

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

21st September 2014 Psalter Week 1

WHATS IN IT FOR ME, FOR YOU, FOR US?

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A rich young man has just walked away from an invitation to equality. Sadly, it looks like life has taught him that it is better to rely on inequality. When all God can offer is 'daily bread' it never seems enough.

Peter, who seems to roll the question, 'What's in it for me?' around and around with amazing regularity has witnessed this departure. His question springs up again, and Jesus astonishes him with a declaration of extravagant reward. If Peter is anxious about a poor pay off, Jesus overwhelms him with a vision of plenty.

Peter seems unconvinced, so the Divine Teacher says,
"Once upon a time

The story He tells is universally disliked and definitely unfair! Disciples are vulnerable. There is no salary or pension plan, no holiday or sickness pay. Each morning, God calls them to work in His Vineyard, and all He offers is Justice at the setting of the sun.

Then God notices that some are standing idle. It is not that they are lazy. It's only that no one has asked them to do anything. As the sun journeys across the sky, God keeps asking and they keep coming.

Now, you might think that God would measure the pay to fit the work: £6.25 and hour =

But suddenly justice expands into generosity and the late arrivals find themselves on the receiving end of God's Kindness. Complaints are lodged. Peter is in full swing. And Jesus answers his question with a question.

'My friend why be envious because I am generous?'

Learning how to reverse round a corner is probably the most challenging part of learning to drive. Learning how the first shall be last and the last first is an even tougher lesson for the disciple. But when we are dealing with the Heavenly Father of Jesus, another way of thinking is demanded. For God calls us out of the world of envy, jealousy and comparisons into a world where Grace flows like liquid light.

Peter has to know that God has given Him, and the rest, all that He has. Which, of course, is one day's wages.



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	20 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	George Chapman†
Sunday	21 st	8.30am	Mass	Gillian Aslin
		10.30am	Mass	William Davis†
Monday	22 nd	NO MASS		

St PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Tuesday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Collins†

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Wednesday	24 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Chidwick†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Dotherine McConnell †
		2.00pm	Requiem Mass	Frank Gaetano Blasi†

Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN

Friday	26 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Robin Cousens†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

ST VINCENT de PAUL

Saturday	27 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	St Vincent de Paul Intentions
Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	28 th	8.30am	Mass	Gibbons & Lowes Families†
		10.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis
		5.00pm	Mass	Jo Laufary†

Please 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, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, 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, Alex McCall, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,
Eileen Collins, Eileen Green & Catherine Jones

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HOME MISSION SUNDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2014 - On 21st September 2014 the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the Bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics by supporting today's second collection.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Come and join us to explore and reflect on our Scripture readings. We meet in the Parish Room at 7.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. The next meeting is on 22nd September. More information (or help with transport) from Louise: 01344 427132 or Anne: 01344 451847

JOURNEY OF FAITH INVITATION TO COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET EVENING - Please bring anyone who is interested to our taster 'come and see' evening on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30pm for the start of our Journey of Faith sessions. All are welcome; please email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to let us know if you can come. There will also be a short talk about Women Doctors of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY – For Frank Gaetano Blasi† whose Requiem Mass is on Thursday 25th September at 2.00pm. May his soul of the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – There will be a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 26th September from 9.30-11.30am in the Church Hall and all are welcome.

FEAST of ST VINCENT de PAUL – Saturday 27th September. Come and celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul with the SVP at 10.00am Mass, followed by our Fundraising Event in the Hall from 10.45am until 2pm – teas and coffees, cakes, bric a brac, jewellery, toys, toiletries, raffle, tombola and much much more. Donations of cakes on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

HOUSE GROUPS – Thank you so much to all of you how have shown an interest in starting up house groups following the recent successful LISS course at St Josephs. I am very sorry to say that however hard I juggle the numbers they simply do not add up to sufficient to start a new group. The most we can muster on one night is 5 members (maximum) which will barely run a group but is not enough to start one up (which really needs a minimum of eight). Reluctantly, I feel we should abandon the idea of House Groups at least for the present time. I suggest that everyone who is interested should consider joining a group such as Gospel Challenge or the Life in the Spirit Prayer Group, both advertised in the parish Newsletter. *Trevor Keeling*

YOUTH MASS – All are welcome to the Youth Mass on Sunday 28th September at 5.00pm. There will be a 5.00pm Youth Mass on the last Sunday of each month from then on.

HARVEST FAST DAY – FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER – Please help us raise money for some of the world's poorest people. Envelopes will be available 27th - 28th September after all Masses, along with a Harvest Prayer Card.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 3pm, Sunday 19th October - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday 19th October followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. All are welcome. If you can help in any way, please speak to Theresa McDougall or Maura Holt.

PARISH NEWS

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Millie Maya Flanagan and Carragh McQuillan-Woodhouse who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY - For those may be considering a vocation to the priesthood there is a Discovering Priesthood Day at St John's Seminary, Womersley, on 1st November, 2014, 10am - 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact: Fr. John Chandler: jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

REFRESHER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Saturday 27th September **Refresher Training – North Hinksey – 10am – 12.30pm (Jo Hopkins) & Child Protection Training – Earley, Reading – 2.00pm – 4.00pm (Maureen Wiltshire)** There is also a **Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult** session taking place in **Windsor** on Saturday 27th September.

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING – These meetings are held at 2.00pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Parish Room, everyone is welcome.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Every first and third Tuesday in the month, 8.00-9.30pm in the Parish Room. Everyone is welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS – It is a wonderful privilege to offer Mass with you for a special intention. **Please** try to book a date when you will be able to be present at the Mass.

ROTAS' – The Counting and Laundering of Purificators Rotas' are now available in the Sacristy.

PEGGY'S KEEP FIT CLASSES – Every Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

MOTHER AND TODDLERS – Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am in the Hall. We need someone who can help set up the Hall before the start of the sessions.

SOUP AND ROLL – Friday after 12.10pm Mass, everyone is welcome.

FOOD BANK – The Foodbank is VERY short of Tinned Fruit, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Soup and Rice. As always thank you for your generosity.

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

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.

THE RETIRING OFFERING – This weekend there will be a second offering in parishes to support Home Mission Sunday. The proceeds make possible the Bishops' work of evangelisation nationally.

THANK YOU

FATHER JAYA

We raised a magnificent £8475 for his work among the poorest in India, including sponsorship of 18 orphans.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Total £996.60- Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph