

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

**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2014 Psalter Week 4**

**THE GIFT OF HUMILITY**

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Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

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Most adult Catholics will be more familiar with humiliation, which is not the same thing as humility. If only our teachers etc had known this back then.

The humble person is, quite simply, someone who lives by the truth.

Any farmer will tell you that it is not good to let the weeds grow with the wheat. But in today's Gospel we are still in the land of parables and the world of the Spirit, where it makes perfect sense.

We might come back from a retreat, or a day of recollection, or a prayer gathering or Sunday Mass, and feel that we are ready to take on the world with love. Then all it takes is someone to press the wrong button and we are singing another hymn which might not sound good in church. St. Peter is a great example of someone who can dream more than he can enact. One day he is swearing that he will lay down his life for Jesus, the next he is into complex denial. Yet the Gospels note that this happened at the exact time the cock crowed. It is dawn



and the precious moment of illumination. The teaching is clear. Sometimes our failings, our failures and our fragility can get us where we need to go more surely than our strength!

The wonderful poet, Rainer Maria Rilke decided to try psychotherapy but gave up after a few sessions. When he was asked why, he said, " I realised that if I got rid of all my demons, I might lose my angels along the way."

When we fall we are humbled by the experience. Perhaps we have not progressed as far as we thought. We come to see that becoming Love is a never ending journey. Far from being discouraged we search for ways to make peace, certain that freedom awaits. Assured that the Light which the darkness can never put out continues to illumine our pathways.

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

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Nicholas Da Cunha†
		10.30am	Mass	Bill Birch†
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		

### **ST MARY MAGDALEN**

Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass at St Joseph's School</b>	
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### **ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN**

Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Martin, Mary-Kate & Sylvester Tighe†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Fr Danny Intentions
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	

### **FEAST OF ST JAMES**

Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45-10.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11.00am	Requiem Mass	Daniel Moon†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

### **SS JOACHIM & ANNE**

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Sarah Hibeck†
		10.30am	Confession	
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Dalva & Maria De Padua†
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Elizabeth Rzybylinska†

#### **Please pray for the Sick and Housebound**

Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, George Chapman, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, John Richardson, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peter Bentley, Chris & Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca Joanna O'Connell, and Alex McCall

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

Kate McGrath, and Beatrice Fitzpatrick

#### **Of Our Community**

**and for those who care for them.**

## PARISH NEWS

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY** – Daragh Sean Naughten and Alexander Birch who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**BILL EGAN† (1926 - 2014)** - Please remember in your prayers Bishop Philip' father, Bill, who died last week after a short illness. May he rest in peace. His funeral will take place next Friday 25th July in Altrincham.

**OVER 50 CLUB** - The Over 50 Club have organized a daytrip by coach to visit the Hastings on **Thursday 24th July**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the church car park at 0915. The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard: if more information is required, please phone Graham, 01344 425040.

**PLEASE PRAY** – For the repose of the soul of Daniel Moon† who died recently. His Requiem Mass is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY** - Thank you to those who attended Friendship Sunday. £450 was raised Fr Jaya's work.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Every first and third Tuesday in the month.

**SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING** – The next meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. These meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, everyone is welcome.

**EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS (18-35)** On 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Bishop Philip will preside at the Sunday Mass of the seventh Evangelium weekend residential conference on explaining the Catholic Faith in the modern world. The conference will be held Friday 1 August (2pm) to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 (5pm) at the Reading Oratory School. Information and registration can be found on the Evangelium website: [www.evangelium.co.uk](http://www.evangelium.co.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015** – Application Forms for the programme starting in September 2014 are now available from the Porch, if your child is in year 3 or above they are able to join the programme. The deadline for returning the form is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014**. **Please Note:** Forms received after this date will not be accepted.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – Journey of Faith - exploring the Catholic Faith - starts on September 10th - please let non-Catholics that you know about this. Details from the Parish Office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**YOUTH BAND** - We are looking for young musicians and singers to come forward and form a Christian band. All levels of experience are welcome, and we are hoping for a wide variety of instruments to make up the band. To find out more please contact: Thomas Birch - Email [thebirchesuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thebirchesuk@yahoo.co.uk), Tel: 07864 647026 or Sophie Bone - [snybone@googlemail.com](mailto:snybone@googlemail.com), Tel 07474 319572.



**THE PASSAGE – RADIO 4 APPEAL** - David Dimbleby will be appealing on BBC Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage – the homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday 27 July at 7.55 & 21.26 and Thursday 31 July at 15.27.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB** - St. Joseph's Primary School will be running a Summer Holiday Club from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> August. If any parents are interested in booking a place, please contact the afternoon school secretary (1-6pm) on 01344 425246. We are Ofsted Registered and therefore can accept childcare vouchers.

**Active, caring and fun holiday care.** Days filled with fun activities for children aged 3 - 11 years old: outdoor activities, cooking, arts & crafts, sports, computer games, books and stories, Lego, Knex and so much more.... The Summer Holiday Club will take place on the school grounds. No food will be provided so we ask that the children bring their own lunch and snacks.

**Hours** Session 1: 8am - 1 pm Session 2: 1pm - 6pm

**Pricing** One Session: (5 hours/half day) £12, Two sessions:

(10 hours/whole day) £22. A discount of 10% applies for sibling bookings in the same session.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?** - If you've made your First Holy Communion, then you can! Just come along 15 minutes before Mass and introduce yourself to Fr. Danny and the other servers who will look after you and show you what to do.

**MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP** – Starts again in September.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Will start again in September.

**CHURCH CLEANING** - From August we will be cleaning the church every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome

**OUR GALLERIES OF GOOD EXAMPLES HAVE A WEBSITE** - Details of all the figures and items on the Spirit of Romero Galleries in the parish hall and in St MC Primary are now at [www.spiritofromero.org/galleries](http://www.spiritofromero.org/galleries).

Brian O'Driscoll, one of the big figures chosen by the Confirmation candidates, has sent his "sincere appreciation and very best wishes to all" in the parish.

**FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES** - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. Everyone is welcome.

**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

**COMMUNICATION** – Do you know that you can receive our parish newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list. Also, there is a new Diocese enews which will keep you up to date with everything in the Diocese [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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.

**THANK YOU**  
**To Pat Grey and her**  
**Team for running our**  
**little shop**

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**  
**Total £1364.56 - Thank You**  
**Apostleship of the Sea**  
**Total £416.17 - Thank You**  
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TO  
**PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**