

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
LISTENING WITH OUR HEART, REALLY LISTENING

21st February 2016 Psalter Week 2

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In ancient China, on the top of Mount Ping, stood a Temple where Hwan, the enlightened lived. One of his disciples, Lao-li, had studied and meditated for years but felt he hadn't reached enlightenment yet. He decided to accept his destiny and leave, but when he went to tell his Master, he was meditating, and before Lao-li could say anything Hwan said, 'Tomorrow I will join you on your journey down the mountain'.

Next day, as they began their journey, Hwan looked out into the vastness surrounding the mountain. 'Tell me, Lao-li, what do you see?'

'Master, I see the sun awaking, hills and mountains that stretch for miles, and far below a lake and an old city'.

Master Hwan smiled. When they arrived at the foot of the mountain, he asked Lao-li once more, 'What do you see?'

'Master, I see roosters running around, cows asleep in the meadow and children playing by the stream'.

The Master remained silent as they walked to the gate of the city and invited Lao-li to sit with him there. 'What did you learn today Lao-li? Perhaps this is the last wisdom I will impart to you.' Lao-li was silent.

After a long time, the Master spoke. 'The road to Wisdom is like the journey we have just made. Wisdom comes to those who realise that what one sees at the top of the mountain is not what one sees at the bottom. Without this Wisdom, we close our minds to all that we cannot see from the place where we stand. But with Wisdom there comes an end to sleep. We recognise that, alone, one sees very little. This is the Wisdom that knocks down prejudices, and teaches us to respect what at first we cannot see. Never forget Lao-li that what you cannot see can be seen from a different part of the mountain.'

When he had finished, Lao-li looked out to the horizon, and as the sun set before him, it seemed to rise in his heart. Lao-li turned to speak to his Master, but the great One had vanished.

Jesus has the Words of Life. To hear and receive them we must let go of words of death.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	20 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Martin Patrick Walsh†
Sunday	21 st	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Anthony Golden†
Monday	22 nd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Maura & Graeme
Wednesday	24 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Thomas & Bridget Casey†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	25 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
		10.15pm	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	26th	11.00-12.00	Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Mary Hughes
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	27 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Halina Kurowska & Bogdan Kaluza†
		10.45am	Confessions	
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT				
Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Chapman†
Sunday	28 th	8.30am	Mass	Paul Hatch†
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Colebeck†

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: Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy and Nora Cronin.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA) - Please pray for Carrie Brierley, Nadine Hartman, Lorna Owen, Bill Taylor, Duncan Kim and Sophie Street who are to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter.

THE LENTEN PROJECT – we have selected a local project, the Bracknell Life House, which offers accommodation to young women aged 16-25 and their babies; and Bamenda where Chris White is currently in country on our behalf with the Diocesan bi-annual visitation. Both projects are desperately in need of finance. We had a good start last week and today special envelopes are available for those who Gift aid, thus allowing us to reclaim the 25% that UK Government permits for charitable giving. Alms giving during Lent is one of the 3 principles, along with fasting and prayer, so please give generously. Thank you

THE NIGHT SHELTER FOR HOMELESS – one of our many volunteers has made contact to say how pleasing it was this week particularly, when overnight temperatures were below freezing, that we are playing our part in providing a safe, secure and pleasant surrounding for the folk who need somewhere to come for a meal, to chat and to sleep on a Sunday night. Well done to all volunteers, but especially to our co-ordinator who added momentum to our volunteers when we were trying to establish the multi faith initiative and has kept us going ever since. Thank you Theresa, and Ian beside her all of the way.

PEW PACKS - The Pew Packs are a great way for us to extend a heartfelt, open arms welcome to all our young families joining us at Mass. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to spare 15-20 minutes of their valuable time after Mass to help service each pack, ready for another family to enjoy. If you can help support our young families in this way, then please see either Sarah Birch or Theresa McDougall after Mass or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - The annual World Day of Prayer Service will take place on **Friday 4th March** at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - It would be wonderful if, in this year of Mercy, our parish could join in this event led by Bishop Philip which takes place 19th August – 26th August. We are hoping to arrange an information 'Roadshow' to answer any questions that you may have regarding what the Pilgrimage involves, the cost and how we travel. "The great thing about going with the Diocese is that we have the infrastructure to take the sick and frail so we invite those in the parish who maybe struggling a little with health or wisdom of years. We provide the services of doctors and nurses out there, and can offer full-time care". If you are a member of the medical profession, perhaps you might be interested in coming along to the Roadshow and find out more. If you have never been to Lourdes, it is beautiful. More information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office, including Young Helper (17-25) and Adult Helper forms if anyone wants to come to help. Please let the office staff know if you are interested.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – meets at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 23rd February** in the Church Hall.

CRAFT GROUP – will meet on **Wednesday 24th February** from 11.00am-12.00pm in the Church Hall.

DURING LENT: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PRAYING THE PARABLES OF MERCY IN SAINT LUKE'S GOSPEL - In this year of Mercy, using Lectio Divina to explore this theme as it unfolds in Saint Luke's Gospel. Every **THURSDAY** from 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – from **10th February** and every **Friday** during Lent at 11.00am.

INDESTRUCTIBLE JOY AND THE PATH OF LETTING GO - A Masterclass of six reflections, with Dr James Finley on the works of the Mystics. **Fridays** at 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Limited spaces so apply soon!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – will be celebrated on **Saturday 5th March** from 6.00am to 6.00pm at Corpus Christi, Wokingham.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT HOLY GHOST, CROWTHORNE – on **Wednesday 9th March** at 7.30pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT St. JOSEPH'S BRACKNELL – on **Wednesday 16th March** at 7.30pm.

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

MASS OF CHRISM - Tuesday of Holy Week 11.00 a.m. Please let the office staff know if you would like to attend this beautiful event.

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

DR AUSTEN IVEREIGH TALK ON POPE FRANCIS & MERCY - Dr Austen Ivereigh, is coming to Wokingham to speak on 'Mercy: the key to Pope Francis's reform' on **Tuesday 15th March** from 8.00pm to 9.00pm at Corpus Christi.

ALZHEIMERS SINGING KLUB – will next meet on **Monday 22nd February** in the Church Hall.

SOUP AND ROLLS – We are still seeking volunteers to help with making soup/cakes or setting up/clearing tables. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£631.32
Envelopes & Cheques	£450.50
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total	£1591.82

Thank You

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