

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

PASSIONTIDE

20th March 2016 Psalter Week 2

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A HYMN TO THE CREATOR

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky,
Leaves in Springtime, Swallows flight.
Autumn winds, Tremendous Seas,
Sounds and scents of summers
night.

Soaring music, Towering words,
Arts perfection, Scholars truth,
Joy Supreme of human Love,
Memories Treasure, Grace of Youth.

Open Lord, are these thy gifts,
Gifts of love to mind and sense,
Hidden in Loves' agony,
Loves' endeavour, Loves' expense.

Love that gives, gives ever more,
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,
Keeps not, spares not, all outpours,
Ventures all, it's all expends.

Drained is love in making full,
Bound in setting others free,
Poor in making many rich,
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore, He who Thee reveals,
Hangs, O Father, on that tree,
Helpless, and the nails and thorns
(Tell of human cruelty, tell more)
of what Thy Love must be.

Thou art God, no monarch Thou
Enthroned in easy state to reign.
Thou are God, whose arms of Love
Aching, Spent, the world sustain. (William Vanstone. Loves Endeavour, Loves Expense)



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday	19 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sean & Nora O'Donnell
Sunday	20 th	8.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
		10.30am	Mass	Michael Robinson†
		3.00pm	Penitential Service at St Francis, Ascot	
Monday	21 st	NO MASS		
Tuesday	22 nd	NO MASS		
Wednesday	23 rd	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Douglas Bishop†

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday	24 th	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Shaun Howard
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GOOD FRIDAY of the Lord's Passion

Friday	25 th	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
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HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday	26 th	8.00pm	Mass	Those being received into the Church
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sunday	27 th	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty†
		10.30am	Mass	Nancy Curtist†

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community
and for those who care for them.**

Sick and Housebound: Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Prendergast, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Sally Torode and Nora Cronin.

DATES AND NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Douglas Bishop† his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on **Wednesday 23rd March at 11.00am**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING – the next session is on **Saturday 9th April** at St Joseph's, Stanley Walk, Town Centre, Bracknell RG12 1HA - 10.00am – 12.30pm – given by Sue Smy. Those wishing to attend should register via email to soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by phone on 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430. Anyone who is new to a ministry with children or anyone who has not updated their training through church child protection training should register to attend this course.

SAVE THE DATE! A Date for Your Diary - Make sure you keep Saturday 23rd April free for an evening of retro Bingo fun & laughter! The World Youth Day Fundraising Team would like to invite you to support them with this fundraising event & help them get to Poland this July! Watch this space for details of ticket sales available after all Masses from 2 April 2016. Register your interest and pre-book tickets on the Parish website - £5 per ticket (£3 for under 12s). Limited number of tickets available - first come first serve.

CLOTHESBANK - The next ClothesBank giveaway, held every quarter in our Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be on 26th April. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of good quality used clothes for children of all ages and trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks for example need to be new. If you would like to contribute a new pack of children's socks or underwear that would be great. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at all weekend Masses. Help will be needed on 26th April from 9am-9.30am in our church car park unloading boxes of clothes and taking them into the Hall and again from 12.30pm-1pm taking the boxes from the hall and reloading them. If you feel able to donate your time or are interested in knowing more about the ClothesBank, please contact the Parish Office.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016 – Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St. Bede's Church on **Saturday 9th July**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the online form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office on 01256 465214.

LENTEN OFFERINGS - For Bamenda and LIFE. LIFE is particularly grateful for regular donations, with tax relief if possible: see leaflets. The Bracknell House has not had lottery funding continued, and needs our help to provide housing for unsupported mothers and babies

BOOK DONATIONS - If you have old books at home suitable for children aged 11-19 I would be so grateful if you could donate them! I work at St Joseph's Catholic High School in Slough where over 40% of our children live below the poverty line and over 60% have English as an additional language, some having just arrived with no English at all. It is my aim that on the school day before our feast day of blessed Saint Joseph on Friday **18th May** all 750 of our children will receive a free book to hopefully start a lifetime of reading and open doors to their future that only literacy can bring. If you can help me by donating

your old books I would be so grateful and it would truly be making a difference to some of these children's lives. Many thanks, Ellie Clark

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED – One of our parishioners is looking for accommodation, please contact the Parish Office if you know anyone who has a room. Thank you.

DIOCESE TRUSTEES – A few years ago a policy was adopted to have Trustees retire after a certain number of years' service which would relieve those who had been in post for many years and open the way for new people to make a contribution in this particular way in the life of our diocese. Some of the areas and background which would be very helpful just now are the legal (practicing or recently retired); financial and investment; buildings (for example, architects and surveyors); experience in the field of communications (media and publishing). If you are interested in applying for this ministry please contact the Parish office.

CAR PARK – Registration forms for the renewal period ending **31st March 2017** are now available from the Parish Office. For parishioners the cost of parking remains unchanged at £50.00 per registered vehicle.

OVER 50s CLUB - Would the Over 50s keep fit class members please set aside **Tuesday 22nd March** for their AGM at 2.45pm to discuss the programme for 2016.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Hall during school term time only.

HOLY WEEK : DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT St. FRANCIS, ASCOT – on **Palm Sunday 20th March** at 3.00pm

MASS OF CHRISM - Tuesday 22nd March 11.00 a.m. Please note, the coach leaves the Church car park at 8.00am prompt.

SOLEMN RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – Service at 3.00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY MASS – 8.00pm – Those being received into the Church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£730.76
Envelopes & Cheques	£304.32
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total	£1545.08

Thank You

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