

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

17th May 2015 Psalter Week 3

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Do you remember Zeffirelli's 'Jesus of Nazareth'? In one scene, a high profile member of the Sanhedrin enters the tomb of Jesus and finds it empty. The expression of dismay on his face is spectacular as he mutters to himself, "Now it begins".

The Gospels say, "Now it continues". But how do we make sense of, or find words, for something that is completely new and outside of our experience. Image and Symbol come in handy, but sometimes hide the truth that is revealing itself. The language of heaven and kingly courts is unhelpful, but we cling to them even if we couldn't really explain to anyone who asked what they mean! Does the Ascension mean that Jesus go up and if so to where? And how do we fold His promise, 'to be with us always', into our understanding of His apparent upness and His departure?

The Resurrection stories make it clear that He is with us in a new way. Magdalene cannot find his body, yet she hears Him call her by name. The lads on their way to Emmaus don't recognise Him till he lights a fire in their hearts at the sequel to the Last Supper. Even the Apostles, don't get Him till he drenches them with the Spirit.

Far better to experience His Ascension by meeting Him where He is. Here is a fine example of feeling our way to this from the Poem, 'Know Yourself' by Paul Murray (The Absent Fountain, Dublin, 1991)

There is a world within you no one has ever seen,
A voice no one has heard, not even you.
As yet unknown, you are your own seer,
Your own interpreter.

And so, with eyes and ears grown sharp for voice or sign - Listen well -
Not to these words but to that inward voice,
That impulse beating in your heart like a far wave.
Turn to that source, and you will find
What no one has ever found,
A ground within you
No one has ever seen,
A world beyond the limits
Of your dream's horizon.



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday	16 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Amy McNamara†
Sunday	17 th	8.30am	Mass	Ernie Brown†
		10.30am	Mass	Tao Micklewright†
Monday	18 th	NO MASS		

DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN PORTSMOUTH

Tuesday	19 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Anthony Nunes†
Wednesday	20 th	11.15am	Requiem Mass	Marjory Vermuelen†
Thursday	21 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jack & Peggy Lowest†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	22 nd	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Michael Dossett†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	23 rd	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	John Baptist Robertson†
		10.30am	First Confessions Service	

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday	23 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	24 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse†
		10.30am	Mass	Colette Corrigan†
		3.00pm	Service of Healing	

**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, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Kate McGrath, Peggy Finan, Frances Dyson and Yvonne Gantzer

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Una Mair and Peggy Heasman, Alex McCall and Nora Cronin

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Patrick Holmwood† and Marjory Vermuelen† who have died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

REQUIEM MASS – For Marjory Vermuelen† will be held on Wednesday **20th May** at 11.15am here at St Joseph's.

REQUIEM MASS – For Patrick Holmwood† will be held on Thursday **28th May** at 11.00am here at St Joseph's.

FIRST CONFESSIONS – The children on the First Holy Communion journey this year will be making their first Confessions in special services every Saturday morning in May. Fr Danny will hear any other Confessions after the children's services have finished.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK UPDATE - The Bracknell Foodbank has a new permanent store and is now happy to start receiving donations again. Thank you.

CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP – Each **Tuesday** in the hall 9.30am-11.30am during School Term Time.

OVER 50 KEEP FIT – Every **TUESDAYS** from 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th May** at 7.00pm. Please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699 for details

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday **19th May** 7.45pm in the Church.

SOUP AND ROLL – Every Friday in the Hall after the 12.10pm Mass, everyone welcome.

TIME FOR REFLECTION – 'Pentecost' – On Saturday **23rd May** 9.30am – 1.00pm at St Francis of Assisi Church Ascot, facilitator Fr Tom Taaffe. Please book your place through the Ascot Parish Office on 01344.620591.

THE ORDER OF FRANCISCANS SECULAR – Will meet in the hall on Saturday **23rd May** at 2.00pm-4.00am. Why not visit the Perfect Joy Fraternity to find out more about the call of St Francis of Assisi? The Church car park will be open. No need to book – simply arrive!

SERVICE OF HEALING – 24th May - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday **24th May** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. If you would like to attend but need a lift, please contact the Parish Office (Tel: 01344 425729 /Email: stj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). NOTE: There are lists on the Notice Board, please sign up if you are able to help with food or transport or on the day itself. Thank you.

OVER 50s CLUB - The Over 50s Keep-fit Club has organized a daytrip by coach to visit Corfe Castle and the seaside town of Swanage on Tuesday **26th May**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the church car park at 0800 and return approximately 1900. (The car park will be made

available for all-day parking) The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham on 01344 425040.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CAKE BREAK DAY – Dorothy and Allan James will be holding a MS Cake Break Day on Thursday **28th May** from 11.00am. All are welcome to come along to 11 Letcombe Square, Harmans Water, Bracknell, RG12 9JU for a cup of tea or coffee and of course lots of lovely homemade cakes will be on sale to help support the charity.

NEPALESE FUNDRAISER - The Bracknell Nepalese Society is organising a fundraiser on Monday 18 May, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm at the Honeysuckle Suite, Open Learning Centre, Rectory Road, Bracknell. There will be Nepalese singing, dancing, a raffle and tombola, Nepalese food, a cake stall, a book stall, a band and much, much more. Please come along and support the Nepalese community and help them to raise funds after the devastating earthquakes. There is a voluntary donation of £4 at the door; all proceeds will go to the relief effort in Nepal.

PLEASE NOTE – Divine Mercy Chaplet starts on Sunday **August 16th** at 2.30pm, and will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSAIRES - Mass: Saturday 27th June 2015

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass to celebrate. This takes place on 27th June at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office.

RETIRING OFFERING – This weekend is for World Communications Day. Over the past year Pope Francis has led initiatives in the media tackling human trafficking, peace in the Middle East and reconciliation between Cuba and the USA. Please pray for the work of the Media and the Catholic Communications Network in England and Wales, therefore enabling the church to continue this important work of Communication. Cheques payable to PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph.

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 £1129.10 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE
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Thank You
To all who support the
Foodbank