

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
THE RELENTLESS WIDOW

WE PRAY FOR AN END TO CONFLICT, A TIME OF PEACE

17th January 2016 Psalter Week 2

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The parable of the wedding at Cana is one of the best known Gospel moments. I once had someone tell me that they had dreamed they had danced with Jesus there! The poet and word artist, John Shea, wrote this piece. I think it is beautiful and I hope you do too. He is imagining a conversation between Mary our Mother and her Beloved Son.

Come now, my son, do you tease these grey hairs?
Late and laughing you arrive and find me finding you.
An entreaty in my greeting, "They have no more wine".

And you sweep me up in mock debate, a young man's arms around my seriousness, wresting from me a conspiratorial smile. "What has that to do with you and me?" You say, winking words which invite the memory of our meals. And I tell you quick, in hushes, how I lit the fire in your eyes, and held your head of dreams, and poured water into your hands when you came burning from the desert.

Beyond that, I say, you and I are strangers. I say, but games aside, I say, Jesus. I say these empty glasses mock your Fathers Feast. You say, "My hour has not yet come." Making me say it all in the midst of these sober guests.

You hold me now, in roles reversed. A Son giving birth to His mother.
Steward, I say, the man who kisses my eyes, this Son of my Love, has need of a canyon to hold the grapes that his feet will crush to marriage wine,
Now, the teeth of our laughter blinds the steward who does not know what we know.
My secret friend.
Your Hour
Is the minute
The wine fails.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	16 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Agnes O'Farrell & Family†
Sunday	17 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Elizabeth & Frank McManont†
Monday	18 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	19 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	20 th	9.30am	Mass	Liam Daly†
		9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Antoni Stein
		10.15am	Rosary	
St. AGNES Thursday	21 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Tom Cossart†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	22 nd	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Peter, Catherine, Mary, Helen Considine†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
OUR LADY ON SATURDAY				
Saturday	23 rd	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Rita Mangan
		10.45am	Confessions	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	23 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Anthony Brand†
Sunday	24 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Ernie Johnson†

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, 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, Anne Hardy and Nora Cronin.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - We are very blessed to have an amazing team of women and men who serve on the pastoral council. For the past two years, Maura has led the team in an outstanding way, bringing passion, commitment and tenderness to bear on every aspect of parish life. I would have to invent a new word to express, both personally and on your behalf, our heartfelt thanks for all that Maura has achieved in her term of office. So I will just say, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You from all of us.

Maura has now stepped to the side, to take over the leadership of the Contemplative Life Team and we know she will do a wonderful thing in this ministry.

Last Wednesday BERNADETTE FISHER very kindly agreed to assume the office of Chair of the Pastoral Council. Again, we are full of gratitude for her generosity, and excitement as we wait to see how Bernadette will use her many gifts to lead us over the next two years.

To all who have, or are still serving on the Pastoral Council, we offer our heartfelt thanks. For your nobility, care and dedication.

JUSTICE, PEACE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - Bishop Philip recently asked every parish community to establish a team to focus on justice, peace and social responsibility. Again, we have an amazing team who have come forward to meet this challenge. We will continue to raise awareness, in the whole parish, of the wide range of challenges which present themselves when we consider these matters more carefully. By doing this, we hope to create opportunities for parishioners to tenderly embrace those who are suffering.

At the same time, the team are now actively looking at a considered and concrete response to the heartache and devastation which poverty, injustice and cruelty inflict on our sisters and brothers, both here in Bracknell and around the world.

If anyone else has our cause at heart, let them come and stand with us in this life giving work.

SUPPORT FOR CARERS - A group in the diocesan Pastoral Care Services team is compiling a list of resources available to support carers within the area of the Diocese. If you know of 'Carer Support' in your area, please contact the team with the following details: the location, days/times of events, contact information, the kind of support that is given and any experience you may have of the service. The team contact is Fr Peter Hollins pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CALLED AND GIFTED - invites you to join the team. Called and Gifted is currently recruiting new team members both to present the Called and Gifted weekend in parishes, and to carry out one-to-one gifts conversations with participants. Full training is provided by Catherine of Siena Institute. A few spaces remain! This is a vibrant team to be a part of, and you will be enriched with rewarding work. Deadline is **Sunday 31st January**. Contact cgconversation@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information.

LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION - Bishop Philip warmly invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in our Diocese. The Mass will take place at 12.15 pm on **Friday 12th February 2016** and will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. All will be very welcome. For more details, contact 01328 560333 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. For information about the CGA, see their website: <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org>.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – The Catholic Association Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place **Friday 19th – Friday 26th August**. The programme will include : Mass at the Grotto; Stations of the Cross; International Mass; Marian Torchlight Procession; Service of Reconciliation; Blessed Sacrament Procession. Pilgrims will also have the opportunity to participate in additional excursions to local tourist attractions and have plenty of time for personal devotion. The closing date for registration is **Friday 22nd July**.

The Catholic Association also welcomes volunteers, both medical and non-medical to care for the Assisted Pilgrims, participation in the music group, assisting with services and masses and more general duties. There is a special price for young helpers aged 16-25 years and there is an additional programme of activities for the children (aged 0-16 years) of registered helpers and registered assisted pilgrims. Application forms for helpers must be returned by **Wednesday 1st June**.

Further details, including how to obtain all types of registration and medical forms is available from Tangney Tours at www.tangney-tours.com or via email to info@tangney-tours.com

SECOND OFFERING NEXT WEEKEND – are for the Catholic Education Service, an obligatory offering towards the education of those in our schools.

KEEP FIT CLASSES – will resume on **Tuesday 19th January** 2.00-3.00pm in the Church Hall.

THE CHURCH SHOP – Will be holding a January sale **throughout January**. Items will be marked at **UP TO 50% OFF**, so come along and grab that bargain!

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Total £1246.90 - Thank You

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**Maura for all she
did**