

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

17th August 2014 Psalter Week 4

WHATEVER IT TAKES

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

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If we imagine that things in the infant church were much easier, less complicated and ideal, we would be wrong. A huge debate raged as to whether the Joy of the Gospel was to be poured only into the Heart of Israel or if it was meant for everyone. The Acts of the Apostles is full of it!

The main Character in today's Gospel is a Tiger! She is a mother, whose daughter is unwell and she will do whatever it takes to make her better. Notice her approach, but notice more how she narrows down the titles she adorns Jesus with till she simply calls him Lord. A title which means, and which reminds Him and the Church, You are here for everybody.

There is a person who needs help and she is the single minded servant of that possibility. She's not going to let the 'small' matters of ethnic hatred or gender get in the way! She reminds Jesus, and therefore us, that while there may be many religions there is only one God and one Humanity.

How many of us, when we are concerned about someone we love, don't become lions and lionesses? (I even had a cat once who was afraid of everything until she had kittens. The she became a lioness!) We tell those we love who are hurting themselves, I am never going to stop challenging you, even if you sulk or avoid me I am not going away. We become the unshakable presence in a shaky world!



Faith is this relentless commitment to making the world better and of finding ways to make it happen. We are ready, alert, poised for whatever it takes. Does it need an argument? We argue! Does it need obedience? We obey! Does it need confrontation? We will confront! We bring everything that we are to heal what is broken. When we get this, suddenly saints are everywhere. Researchers up all night looking for clues, teachers finding their way into closed minds, teenagers voicing their concerns for justice and peace, children asking questions that disarm us. The list is endless.

Everyone on the endless list reminds us of the truth if who we are, and help us to unseal the well of compassion so that it goes first to where it is needed most.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

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| Saturday | 16 th | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Teresa Gillen † |
| Sunday | 17 th | 8.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Damion Donnelly |
| Monday | 18 th | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday | 19 th | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Special Intention |
| <i>ST BERNARD</i> | | | | |
| Wednesday | 20 th | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Mary King † |
| | | 10.15am | Rosary | |
| <i>ST PIUS X</i> | | | | |
| Thursday | 21 st | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Alicia Alwis |
| | | 10.15am | Mothers Prayers | |
| <i>THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY</i> | | | | |
| Friday | 22 nd | 9.45 -10.45 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 11.00am | Mass | Carol Duggan |
| | | 1.00pm | Wedding | Richard Anscombe & Anabelle Mackenzie |
| | | 7.00pm | Rosary | |
| Saturday | 23 rd | 9.40am | Rosary | |
| | | 10.00am | Mass | Brendan & Eileen Caulfield |
| | | 10.30m | Confessions | |
| Saturday | 23 rd | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Charlotte & David Chambers |
| Sunday | 24 th | 8.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Una Mair |

Please 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, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peter Bentley, Chris & Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca Joanna O'Connell, Alex McCall, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Mair, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,
Eileen Green & Catherine Jones

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS – George Chapman who has died. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY HOUR - There will be a Holy Hour to pray for lasting peace in the Gaza/Israel conflict on Tuesday, 2nd September at 7.00 pm.

CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP - ANNUAL MASS 2014 Saturday 30th August 2:30 pm at 'Our Lady Help of Christians' Farnborough. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN - Will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4:00 pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All is invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502

MARY MOTHER OF EVANGELISATION - A day of Prayer and Reflection, based on Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium, at the Marist Senior School, Sunninghill 10.30am – 4.30pm on Saturday 13th September. Led by Fr Tom Taaffe, PP Ascot and Sr Mary-Magdalen Smyth SM. Cost £12.00 to include buffet lunch, teas and coffees. Further details and to book, contact Maura Holt through the Parish Office by 22nd August.

SAFEGUARDING - There will be Child Protection Training (10am-12.30pm) and Vulnerable Adult Training (1.30pm-4pm) on Saturday 27th September at St Edwards, 44 Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HU and on Saturday 11 October at St Swithun's, Firgrove Road, Yateley GU46 6NH . There will also be REFRESHER TRAINING ON Saturday 20th September (10-12.30) at St Joseph's Bracknell. To book your place, please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 02392816396 email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

OBLIGATORY DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers: We have booked a place for each minister in the parish for your annual retreat day at Douai Abbey. It is important for you to let the parish office know as soon as possible which of the days you will be attending because the Abbey can only accommodate 20 per day. There are still places available on 13th September, 27th September and 5th October.

PASTORAL CARE SERVICES - So much outstanding practice already takes place in our local parishes that could be made more widely available. The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - There will be a Day for Confirmation Leaders and Catechists led jointly by Formation for Mission and Liturgy & Music Teams on Saturday 27th September, 10am-3pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.

PARISH FAYRE - There will be a Parish Fayre after all Masses during the weekend of 6th/7th September in the Hall. Come along and find out more about the Groups that meet in the Parish. Find out how you can become more involved in the life of our Community. Find out about the many Ministries ..think about giving of your time and talents....Faith in Action.

OVER 50 CLUB - The Over 50 Club have organized a daytrip by coach to visit the seaside towns of Portsmouth and Southsea on Wednesday 27th August. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the church car park at 0915. The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham, 01344 425040.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH - Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13th September from 10.00am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 8th September.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE - 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER? - If you've made your First Holy Communion, then you can! Just come along 15 minutes before Mass and introduce yourself to Fr. Danny and the other servers who will look after you and show you what to do.

CHURCH CLEANING - From August we will be cleaning the church every 3rd Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome.

FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. If you would like to join the rota from September, please contact the Parish Office.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND - If you would like prayers said for anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital of our community and, also those who care for them, please contact the Parish Office on 01344 425729

COMMUNICATION - Do you know that you can receive our parish newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list.

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 Oliver, Raluca,
Corin and George
for offering
themselves as Altar
Servers*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Total £1002.04 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph