

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
Sharing our Resources with Fairness

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15th February 2015 Psalter Week 2

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No-one could doubt the amazing generosity of our Parish Community. We would have to invent a new word to express our thanks to those who, in a wonderful way, share their resources with the poor of the earth.

For some time, however, concern has been raised about the number of requests for second offerings. It does seem, at times, that with calls for help from abroad and from home, it is impossible to come to mass without being asked to give again and again.



The Pastoral Council and Finance Team are working to bring some balance and fairness to this process and this work is ongoing. But since we are beginning our annual pilgrimage of Lent this week, we had to make an interim decision about these requests for help, and the focus we should take at this time.

Each year, CAFOD asks for two offerings. We have decided that we will allow only one this year and hold the link with the Family Fast Day.

We have also decided to strengthen our commitment to our Twin Diocese of BAMENDA, with a very direct focus of supporting their efforts to build a clinic which will provide much needed health care to the poorest in the Diocese. More information on this project is available in the porch, alongside images of the joy that was created by last year's support to Aid to the Church in Need.

We recommend these two works of love to the whole parish community. In doing so, we have no desire to limit individual support for other charitable works. In this regard, we would appreciate positive feedback about the direction we should be taking in the future.

Thank You, once again, for all you do.

Happy Lent! Fr D

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

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Saturday	14 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	David Hancock†
Sunday	15 th	8.30am	Mass	The Mayes Family
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Monday	16 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	17 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jenny Wainwright†

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday	18 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Gordon Clark
		10.15am	Rosary	
		6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Thursday	19 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Diocesan Priests
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	20 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Edward Watts†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	21 st	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Halina Kuroska† & Bogdan Kaluza†
		10.30am	Confessions	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	21 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Kathy, Peter, Pong and Eva Hancock & Family
Sunday	22 nd	8.30am	Mass	Peter Brent†
		10.30am	Mass	Stanislav Michalov†
		5.00pm	Youth Mass	Agnes O'Donovan†

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, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Marjory Vermuelen, Jenny Considine and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Carol Clarke, Peggy Heasman and Alex McCall

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

HOLY HOUR FOR THE PASTORAL AREA NEW EVANGELISATION –

Will be held on Wednesday **18th February** after the evening Mass.

RITE OF ELECTION – A very special gathering of the whole Diocese at Portsmouth Cathedral on **Saturday, 21st February** at 11am for the Presentation of RCIA Candidates to the Bishop and call to Continuing Conversion. Please remember Ehsan, David, Niamh, Abigail, Amelia, Anthony and Marco in your prayers.

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 7.30pm - Taize Service of Meditation.

Singing, Silence and Readings by Candlelight here at St. Joseph's. Whilst this is for Parents of First Holy Communion Children all are welcome to join them.

BABY CLOTHES BANK – Since babies and children hardly ever wear out their clothes we are doing a joint project with the Anglican Parish of Binfield to provide excellent quality 'Bundles' for each age range, on **Wednesday 4th March** 11am – 1.00pm in the Hall. If you would like to donate clothing please contact All Saints Church Binfield, telephone number 01344 421079.



CAR PARKING - After we were ambushed in the run up to Christmas with the closure of Service Yard D, and faced the Avalanche of issued and cancelled parking tickets, we seem to have levelled up to a practical solution where people have taken personal responsibility for their own parking. There was no consensus either way about changing mass times, so we will be pursuing the advantage of a permit from BCC with professional courtesy. If you have any views on the matter please make them known to the Parish office by e mail if possible.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA RACE NIGHT UPDATE - Interest for the race night has been low and consequently Saturday evening has been cancelled. The raffle draw will take place on March 9th with the winners being contacted by phone.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO HELP THE EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM? - If you feel God might be calling you to join the team please speak to Fr D.

CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP – Will be closed on Tuesday **17th February** for Half Term.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Is on Tuesday **17th February** 7.45pm-9.15pm in the Church.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – The week's topic for **17th February** is **Grace and the Beatitudes**.

PARISH CENSUS WEEKEND – On **Saturday 28th February** and **Sunday 1st March**, Census cards will be distributed at all Masses.

FLAME 2 - Saturday 7th March 2015 – 14 years + - The biggest national youth gathering will take place on Saturday **7th March** at Wembley Arena. We would like to organise a group of young people to go from our Parish. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – To book a place please telephone Soraya on 023 92 836511 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 7th March 2015

Refresher Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

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Venue: St Joseph's, 171A St Michael's Road, South Ham, Basingstoke RG22 6TY

Saturday 28th March 2015

Child Protection Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Edmund Campion, 40a Altwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4PY

CAFOD & UK Aid Match Funding - Good news! The UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal (from **18 February – 17 May**) up to the value of £3.5M. Your donations can be used to help more of our sisters and brothers deal with the devastating impact of extreme weather such as storms, droughts and floods. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them on **Lenten Fast Day (Friday 27 February 2015)**.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - On Saturday **14th March** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall there will be an Irish Night to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Anybody who can play Irish music or help us learn Irish dances will be welcome!! Ceol and Craic guaranteed for all. Tickets must be booked ahead, £5 per person. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. To book contact Catherine at cusackhannan@yahoo.co.uk

LAUNDERING PURIFICATORS ROTA – Is now available in the Sacristy.

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 or speak to Fr. Danny.

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Total £963.61 - Thank You

Catholic Education Sunday Offering

Total £210.30 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE

TO

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

**Thank You
To Members of our
Pastoral Council for all
they do**