

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM PREFERRING DARKNESS TO LIGHT

22nd March 2015 Psalter Week 1

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Once upon a time a rich and generous man would give free gold coins to different groups of people. The only requirement was that the gift would be received in silence.

When the day came for Lawyers to receive the gold, one pleaded his case with great drama. The rich and generous man simply passed by. The next day it was the turn of the lame, so the Lawyer disguised himself in bandages and splints. The rich and generous man saw through his ruse and passed him by. The next day was the widows turn. The Lawyer dressed up as a little old lady. But he didn't fool the rich and generous man who passed him by. So the Lawyer concocted a plan with the local undertaker, who would wrap him in a shroud and pop him in a coffin for proper burial. The Lawyer and the Undertaker would split the cash.



The rich and generous man did throw gold coins on the shroud. The Lawyers hand snapped through the shroud and grabbed the dosh. Standing up, he said to the rich and generous man, " Do you see, at last, how I have received from your generosity! " "Yes," said the rich and generous man, "but first you had to die".

Perhaps this story identifies how we might scheme and connive, promote and disguise our true selves to get what we want. And how we more easily receive the gift by just being silently present. The challenge is to die to the schemer and become the receiver. The posture of silence allows us to receive the gold from the rich and generous man.

The Poet Rumi has written, "The mystery of Die before you die is this, / that the gifts come after your dying and not before. / Except for dying, you artful schemer, / no other skill impresses God."

Our Blessed Lord is clear that dying is a moment of truth and a moment of transformation. Transfiguration envelops those who have the wisdom to see that 'little loss' for what it is. Eternal life can only come from the One whose death is a lifting up, an exaltation that draws all to Himself.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	21 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	22 nd	8.30am	Mass	Doris Robinson†
		10.30am	Mass	George Brophy†
Monday	23 rd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	24 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mr & Mrs Szymaniec†

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday	25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Kenneth Knight†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	26 th	9.15am	Mass at St Margaret Clitherow School	
Friday	27 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Gregory James Arthur†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	28 th	9.30am	Stations of the Cross	
		10.00am	Mass	Stuart McClelland
		10.30am	Confessions	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday	28 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Stasita Power†
Sunday	29 th	8.30am	Mass	Frank Henry Baxter†
		10.30am	Mass	Maxima Camba†
		5.00pm	Youth 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, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Kate McGrath, Alex McCall and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Peter Bentley, Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Marjory Vermuelen, Una Mair and Peggy Heasman.

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Yvette Briggs† and Bridget Chambers† who died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

OUR 24/7 GALLERY OF GREETERS & INSPIRERS - Goes public at noon next **Saturday 28th March**. Everyone's welcome to there to thank the artists - and be amazed and amused by their gifts.

OUR WORK OF LOVE FOR LENT - St. Theresa`s Catholic Health Centre –Thank you to those of you who have already returned your envelope with your donation. Only a couple of weeks left of Lent, please make sure you have returned your envelope. A basket will be available in the porch after all weekend Masses for all donations. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.



JOURNEY OF FAITH, THE SCRUTINIES – The third Scrutiny is on Sunday **22nd March** at the 10.30am Mass.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on Monday **23rd March** 7.45-9.30pm in the Parish Room.

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

YOUTH SOCIAL – Year 7 and above on Friday **27th March**, from 7.00pm-9.30pm in the Parish Hall. There'll be fun activities, music and nibbles! Why not bring a friend?

CHURCH CLEANING - In preparation for Holy Week/ Easter will be on Saturday **28th March** 2015 at 10.45 after the 10.00am mass. More volunteers still needed.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - The Stations of the Cross for Children during the 10.30 mass on will be on Palm Sunday **29th March**. We are hoping to do this around the church's garden, weather permitting; we ask that all children aged 5 and under are accompanied by an adult.

CHRISM MASS – On Tuesday **31st March** at 11.00am in the Cathedral. If you would like to travel to Portsmouth by sharing a car please contact the Parish Office.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The training course will begin on **Tuesday 7th April** and run for 8 weeks. Further information about times, etc will be available nearer the time. If you would like to be part of this Ministry there is still time to sign up. If you have any difficulty attending the training sessions or need a lift please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699. Anyone with ideas about what should be included in training can also call and speak to Steve.

LIFTS TO 10.30am MASS NEEDED? - Can you help? Do you live in Warfield (near Bullbrook) or Priestwood (near Garth School)? Would you be able to give someone a lift to 10.30am Sunday Mass? If you can help, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

THANK YOU - To everybody who came to our Irish Night on Saturday, especially Fiona from Glendalough School of Irish Dancing who kindly gave her time to teach the brave amongst us Irish dancing!! We raised £292 which I rounded up to £300 which has been split between Child Bereavement UK, British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

CAR PARK – The installation of the bollards is nearing completion, however there is still much to do. We are on schedule to roll the new system out by mid-April. Application Forms for Parishioner Car Registration will be available in the Porch after each Mass this weekend.

SACRE - (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education). We are very grateful to Carol Nicholls who has served as a Catholic representative on the Bracknell Forest SACRE for the last 7 years. We are looking for a replacement for Carol to serve from September 2015. SACRE brings together representatives from religious communities, teachers and the local authority. Members are unpaid volunteers who give up their time to support the effective provision of Religious Education (RE) and collective worship in Bracknell Forest schools. The role involves meetings once a term in Bracknell and once a term in Winchester with other diocesan reps. If you are interested in joining your local SACRE group as a representative of the diocese, please contact Carol Nicholls through the Parish Office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 (21.07.2016 - 02.08.2016) All young members of the parish who will be over 15 years old (and under 35!) in 2016 are invited to join other young people from Portsmouth Diocese to travel together by coach to Krakow in Poland in Summer 2016 to celebrate with Pope Francis and other Catholic youth from around the world. Places are limited so if you are interested, please speak to Fr Danny as soon as possible.



3 MINUTE RETREAT – Do you need inspiration? Try this short retreat while sitting at your computer. Go to www.loyolapress.com to find the link for the retreat.

PRAYER COMPANION - If you are sometimes stuck in your prayer, or just need a break from computer business, you could try www.sacredspace.ie for inspiration.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – Are in need of an electric cooker for a parishioner, please call the 07731 862349 if you can help.

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 £942.80 - Thank You

Clergy Assistance Fund

Total £133.88 - Thank You

CAFOD Fast Day

Total ££1055.22 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE

TO

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

*Thank You
To all who work
quietly in the
shadows.*