

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM

19th April 2015 Psalter Week 3

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THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE SEEING A GHOST

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us". God became a human being so that we could have a flesh-and-blood, deeply personal relationship with Him. After Jesus' death, His Incarnation seemed finished. When Jesus bodily rose from the dead, His Incarnation was restored.

However, the apostles still lost touch with the incarnate Jesus because they found it hard to believe in His resurrection. In their panic and fright they thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at My hands and My feet; it is really I. Touch Me, and see that a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I do' Jesus even ate a piece of fish to prove He was still incarnate.



Jesus obviously wants us to relate to Him as incarnate and risen. Yet even the presence of His physical body does not guarantee we will relate to Him that way. We need faith, and faith comes through hearing, and hearing by God's word. Therefore, the incarnate, risen Jesus spent the first afternoon and evening of His risen life by opening His disciples' and apostles' "minds to the understanding of the Scriptures

What Christ's resurrection didn't do, His Word can. Love, learn, and live in God's Word. Then you will relate to Jesus as a Man, not as a ghost.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	18 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Louise Grey†
Sunday	19 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Jenny & Helen Considine
Monday	20 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	21 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	COMMUNION SERVICE	
Wednesday	22 nd	NO MASS		

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Thursday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Norah Denise Bourne†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	24 th	9.00am	School Mass at St Joseph's School	
		11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Margaret O'Donnell†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

THE FEAST OF ST MARK

Saturday	25 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Wilton Watts†
		10.30am	Confessions	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	25 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Donnelly
Sunday	26 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Margaret Carey
		3.00pm	Scouts Service	
		5.00pm	Youth Mass	Ernie Brown

**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, Marjory Vermuelen, 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, Patrick Holmwood, Peggy Finan, Alex McCall and Nora Cronin

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S PRACTICAL SESSION – Is on Saturday **25th April** 1.00pm-2.30pm in the Church and Hall.

WE WELCOME - Into our Parish Community: Abigail, Ehsan, David, Niamh, Amelia, Anthony and Marco who were received into the Church this Easter.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The training course will begin on **Tuesday 21st April** and run for 8 weeks. Further information about times, etc will be available nearer the time. If you would like to be part of this Ministry there is still time to sign up. If you have any difficulty attending the training sessions or need a lift please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699. Anyone with ideas about what should be included in training can also call and speak to Steve.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP – The next meeting is on Tuesday **21st April**.

CAR PARK – The new car park system will go live sometime during week commencing 20th April. Will all those people who have registered please come to the Parish Office to collect their Windscreen Sticker. Those still seeking to register can leave the registration form and payment at the Parish Office. John will be in the Parish Office processing registration forms all day Monday 20th April.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 (21.07.2016 - 02.08.2016) All young members of the parish who will be over 15 years old (and under 35!) in 2016 are invited to join other young people from Portsmouth Diocese to travel together by coach to Krakow in Poland in Summer 2016 to celebrate with Pope Francis and other Catholic youth from around the world. Places are limited so if you are interested, please speak to Fr Danny as soon as possible.



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING - Wednesday **6th May** 2015 – Our Lady of Peace, 338 Wokingham Road, Earley RG6 7DA – 7.30pm – 9.30pm with Jo Hopkins

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION - As part of the Formation for Mission team, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph are offering a series of 6 evenings - Tuesday Faith Formation - throughout the diocese on the essentials of the Catholic Faith, for anyone engaged in passing on the Faith to others (catechists, parents and grandparents) or anyone interested to know more about their Faith. These evenings will take place on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.00 pm, once a month in each venue: Park Gate, Christchurch, Basingstoke and Reading. No registration is required and there is no attendance fee. For any enquiry, write to catform@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The dates and venues nearest to us are: **Reading - English Martyrs (RG30 2EB)**: May 12th, June 16th, July 14th, September 15th, October 13th, November 10th and **Basingstoke - St Bede (RG24 9DX)**: May 19th, June 23rd, July 21st, September 22nd, October 20th, and November 17th. If you are willing to give someone a lift or if you would like a lift, please contact the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO – Ifiok Udoh and Ester Idiok who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday **16th May** in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Nigeria. We wish them well in their marriage.

PROCLAIM '15 – building missionary Parishes - Proclaim '15 is the name of the initiative by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to support enthuse and equip parish evangelisation. In the lead up to Pentecost, there will 3 Small Group Sessions on Thursday 30th April, Thursday 7th May and Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

20-22 May 2015 - Visit of Relics of Bl Louis and Zelig Martin - The relics of Blessed Louis and Blessed Zelig Martin (parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux), one of the first married couples to be beatified, have been invited to the Diocese this May. You can read more about them at www.louisandzeligmartin.org The programme is as follows: Wednesday 20 May: Liturgy of Reception - **St Theresa's, Totton, Southampton** Thursday 21 May: Day of veneration at **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth** Friday 22 May: Mass at **Christ the King, Reading**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - Bishop Philip will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year from **22nd November to 2nd December**. If you are interested to learn more there will be an information evening at English Martyrs, Reading on Thursday **23rd April** at 7.30pm

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE - A few copies of Portsmouth People, our diocesan magazine, are still left in the porch. Did you know that the electronic version of the magazine is available online, free of charge, by subscribing at www.portsmouthpeople.org.uk ?

BRACKNELL FOODBANK - Thank you everyone who has made donations to the Bracknell Foodbank. Here is the list of current needs, including a couple of urgently needed items: long Life fruit Juice 1 litre – very urgent; jam – very urgent; long life sponge puddings (tinned or twin pack); custard (tinned); rice pudding (tinned or packs); biscuits; tinned fruit; long grain rice 500g; sugar 500g

SEWING MACHING NEEDED - Do you have a sewing machine in good condition that you no longer use/need? Would you like to find it a new home where it would be greatly appreciated and used? If so, please contact the Parish Office.

TEA/COFFEE'S - After the 1030am Mass, help is required. If you would like to volunteer, individuals/families welcome then please contact the parish office.

RETIRING OFFERING - Next weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund.

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 £897.34 - Thank You
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE
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Our Heartfelt Thanks
to all who worked to
make our Church so
beautiful