December** at 22 Pondmoor. Please contact Anne on 01344 451847 or the Parish Office for more information.

**JOINT SCHOOLS CAROL SINGING** – St. Joseph's and St. Margaret Clitherow's Primary Schools are holding a joint Carol Service at 6pm on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** outside on the square/piazza in front of the Church. We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies (and suitable alternatives for children) in the hall afterwards. Please contact [maura@holt62.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:maura@holt62.freereserve.co.uk) if you are able to help with the catering on the evening.

**THAMES VOYCES CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Our choir will be singing their annual family Christmas concert at St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. The concert starts at 7.30pm and the programme will include beautiful carols with a selection of short readings. Tickets will be available on the door £12/10 concessions children under 16 free. Other information [www.thamesvoyces.org.uk](http://www.thamesvoyces.org.uk)

**COUNTING OF OFFERINGS** – We are looking for a person to join one of the teams to count the offerings on a Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. This will take about 1 hour and will only be once every 7 weeks. Please contact Pauline Leahy on 01344 428700 or via [pleahy1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pleahy1@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

**CAFOD** – Could you help CAFOD here at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow? CAFOD is currently looking for people to help us thank parishioners here in Bracknell for their support, and assist with Fast Days (twice a year). If you could spare any time to help fight poverty and injustice please contact the Parish Office.

**BEWARE FRAUDSTERS** – Thames Valley Police have alerted us to fraudsters who are operating in the Bracknell area. They call at the home of lone and/or vulnerable people with promises to undertake works and request money in advance. The work is never done and they return for additional funds. Several people have been caught out in this scam as the fraudsters seem plausible. Please be alert and keep a friendly watch on anyone you may feel is a potential target and contact Thames Valley Police with any suspicions or information.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** – A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Party last Sunday which was enjoyed by all. Thank you again, Theresa McDougall.

**CRIB COLLECTION** – The crisis in the Middle East is causing severe poverty. As you know well, the weakest are hardest hit. This year our Crib Collection will be for FHL, Friends of the Holy Land, who respond first to those who are most vulnerable.

**BRACKNELL FOODBANK** – Has made an urgent appeal for tinned meat and bags of 500g/1kl sugar. If you are bringing your donations to the Church please do not leave them in the porch but bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you for your help.

**CHILDREN'S 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.

**THE CHURCH SHOP** – Will be open this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass until the start of the 10.30am Mass. This week there is a range of nativity items for sale.

**OVER 50s KEEP FIT CLASSES** – On Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm in the Hall. Please note that the Christmas lunch timings are 12.30pm arrival for 1.00pm sitting.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – Service will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm with Benediction.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** – For those who need to celebrate this sacrament there will be two Penitential Services in the Pastoral Area on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm at the Immaculate Conception Crowthorne and on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December** at 7.30pm at Corpus Christi Wokingham. There is also Confession at St. Josephs at 10.45am on Saturdays.

#### **TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES –**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December** - 5.00pm Children's Mass  
- 8.00pm Vigil Mass  
- 12.00am Midnight Mass  
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**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.00am Mass

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**, Masses will be celebrated at usual times.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December** - 9.30am Mass  
- 12.00am Midnight Mass

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January** - 10.00am Mass

#### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

**Total £1014.54 - Thank You**

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES  
PAYABLE TO  
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**To all members of the Pastoral  
Council and Finance Team for all  
your hard work this year**