

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM BELIEVING IN JESUS OR BELIEVING WITH JESUS

22nd February 2015 Psalter Week 1

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Question: Why is it so hard to repent and believe that we are Loved by God and called to embody this Love in the time and space we live in?

Answer 1: We treasure other beliefs more than those offered in the Gospel.

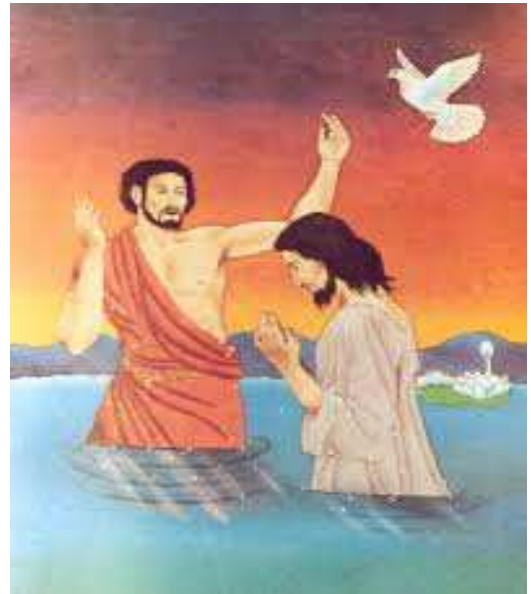
Answer 2: The Gospel invites a real relationship with Jesus over the course of our lives, and, if we're honest, it's better to keep Him at a distance!

What kind of beliefs might we treasure more? My welfare comes first? My family come first? No one can be trusted! They hurt me so I have to get revenge. (A dish, apparently best served cold) I can't feel good about myself unless someone else feels bad. Money, Power, Possessions and Prestige come before anything!

Repentance means searching out and becoming aware of the beliefs we hold which contradict the Gospel. Beliefs which may be embedded in family or national culture, or ones we have universalised out of one negative experience.

We cannot believe that God is our loving Father and not believe that we are all sisters and brothers. And so, the more we identify ourselves as beloved daughters and sons of God, who are sent into the world, to allow love to change the world, trust will grow. Our faith "in" Jesus will gradually change to faith "with" Jesus. The same Jesus who found the heavens torn open, never to be closed again. The same Jesus on whom the Spirit of Love descends. The same Jesus who is driven, not to a palace for a banquet in His honour, but into the wilderness where his struggle for faithfulness is purified.

Repenting and Believing is not something we do for the forty days of Lent. It is an adventure which permeates the whole of life. We never finish letting go of false beliefs or of embracing a deeper understanding of Love.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	21 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Kathy, Peter, Pong and Eva Hancock & Family
Sunday	22 nd	8.30am	Mass	Peter Brent†
		10.30am	Mass	Stanislav Michalov†
		5.00pm	Youth Mass	Agnes O'Donovan†
Monday	23 rd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	24 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sylvia Blanks†
Wednesday	25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mr Dusmett & His Team
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	26 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	William O'Grady
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	27 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Elizabeth Cousens
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	28 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Ifiok Udoh
		10.30am	Confessions	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	28 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Chapman†
Sunday	1 st	8.30am	Mass	Anthony Nunes†
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

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

Sick and Housebound

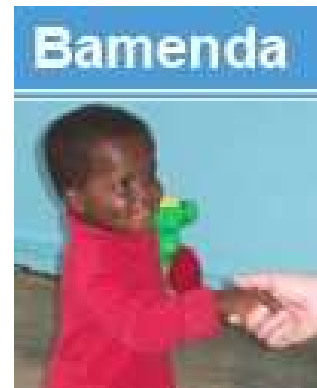
Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Kate McGrath, Alex McCall, Jenny Considine and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Peter Bentley, Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Marjory Vermuelen, and Peggy Heasman.

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

OUR WORK OF LOVE FOR LENT - St. Theresa's Catholic Health Centre - To strengthen our commitment to our twin Diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, we will be supporting the scheme for a new health centre in Bukow, Bamessing. The present structure is totally inadequate and cannot serve the needs of the local population. At present there is a high level of maternal and child mortality. The local community is also very much involved in this project supplying their own time and materials where and when they can. However, the project is much larger than originally anticipated and the initial stage will be a building phase. More information will be available next weekend when we also hope to welcome at all Masses a representative from the Diocesan Bamenda Committee who will tell us more about the project and how we can help.



RITE OF ELECTION – A very special gathering of the whole Diocese at Portsmouth Cathedral took place on **Saturday, 21st February** at 11am for the Presentation of RCIA Candidates to the Bishop and call to Continuing Conversion. Please remember Ehsan, David, Niamh, Abigail, Amelia, Anthony and Marco who were from our Parish.

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 7.30pm - Taize Service of Meditation. Singing, Silence and Readings by Candlelight here at St. Joseph's. Whilst this is for Parents of First Holy Communion Children all are welcome to join them.

CHRISM MASS – On Tuesday **31st March** at 11.00am in the Cathedral. Would anyone like to go? It is wonderful.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Please try to make sure you put Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper (**2nd April at 7.00pm**) in your diary as it is on this day that we renew our commitment.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on Monday **23rd February** at 7.45pm in the Parish Room

JOURNEY OF FAITH – The week's topic for **24th February** is **Virtues and Vices**.

CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP – Every **Tuesday** in the hall 9.30am-11.30am.

OVER 50 KEEP FIT – Every **Tuesday** in the hall 2.00pm-3.00pm.

PARISH CENSUS WEEKEND – On **Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March**, Census cards will be distributed at all Masses.

BABY CLOTHES BANK – We are doing a joint project with the Anglican Parish of Binfield to provide excellent quality 'Bundles' for each age range, on **Wednesday 4th March** 11am – 1.00pm in the Hall. If you would like to donate clothing please contact All Saints Church Binfield, telephone number 01344 421079.



LENTEN FAST DAY - CAFOD thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them on **Lenten Fast Day on Friday 27 February 2015**. Please pick up an envelope and prayer card as you leave Church today.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March - An interdenominational service will be held at Bracknell Methodist Church, Shepherds Lane, Bracknell on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Do come along - it is a chance to meet and pray with people from other local churches.

ELECTRIC COOKER – Ascot and Bracknell St Vincent de Paul Society urgently need an electric cooker for a parishioner, we can pick up locally. If you are able to help please contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – To book a place please telephone Soraya on 023 92 836511 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 7th March 2015

Refresher Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

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Venue: St Joseph's, 171A St Michael's Road, South Ham, Basingstoke RG22 6TY

Saturday 28th March 2015

Child Protection Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Edmund Campion, 40a Altwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4PY

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - On Saturday **14th March** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall there will be an Irish Night to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Tickets must be booked ahead, £5 per person at cusackhannan@yahoo.co.uk. Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

JOURNEY TO PENTECOST – In **April** Corpus Christi Church in Wokingham is running a set of six sessions based on 'The Gift' DVD Series presented by well-known international speakers. For more information see their website www.journeytopentecost.wordpress.com

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 or speak to Fr. Danny.

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Total £998.32 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE

TO

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

Thank You

**To John Cole for all he does
for our Parish**