

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
MAKING A HOME FOR THE SPIRIT**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21st December 2014 Psalter Week 4

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Some people say that even though the Gospels are beautiful, they lack detail. I came across this little story, which I love.

As Joseph teaches Jesus the secrets of a Carpenter, he shares what life has taught him so far. Like all parents, he probably talks too much, and yet

"Remember Jesus, the best way to begin is to clear a space. To stop the mind from judging. There is always more than we think there is. Judgement stops more appearing. It cuts people, and situations, down to the little we know.



The Law is our measure. But never use it as a hammer to hit or a saw to cut. The purpose of the Law is to clear spaces for Love to grow, but it can break people and lose its sense of purpose. It always fears life will get out of control, so it likes to make examples of people who

break it. So find a way to honour the Law and the Person who has broken it. This is not easy. It requires making Law work for Love. Love is the Sun, Law its weakest ray.

Once something happened and I was tempted to judge. But I held back, I dreamed and I waited and a bigger door opened. A door that is hard to find. I was led into a room filled with sunlight, a home for the Spirit. Your mother and you were there. And a presence of light that talked to my fears. All distance was crossed, all separations connected. It was a dream but I wasn't asleep. The dream woke me up, and the beam was gone from my eye. I saw clearly the adventure making a home for the Spirit would be.

So see everything twice Jesus. See it with your eye and then with your heart. At first glance a piece of wood may look useless. You might be about to throw it out. But see the beauty beyond the surface, the arm of a chair hidden in its shape. And when you see loveliness, embrace it. Take it to your home. Don't hesitate or ask questions. Argue with everything, Jesus, but always be faithful and obedient to Love."

MIDNIGHT MASS - Please note that Midnight Mass will also be celebrated on New Year's Eve for those who want to begin the New Year in the company of the Mother of God.

A BIG THANK YOU – To everyone who helped to make the Youth Party and the Senior Citizens Party such a success.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – The 2015 sessions will start on Tuesday 6th January.

SOUP & ROLL – Starts again on Friday 9th January.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - If you leave Christmas cards for parishioners, please include on the envelope the full name of the addressee and the sender, and do not include money.

PARKING OUR CARS – Every parking ticket that was issued has been revoked, and Rob Morris has reopened Service Yard D until Sunday 4th January 2015. **After that**, anyone who parks there will be given a ticket. There are alternatives. Twenty seven spaces on the Park and Display Service Road. Princes Square is free for the first 2 hours but is not open in time for the 8.30am Sunday Mass so Charles Square is the only alternative at £1.20 per hour.

We are working hard to provide free parking for everyone but it will take time.

PLEASE NOTE – The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December until Monday 5th January.

AND FINALLY We Wish You All - A very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year, from Fr Danny, Mary and Chris.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	20 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	George Chapman†
Sunday	21 st	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Maire Mair†
Monday	22 nd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Baptist Robertson
Wednesday	24 th	5.00pm	Children's mass	Parish Intentions
		8.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
		12.00am	Midnight 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, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Marjory Vermuelen and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Carol Clarke and Alex McCall