

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM

THE WHITE SHADOW: Beauty and Death

1st March 2015 Psalter Week 2

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In a moment of clarity, William Shakespeare saw that it is, "with a wound we shall be cur'd."

What is our experience? Everything arises, endures and fades. Like yesterday. Like the breath we just took. Like the sleep we left to awaken to today. This is the abiding rhythm of life and, it seems, our death. It too arises, endures and fades. The secret, of course, is to find Divine Beauty or Presence in the flaw. Perhaps this is why Jesus cannot allow Peter his tents. It ends! He has something more to teach them and leaves them with a huge question!

This week, Marks Gospel invites us to ponder Death and Transfiguration. Usually we don't like to think about death, especially our own. It frightens us. There is no one who can call it off. We cannot imagine the world without us. Yet, when we pause to think carefully on how all our experiences of dying are so much part of the richness of our lives, it seems unlikely that Gods careful work, our growing, our memory and our presence would be dumped over a cliff.

The Transfiguration of Jesus makes me wonder if the soul is in the body or the body is in the soul? When I used to think of the soul being in the body, I saw it as an object to be kept and polished. Yet, as the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus sat in me, I began to wonder if the body is in the soul and that for all our life, our souls care for us and shelter us. If this is true, how much more tenderly will it carry us to Him when the time of our death draws near.

Peter, James and John were going to be transfigured by the gift they received on Mount Tabor. The memory of the intimacy and tenderness of His Light, is a subtle light which sustains. If we could, like them, only realise the sureness in Him, we would have more courage. The cage of anxiety that surrounds us would disappear, and perhaps most importantly, we would be freed from the weight of regret.

In, The Colours of Love, Denis Devlin puts it like this,

"But is that beauty, is that beauty death? No, it is the mask by which we're drawn to Him,

It is with our consent death finds his breath; Love is death's beauty unmasked".



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Saturday	28 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Chapman†
Sunday	1 st	8.30am	Mass	Anthony Nunes†
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Monday	2 nd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	3 rd	NO MASS		
Wednesday	4 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Tim Brierley
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	5 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Pat Hickey†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	6 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Rena Griffiths
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	7 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Maura Holt
NO CONFESSIONS				

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	7 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	8 th	8.30am	Mass	Dorcas Innes-Gardner
		10.30am	Mass	Maria Villahermosa

**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, Alex McCall, Jenny Considine and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

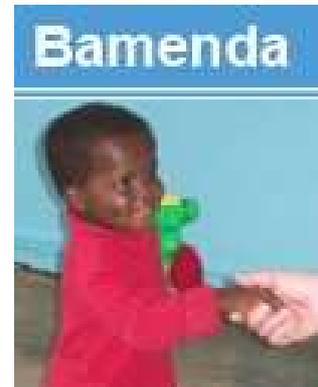
Peter Bentley, Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Marjory Vermuelen, and Peggy Heasman.

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

PLEASE PRAY – For the repose of the soul of Nancy Curtis† who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 13th March at 12 noon. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH CENSUS WEEKEND – On **Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March**, Census cards will be distributed at all Masses. The Census Form will allow us to bring our parish records fully up to date. It is important that one form per household is completed, even if you have been in the Parish twenty years because the information given will supersede previous records. All information will be treated in confidence and comply with the Data Protection Act. If you miss the chance to complete your Census Form during Mass this weekend, collect a copy from the porch or register on-line via our parish website.

OUR WORK OF LOVE FOR LENT - St. Theresa`s Catholic Health Centre - To strengthen our commitment to our twin Diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, we will be supporting the new health centre in Bukow, Bamessing. The present structure is totally inadequate and cannot serve the needs of the local population. At present there is a high level of maternal and child mortality. The local community is also very much involved in this project supplying their own time and materials where and when they can. However, the project is much larger than originally anticipated and the initial stage will be a building phase. More information is now on the noticeboard in the porch and next weekend we will welcome at all Masses a representative from the Diocesan Bamenda Committee who will tell us more about the project and how we can help.



JOURNEY OF FAITH, THE SCRUTINIES – The first Scrutinies will be at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 28th February, the second will be on Sunday March 8th at the 8.30am Mass and the third on Sunday 22nd March at the 10,30am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS RETREAT – Will be held on **Saturday 7th March** in the Church and Hall 1030am-1230pm.

CHRISM MASS – On Tuesday **31st March** at 11.00am in the Cathedral. Would anyone like to go? It is wonderful.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Please try to make sure you put Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper (**2nd April at 7.00pm**) in your diary as it is on this day that we renew our commitment.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March - An interdenominational service will be held at Bracknell Methodist Church, Shepherds Lane, Bracknell on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. **All are welcome.** This is a chance to meet and pray with people from other traditions.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The training course will begin on **Tuesday 7th 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.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – Are you celebrating a big wedding anniversary this year? If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th wedding anniversary during 2015 or any anniversary over 60 years, Bishop Philip warmly invites you to the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at 11.00am on **Saturday 27th June**. The Mass will be held at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, after which a light lunch will be served. This annual Mass is a wonderful celebration of and witness to marriage. To find out more, and to apply to attend, please contact the parish office 01344 425729 or by email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING - The next meeting is on Tuesday **3rd March** at 7.45pm in the Church.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – The week's topic for **3rd March** is **Christian Life in the World**.

CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP – Every **Tuesday** in the hall 9.30am-11.30am.

OVER 50 KEEP FIT – Every **Tuesday** in the hall 2.00pm-3.00pm.

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER – The next meeting is on Thursday **5th March** at 2.00pm in the Parish Room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) - Our next PPC meeting is on Wednesday 11th March at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns for the attention of the PPC, please contact the Parish Office before Wednesday 4th March.

JOIN IN OUR BIG WELCOMING ON SATURDAY 28 MARCH MID-DAY
When the church railings become permanent home to our Great Gallery of Greeters & Inspirers. . If you'd like to take part please see www.bracknellcommunitygallery.org or contact hughgibbons@just1.org.uk

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.

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