

**ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**

**THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GROWING A SENSE OF BELONGING**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - Psalter Week 4**

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It has to be true, that when we hear the words of Jesus, they are first, an invitation to know that we belong. To know that we are more at home in his company than we are anywhere else.

Hearing His words, and making them our own, inspires us to follow Him wherever He is going. And as we follow Him, we begin to realise that He is taking us, step by step, into the boundless, fathomless depths of His Abbas Heart. He reminds the so called authorities on religion that all their threats and poses and postures will not take His disciples back to where He found them. What they have discovered in His presence is too beautiful to let go.

The 'Sheep' that belong to Jesus listen to His voice. This is true. And as they do, they begin to find their own voice, and begin to speak and move through the world like He does.

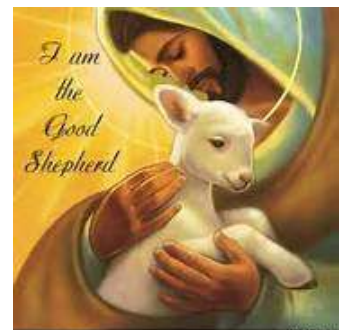
When it comes to speaking in our own voice, there is a beautiful spiritual teaching from the Jewish Tradition.

When Rabbi Zusya grew old and knew that his time on earth was nearing a close, his students gathered round him. One of them asked him if he was afraid of dying.

The Rabbi answered, "I am afraid of what God will ask me."

"What will he ask you?"

The Rabbi answered, "He will not ask me, 'Zusya, why were you not like Moses?'" "He will ask me, "Zusya, why were you not Zusya?"



## DATES AND NEWS

**TREAT YOURSELF!** – This **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016** at 5pm. Come along to a beautiful service of Taize Meditation, Singing, Silence and Readings by candlelight followed by a gathering in the hall for refreshments.

**SAVE THE DATE!** A Date for Your Diary - Make sure you keep **Saturday 23rd April** free for an evening of retro Bingo fun & laughter! The World Youth Day Fundraising Team would like to invite you to support them with this fundraising event & help them get to Poland this July! Watch this space for details of ticket sales available after all Masses from 2 April 2016. Register your interest and pre-book tickets on the Parish website - £5 per ticket (£3 for under 12s). Limited number of tickets available - first come first serve.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 23 April 2016.** You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk by Peter Hobbs: **“Father forgive them – intercessory prayer”**; 3.30 Prayer for healing; then refreshments. We end about 4pm. There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

**CLOTHESBANK** - The next Clothes Bank giveaway will be on **27th April**. Please bring donations of good quality used clothes for children of all ages and trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2 and donations of new socks, underwear and pyjamas next weekend at the latest and leave them in the Clothes Bank container in the porch. Please let our office staff know if you are able to help on **27th April** from 9am-9.30am unloading boxes of clothes and taking them into the Hall and again from 12.30pm-1pm taking the boxes from the hall and reloading them. Thank you.

**A DAY OF ENRICHMENT FOR EXPERIENCED ROMAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL VISITORS –** A day of Enrichment for experienced Roman Catholic pastoral visitors, hospital chaplaincy volunteers, those visiting/taking Holy Communion to people in nursing and residential homes and parish pastoral visitors will be held on **Saturday 30 April 2016** at Discovery Centre, Portsmouth Cathedral starting at 9.00am to 1pm.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – In this year of Mercy, we are hoping that a group from our parish will join in the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place **19th August – 26th August** and is led by Bishop Philip. Fr John Cooke will be visiting our Parish at 7pm on **Tuesday 3rd May** for an information ‘Roadshow’ to answer any questions that you may have regarding what the Pilgrimage involves, the cost and how we travel. More information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office. Please let the office staff know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending the ‘Roadshow’

**SERVICE OF HEALING** – Everyone is welcome to the Service of Healing on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at 3pm. If you are willing to give someone a lift to/from the Service of Healing or make cakes or sandwiches for the afternoon tea, there will be sign-up sheets in the porch this weekend. “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit”.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - Have you heard of Marriage Encounter? Well if you haven't it is probably one of the Church's “best kept secrets”. Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience, open to married couples of all ages. It's not a retreat, religious instruction or counselling, but an experience to enrich and refresh marriages. You don't both have to be Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses are just as welcome. There are spaces available on the Marriage Encounter weekend taking place at Park Place Pastoral Centre, near Fareham from **13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Interested? Visit our website <http://wwme.org.uk/> or contact Chris and Mary Farrall – 023 80275401

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016** - Fr Mark Hogan would like to invite you to take part in a Diocesan day of prayer for the New Evangelisation (Sharing the Joy of the Gospel) from 10am to 4pm on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. There is no need to sign up.

**WORLD YOUTH EVENT IN POLAND 2016** – Thank you to everyone who supported us last weekend in our efforts to raise funds to go to the World Youth event in Poland this summer. A HUGE thank you to those who donated cakes, cupcakes and cookies and for those who bought them. A HUGE thank you to those who have returned filled Smarties tubes.

**CHURCH SHOP** – First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts are available in the Church shop.

**CAR PARK REGISTRATIONS** – For those registered, car park windscreen permits are now available via the Parish Office. Registration forms are still available from the Parish Office.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on **Monday 25 April 2016** at 58 Qualitas, Bracknell. For further information please contact Ann on 01344 451847.

**PRAYER GROUPS** -The Evening Prayer Group meet at 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Church Hall. The Daytime Prayer Group meet at 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. after Mass and the Rosary on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Church Hall. Please contact Anne D'souza for more information on 01344 420465.

**LABORATORY TECHNICIAN VACANCY – MARIST SCHOOL** - A motivated and enthusiastic Laboratory Technician is required to work primarily in the Biology Department, alongside an existing Senior Technician. Application information available from the school website: [www.themaristschools.com](http://www.themaristschools.com) **Closing date: Tuesday, 19th April 2016. Interviews w/c: Monday, 25th April 2016**

**PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Hall during school term time only.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Every Friday during term time after 12.10pm Mass. Volunteers are welcome.

**OFFERTORY BOXES** – Please collect your box from the porch.

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£690.64
Envelopes & Cheques	£340.15
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total amount:	£1540.79

**Thank You**

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES

PAYABLE TO:

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



TO ALL WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT  
THE WORLD YOUTH DAY  
FUNDRAISING

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

## ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Reynalita Leysan
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	John Booroff †
		10.30am	Mass	Maire Mair†
		5.00pm	Taize Service	
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Aslin Family Living & Deceased
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Rita
Thursday	21 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Dorothy and Hubert Orr
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12.10pm	Mass	John Considine†
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	Teresa Rooney†
		10.45am	Confessions	

## ***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – ST GEORGE ~ PATRON OF ENGLAND***

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Evan Joseph
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasset†
		10.30am	Mass	Norah Denise Bourne†

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

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

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