

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW  
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Psalter Week 1

**AVOIDING THE TRAPS PEOPLE SET FOR US**

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Someone once said, "There are only two things that are certain in life; death and taxes!"

In today's Gospel, the Pharisee tries to draw Jesus, not into a search for the truth, but into a battle where there can only be winners and losers. This is his mind set and he cannot liberate himself from it. So everything becomes conflict. Territory has to be defended. And, as James Finley so rightly stated, "Anyone who has territory to defend is already finished". Like a wise old fish, Jesus refuses to be baited.

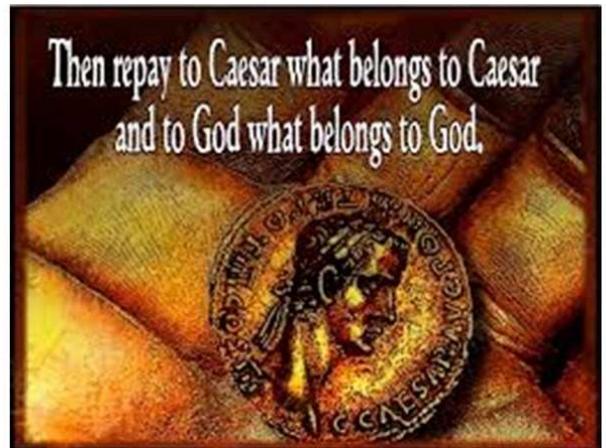
So, the Pharisee, who hasn't had much experience of losing, sets trap number two. He invites Jesus to choose between two false alternatives. Yes or No! In some situations, this is okay. Is it snowing? Are the lights on? Did I remember to unplug the iron?

But relationships, prayer, community and even morality rarely fit these narrow parameters. These require thoughtfulness, discernment and careful exploration. Avoiding the trap of Yes or No creates the space for a better approach.

Next. Notice how Jesus does not try to put his opponents down, or to win in such a way that they are discarded or demeaned. He names their malicious and ego driven intent - He knows their game. And then, He invites them to walk the tightrope of tension between God and the Emperor. In this way, He offers us a map on how to better navigate the complex world of faith and relationships.

From the Taoist wisdom Tradition: Once upon a time, a boatman saw another boat heading towards him in the fog. He called out a warning but the boat just kept on coming. He yelled to no avail. Then he started shouting and screaming and cursing as the boat came closer and closer. When the boat was close enough, he realised it was empty. Immediately, his fear and anger subsided and he steered his own boat away, avoiding a collision.

" It is easier to fight to be right than it is to be empty to be true." (John Shea, p.304)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SERVICE OF HEALING – 3pm, Sunday 19 October** - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm today followed by afternoon tea in the Hall.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Every first and third Tuesday in the month, 7.45-9.15pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting is on **21 October**.

**PEGGY'S KEEP FIT CLASSES** – Every **Wednesday** 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall. The Over 50's keep-fit group will meet after the keep-fit session at 2.45 pm on **Wednesday 22 October** to discuss options and menus for Christmas lunch. (To reserve lunch members must bring to the meeting a £20 non-refundable deposit for each diner).

**SOUP AND ROLL** – Please note there is no soup and roll on Friday 24 October.

**YOUTH MASS** – Our next Mass will be on Sunday **26 October** at 5.00pm.

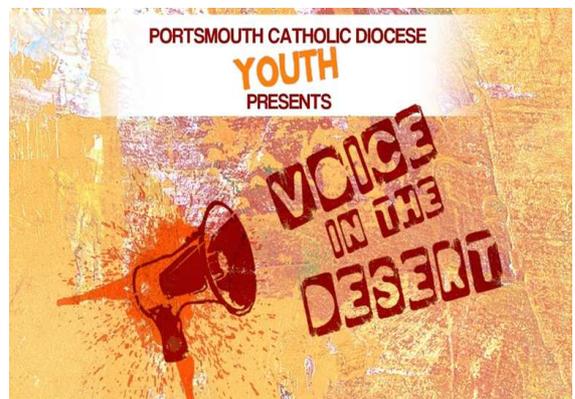
**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** on **Saturday 1 November**, the Feast of All Saints, there will be a Service of Blessing of the Graves at Easthampstead Park Crematorium/Cemetery at **12pm** and at Larges Lane Cemetery at **1.30pm**. Anyone who has loved ones interred in either place is invited to this special service of blessing and remembrance.

**NEW CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS COURSE** - Would you be interested in finding out about the new Certificate in Catechesis, offered by the Diocese of Portsmouth through the Maryvale Institute? The first study day takes place on **1 November**. To find out more, contact the parish office or Sr Veronica Brennan OP at [catform@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catform@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### VOICE IN THE DESERT

**Saturday 15 November 10.30am-4pm**

We are hoping to be able to send a group of young people from our parish to this Diocesan youth event. If you are aged between Year 8 – young adult, then this is for you! The day will include drama, music and spiritual workshops, finishing with Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip. Venue: Saint George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton. SO16 3DQ. Bookings and info: Mary in the parish office.



**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – Every **Tuesday**. You are invited to join any of our weekly sessions to deepen your Catholic Faith from 7.30pm-9pm in the church hall. This week's topic is Salvation History. Free Church car park open. Access via Service Yard D. Please will you become a sponsor? Details from [shaunhoward@msn.com](mailto:shaunhoward@msn.com)

**PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP** – **Tuesdays** 9.30am-11.30am in the Hall.

**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.

**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.

## PARISH NEWS

**THIS WEEKEND IS MISSION SUNDAY** - Mr John Greig, Area Representative for Aid to the Church in Need, will make an appeal. Christians in countries like Iraq are in urgent need of our prayers as well as donations. There is a novena for the last 9 days of October which we have been asked to pray, individually or by praying together in groups. If you would like to join in the novena, please ask Maura or Renata for a prayer sheet or look at the ACN website to download a copy.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** - As a community, during the month of November, we unite to remember and pray for those we have loved who have died. To mark this special time, a Book of Remembrance, lit by candle, will be placed on the Altar. Everyone is invited to come to the Altar and leave the names of their relatives and friends in the book.

**PREPARING FOR BAPTISM** – The Baptism Application Form is now available online via our website <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/baptism.html> You can still fill in a paper copy which is available in the porch if you so wish, but if you do please email the names of the Child, Parents and Godparents to the Parish Office to ensure they are correct for entry to the Baptismal Register and Certificate. Thank you. *Fr Danny*.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Could you spare just one evening a month to join our Keeping in Touch (KIT) outreach ministry? KIT visits Catholics in their own homes - particularly those who are non-churchgoing - so as to give them help and support and a welcome from our parish. Please contact [shaunhoward@msn.com](mailto:shaunhoward@msn.com) or the Parish Office if you feel called to this ministry.

### Living Our Faith

*The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth*



Last weekend we launched the Diocese wide appeal to raise £9million for the training and formation of the Clergy, Lay formation, and renewing facilities. Our parish is allocated a £165,000 target over the 5 years of the appeal. 25% of all monies is rebated to the Parish and if we exceed the target we gain 80% of the excess. HMRC will add 25% extra where donors are UK tax payers.

We are 5 years late in starting and Fr Danny was told by + Philip to get on with the appeal in this parish. Please take an envelope as you leave, read the contents, and return your pledge inside the special yellow envelope within your pack. All pledges are anonymous. Nobody will come knocking on your door, or show disappointment at the level of your pledge. As a generous community we are confident that we will achieve our target. We must support Fr. Danny, in his effort to support his Bishop. Some donors will pledge £100 per month for 5 years, others £5 per month. Each is as worthy. Place your pledge envelope in the yellow box, to be used solely for pledge collection.

Thank you.

### PROGRESS REPORT NEXT WEEK

More good news as we heard this week that two additional candidates have joined the seminary.

Now we have twelve in training for the Priesthood!

But remember each costs £25,000 per annum, and thus the need for this appeal. Twelve (at any one time) is a record number of candidates within our Diocese, so the plan is working. As the Bishop has cash to pay for candidates training, he is able to advertise for candidates and thus we are already seeing the fruits of the Living our Faith appeal.

## ***St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow***

Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sydney & Mary Egan†
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	George Blackmore
		10.30am	Mass	Frederick George Abbott†
		3.00pm	Service of Healing	Sick, Housebound and Elderly of our Community
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	The Cremin Family†
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	The O'Sullivan Family†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Francis & Helen O'Connell†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Moreno Family
		10.30am	Confessions	
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Robert Buchanan†
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty†
		10.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving
		5.00pm	Youth Mass	Parish Intentions

### **We 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, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Joanna O'Connell, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

### **And those who are unwell or in hospital**

Marjory Vermuelen, Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Catherine Jones, Una Mair, Alex McCall and Beatrice Fitzpatrick