

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

5th Sunday of Easter

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: UNBREAKING BROKEN HEARTS

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Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

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Once upon a time, there was a someone who believed in too small a God. Every time their trust was shattered or they were pulled into the land of loss, their heart was broken. Its beat became a little more hushed. Then, out of the blue sky, someone came with excited words about mustard seeds, and secrets hidden in the heart of death, and treasures found nowhere else but in the landscape of grief. The stranger said that God only breaks hearts open, and stretching His arms on a cross and rising from death showed them how. Once upon a time, someone had an understanding of God that blew their mind!

The Missionary, Edwina Gateley put it like this,

Sometimes, I remember, in a hushed moment, the daring of my youth.

All I claimed and gathered in built up and spread out - casting the word of God all over the world in a great young surge of missionary zeal.

Sometimes, I remember, in a hushed moment, the thousands of miles I travelled.

Crossing mountains, desert and bush land to far distant peoples, inspiringly different and gloriously colourful.

Sometimes, I remember, in a hushed moment, how they moulded me, giving me new voice and a deeper vision, leaving me lonely amongst my own.

Sometimes, I remember, in a hushed and sacred moment,

How my small familiar God

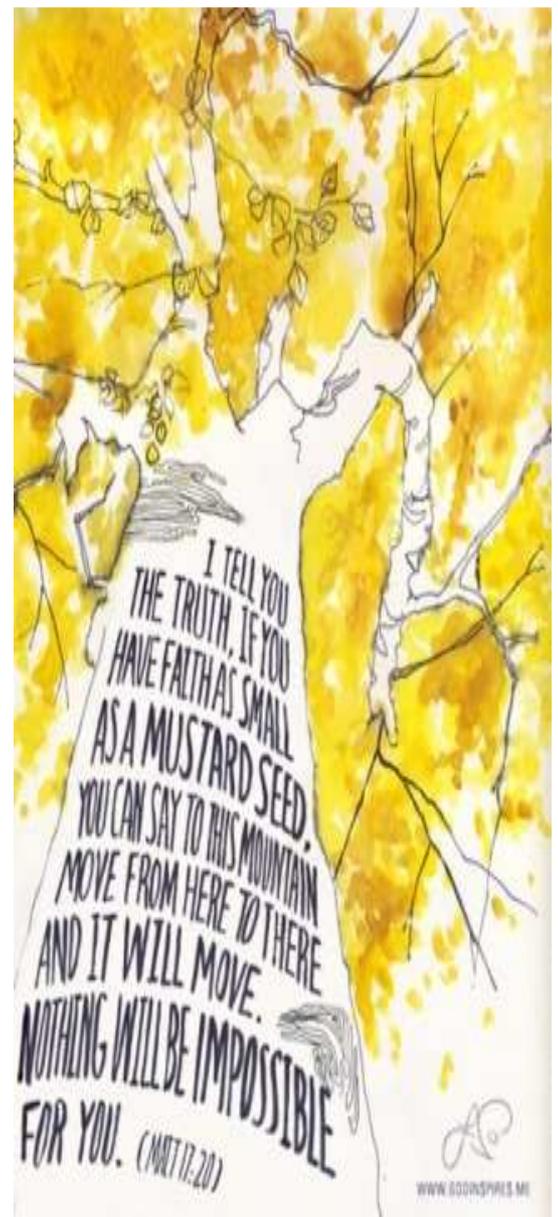
Slipped from my hold

Like a doll

As I stumbled

Gasping

Into the Divine Expanse.



Edwina Gateley, ' Growing into God' pp 52 -53 (2000)

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Sunday Mass Schedule (and Intentions)

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	17 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Mathew Cole
Sunday	18 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Jean Martin

Weekday Mass (and Intentions)

Monday	19 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	20 th	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mass	Furlin Family
Wednesday	21 st	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mass	Aslin Family Living and Deceased†
Thursday	22 nd	NO MASS		
Friday	23 rd	10.45-11.45 12.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Requiem Mass	 Dennis Healy†
Saturday	24 th	9.40am 10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Rosary Mass Confession Vigil Mass	 Kathleen McQuadi† Molly & Christie Campbell†

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday	25 th	8.30am	Mass	Catherine McCormack
		10.30am	Mass	Ernie Johnson†

**Please pray for the aged, sick, housebound and hospitalised of our community
and for those who care for them.**

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need" Pope Francis
**If you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital or housebound and
unable to get to Mass, or just needing a priest,
please tell Fr. Danny or contact the Parish Office**

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS – To all the children who made their First Holy Communion this Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BREAKFAST – Will be held this Sunday in the Hall after the 10.30 Mass. Due to the large number of children on this year's programme could we please ask that only the children themselves come into the hall after Mass. Parents can come back to collect their child after 20-30 minutes.

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.

SIGN UP FOR PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E-News - Keep up to date with what's happening in the diocese. The diocesan e-news comes out once a week – latest events, photos, videos. Sign up on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CONFIRMATION 2014 REMAINING SESSIONS - **Candidates:** 30 May (7pm) and **Parents:** 5 June (7.30pm) Rehearsal at St. Joseph's: 13 June (7pm) **Confirmation Mass:** 22 June at 3pm St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS BRACKNELL - Life in the Spirit Seminars continue every Tuesday 8pm – 9.30pm until 17 June in the Church Hall. All are welcome. The theme of Tuesday's talk is **New Life** and the speaker is **James Wilkinson who spoke at all Masses recently.**

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2014 - Bishop Philip has said that 'we have a civic duty to be engaged in the democratic process and to exercise our right to vote responsibly'. He has asked us, prior to casting our vote, to research carefully the candidates and parties with regard to their vision and understanding of the human person and human society, particularly surrounding abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, matrimony and the wellbeing of family life. These websites may help you: <http://www.cpaparty.org.uk> (Christian People's Alliance); <http://www.conservatives.com> www.labour.org.uk; www.libdems.org.uk http://www.europarl.org.uk/en/european_elections/candidates2014.html

PRAYER GROUP MEETING – The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th May at 8.00pm at in the Parish Room, Anne D'Souza on 01344.420465 for more details.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST JUDE FAVERSHAM – The Carmelite Friars are holding a Summer Celebration on Saturday 31st May, starting at 11.00am with Devotions and Anointing, 12.00-13.00pm Picnic in the grounds (bring your own picnic), and at 13.30pm open air Mass followed by a St Jude procession and prayers. If enough people in our parish want to go we will arrange transport. Marie-danielle.tichbon@globalknowledge.net

TIME OUT MINISTRIES – ST FRANCIS, ASCOT - Time Out Ministries - Day of Reflection - "Pentecost, Gifts, Fruits and all that stuff!" Saturday 31st May 10am-1pm at St Francis Church, Ascot. Tea/Coffee at 9.30am, please bring your Bible. Places are limited so please book your place early by contacting St Francis Parish Office Tel 01344 620591 or St Francis Parish website at www.stfrancisascot.co.uk. Donation £10 if desired.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 1ST JUNE - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday 1 June 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: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Could you offer someone you know a

lift to the Service? Young people, if you would like to help in any way, for example serving or providing entertainment, contact the Parish Office.

BRACKNELL CATENIANS - The Bracknell Catenian Association will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel for their next ladies evening on Tuesday 3 June at 7.30pm. The aims of The Association are to foster the Catholic faith and family life. To that end, our dinner guests will be from the Bracknell Food Bank and the Life Organisation for whom we hope to raise money this year. Anyone from the Parish will be welcome to join us. Cost of dinner will be £23 pp. For more information please contact John Darnell on 01344 428810 or email Bracknell Forest Catenian Association secretary at BF318.secretary@gmail.com

MINISTRIES OF WELCOMING IN THE CHURCH - A conference of healing and reconciliation - Saturday, 5 July Heythrop College, 23 Kensington Square, London W8 5HN. This conference addresses the theology of the New Evangelisation fostered by Pope Francis. It invites Catholics in a variety of pastoral situations to think afresh about their ministries of healing and reconciliation to those who are marginalised or who have disassociated from the Church. Information and booking forms at: www.jesuit.org.uk/ministriesofwelcoming

WANTED: St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is seeking a Washing Machine and a Vacuum Cleaner for a needy gentleman whose machines are broken. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office at St Francis in Ascot on 01344 620591.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP – Please note there will be no Mother and Toddler group on 20th and 27th May.

BRASS CLEANERS - More brass-cleaners needed, weekends or mid-week: please contact the parish office.

OUR NEWSLETTER – Do you know you can receive this newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email stjb@portsmouthdioces.org.uk to be added to the distribution list.

SANDHURST PARISH DONKEY DERBY - On Bank Holiday Monday 26th May, help and raffle prizes items urgently wanted for stall to support the Bracknell LIFE house. Please contact dominica.roberts@gmail.com or ring 01344 422902

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP - Called & Gifted Workshop – Fri 27 June 7pm-9pm & Sat 28 June 9am–5pm - with author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples', Sherry Weddell. This Workshop is FREE if you're in Portsmouth Diocese. Learn more about and discover our spiritual gifts, and how these help us live Christian discipleship. There are some spaces left - don't miss it! For more information and bookings visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called-and-gifted

ROSARY GROUPS – Wednesday after 9.30am Mass, 7.00m on Friday and 9.40am on Saturdays.

RETIRING OFFERING – This weekend is for Clergy Training Fund

***JUST TO SAY
THANK YOU TO
Everyone who has helped
preparing the 1st Holy
Communion Breakfast
Celebration***

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Envelopes - £ 378.81
Loose Plate - £726.76
Cheques - £3.00
Total £1108.57 - Thank You
**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**