

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
WHO IS JESUS?**

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Psalter Week 4**

**Parish Office: Stanley Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1HA  
Monday – Friday 9am-3pm**

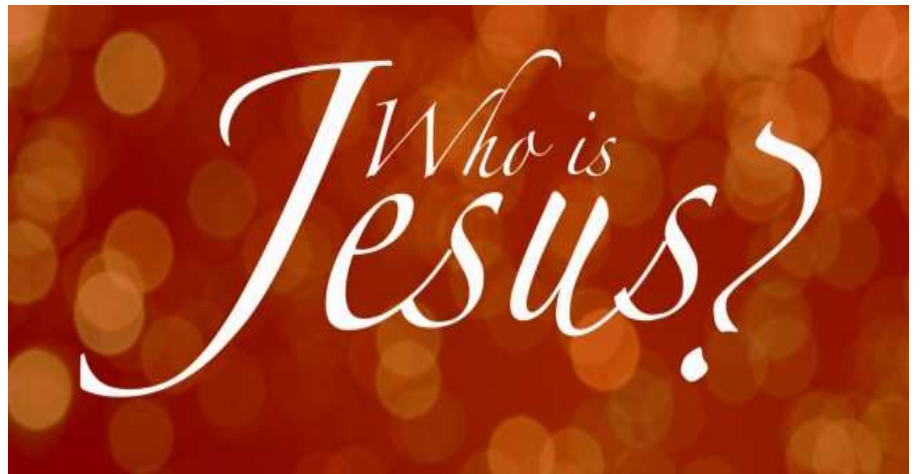
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Who is Jesus? Already in Jesus' lifetime people asked themselves many questions about him. Some, although they were astonished by the authority of his words, said: "It is the carpenter's son." Others saw in him a traitor, a rebel, even one possessed by a demon. Still others considered him a prophet. For Peter, it is clear. Jesus is the Messiah. He will be the liberator, the saviour of Israel.

Even acknowledging him as Messiah, they misunderstood the type of liberation he would bring. When Jesus reveals to his disciples that his destiny leads



to the cross, Peter rebels, immediately drawing down upon himself a severe reprimand: "Your idea of the Messiah is that of human beings, not that of God!" Jesus is not the political Messiah they are waiting for. One cannot contain him in human ideologies. Today, what are they saying about Jesus? Is he a sort of Gandhi, a Martin Luther King, Jr., a Che Guevara, the first of the Marxists, a "superstar"? To limit ourselves to what "they" are saying about Jesus is to condemn ourselves to constant confusion. To touch the truth of his mystery, we must accept the personal question he asks us: "Who do **you** say that I am?" An accumulation of facts about him will never replace a personal knowledge of Jesus and his cross. The cross is the moment of truth for the Christian. It is the test which verifies whether we are truly disciples of the Messiah.

# ***St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow***

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

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Oduntan Family
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Adolf Lima†
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		

## ***OUR LADY OF SORROWS***

Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jurgens Family

## ***Ss CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN***

Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jonathan Soliva†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Ifiok Oudh†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Paul Baker†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Gerard McCourt†
		1030am	Confessions	

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

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Georgia Conn†
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Doris, Alirio & Victoria
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		2.30pm	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction</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 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, Bill Guilfoyle and Nora Cronin.

## **DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS**

**A WARM WELCOME** - To any visitors to our parish this weekend. Join us in the hall after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee!

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH** – Welcome! You can register online via our website at [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-registration-form.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-registration-form.html)

**CARER AND TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday at 10.00am in the Hall.

**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 **14<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.45 pm in the Parish room. You are very welcome to join us. More information is on the Parish web site.

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

**SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER** – The next meeting is on Saturday **19<sup>th</sup> September** in the Hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm. All are welcome.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** - Will be held in the Church Hall 9.15am -11.15am on Friday **25<sup>th</sup> September**. All are welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING** – Will be held on Thursday **1<sup>st</sup> October** at 7.00pm in the Hall.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH BENEDICTION** – Is on Sunday **20<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.30pm. If you are able to help with the readings and refreshments please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Our next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday **23<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm** in the Church Hall. Please email your ideas, suggestions or concerns to the Parish Office by **14<sup>th</sup> September** or speak to a member of the PPC. See the noticeboard for a list of members. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

**THE ASCOT & BRACKNELL ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY-** Are holding their **Annual Fundraising Event** on **26<sup>th</sup> September** 2015. If you have any unwanted toiletries, bottles of wine/spirits and any gifts suitable for our raffle we would be delighted to receive. Items may be placed in the SVP basket in the porch. **We do not require any clothes, shoes etc., as these items did not sell last year.** Many thanks in advance.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** - Back by popular demand! Cake Sales after all Masses **this weekend**. Donations of cakes/cupcakes would be very much appreciated and may be brought to the Hall before Mass.

**20ps FOR POLAND** – Thank you to everyone who took a free tube of Smarties home with them. Please don't forget to save all your spare 20p coins in the empty tube and return it to us when it's full! - The Youth Fundraising Team.

**THE FOODBANK** – Are very short of biscuits, tinned fruit, jam, milk (long life) and tinned vegetables. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** - To everyone who gave us such wonderful support at our Bracknell Street Collection on Friday 28th August, from **Nicky Bevan, Bracknell and Wokingham Muscular Dystrophy Support Group**.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY** - Home Mission Sunday is celebrated on **20<sup>th</sup> September** and is themed: PROCLAIM God's Mercy. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation and the development of this year's Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes initiative. It is possible to donate online at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations). For more information see: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15)

**A QUIZ NIGHT** - Will take place in the Church Hall on Saturday **10<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.15pm. Money raised will go to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. Tickets are £5 per person to be paid in cash on the night and a maximum of 6 people per team is permitted. To register a team please send an e-mail to [stjosephsquizbracknell@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsquizbracknell@gmail.com). Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available for purchase. There will be a Tombola for which we would really welcome donations. Please bring your contributions to the Parish Office. So if you feel quizzical please come along for a fun night!

**SECOND OFFERINGS & FUNDRAISING IN GENERAL** - Many have commented that we are in danger of donor saturation through 2<sup>nd</sup> offerings and other requests for financial support from our community. The Offertory offering supports the day to day running of the Parish, whilst Christmas and Easter contribute the bulk of the Parish Priest's annual income. Additionally we are obliged to take a 2<sup>nd</sup> offering on 10 dates, determined by the Diocese and for pre allocated causes (eg Peter's Pence, Bamenda, Cathedral etc). The topic has been discussed at PPC and Finance committees and now a subcommittee has been formed, staffed by members of both those committees, chaired by Peter, current chair of Finance, and in future they will assess all requests for offerings and wider fundraising. Fr Danny is not a member of this new committee and that will remain the case, so that he cannot be accused of favouritism. The committee will draw up a points based system and short form application which will be used on every occasion that our Parishioners wish to appeal for cash support from us. This might mean that some, who in the past have received support, will in future be disappointed if their request for an offering is turned aside. So, if in the coming 12 months you are thinking of fundraising via the Parish, please advise the office so that we can get this initiative off the ground. We do need to cut back as we are bombarded by requests and currently have no system for dealing with them.

**NEXT WEEKS RETIRING OFFERING** – Is for the Cathedral.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
**Total £1038.95 - Thank You**  
**PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES**  
**PAYABLE TO**  
**PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**



**To Pauline and Cath for all  
their help**