

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
OR REFUSING TO BE A TERRORIST**

22nd November 2015 Psalter Week 2

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Refusing to be a terrorist is an awesome decision. Terrorism, as we know well, is monstrous. Terrorism can also be done in many subtle ways.

Pilate asks Jesus if He is a King. Jesus takes the idea of 'king', breaks it open, shakes it empty and fills it with a new meaning. Jesus is a 'King', but only when people are drawn to Him in order to touch what is Sacred. The primary Sacrament for Jesus is always Love. Jesus reminds Pilate that all power is built on violence and maintained by force and/or terror. Pilate knows He is telling the Truth, so he avoids the challenge by pretending he doesn't know what Truth is.



Refusing to be a terrorist is an awesome decision. Moments earlier, in the Garden of Gethsemani, Peter draws his sword and cuts off the ear of the servant of the High Priest. Despite all the time he has spent in the company of Jesus, he still believes in violence. Jesus says simply, "No more of this" and heals the man. For Peter, the dialogue is over. For Jesus the dialogue is never over.

In his meeting with Pontius Pilate, Jesus stands not just as the One who reveals Sacred Love, He is also a Mirror of the unknown territory of the human heart. Before the power of Rome, Jesus uses no muscle, no force - only the magnetism of Love.

He doesn't make threats, He doesn't terrorise people with prospects of disasters in this life or the next. He forsakes snobbery, torture and death as a way to win followers. If only some of those who claim to be His disciples had realised that their bullying strategies had already been rejected by Him.

Refusing to be a terrorist is an awesome decision. Christ is not King because he can bend people to his will by force. He is King because out of love he foregoes force and continues to talk. Peter may cut off ears, but Jesus restores them.

Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday	21 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Anthony & Bridie Campbell†
Sunday	22 nd	8.30am	Mass	Bill Doherty†
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget Reardon
Monday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mary & Kenneth Pickett†

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Tuesday	24 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	William McAvoy†
Wednesday	25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mary Galloghly†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	26 th	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Patricia Towell†
Friday	27 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Jose Delmundo Sr & Jr†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	28 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Rita Magan
		10.45am	Confessions	

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	28 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Molly & Christy Campbell†
Sunday	29 th	8.30am	Mass	Angela, Jimmy & Suzanna Moloney†
		10.30am	Mass	Deceased Catenian Brothers†

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, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Frances Dyson, 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.

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR – The repose of the souls of Maureen Groves†, Patricia Towell† Luke Howes† and June Bartlett† who have died. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

WE WELCOME - Fr. Jaya again to St Josephs, he will be saying all three Masses this weekend and will be in the hall afterwards to thank supporters and talk about his work.

VMM – Last week it was announced that this wonderful organisation who send qualified medics and craftsmen and women to the third world would be making the annual diocesan appeal this weekend. However, it was felt that since Fr Jaya is here that this appeal should be delayed.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on Monday **23rd November** at 9 Anneford Place. Please contact Anne on 01344 451847 for more information.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP – Would like to invite everyone to a vigil on Friday **27th November** at 7.45pm at St Joseph's Church. Starting at the Princess Square Entrance with a procession of lanterns and singing carols, followed by Benediction in Church. Please feel free to stay on for Praise, Worship and a shared meal in the hall.

WYD2016 CAKE SALES - Back by popular demand! Cake Sales after all Masses next weekend **28th/29th November** to raise funds to send 6 young people from our parish to the World Youth Event in Poland next summer with Pope Francis. Donations of cakes/cupcakes would be very much appreciated and may be left in the porch or brought to the Hall before Mass. Thank you for your continued support. Youth Fundraising Team

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL – Are holding their **Christmas Fair** on Saturday **28th November** 11.00-13.00. There will also be a stall on the day to raise funds for World Youth Day.

THE BRACKNELL CATENIANS – Are holding their Carols Evening and Dinner at the Hilton Hotel Bracknell on Tuesday **1st December** at 7.15pm. The tickets are £23.00 please contact BF318.secretary@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS DAY OF REFLECTION – Will be held on Saturday **5th December** 10.00am-1.00pm in the hall.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL - Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday **5th December** from 12.30 - 3.00pm. Raffle tickets on sale this weekend.

THE ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS - Christmas meal will be on Sunday **6th December** at 12.30pm in the hall. If you have not already done, so please remember to send in your meal choice.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK – Will be making up Christmas Hampers again this year for local families in need. They has asked for tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, Christmas puddings, Christmas biscuits and boxes of chocolates,(no large boxes please), nuts and dates, mince pies, pickles, tinned ham, and tinned fish. These items are need before **7th December**.

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP – Will meet on **Tuesday 8th December** in the hall.

YOUTH SOCIAL EVENT - On **Friday, 11th December 7.00pm-9.30pm** in the Church Hall. This is open to all those in Y7 and above, and promises to be a fun-filled evening

including pizza, music, a quiz and party games. Please confirm attendance by emailing St Joseph's Parish Office at stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01344 425729.

CHILDRENS LITURGY – Now weekly at 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. To enable us to continue we welcome more people who are able to join the team. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. **Please note:** There will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday **6th December**.

THE CHURCH SHOP – Will be open this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass until the start of the 10.30am Mass. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Danielle on 07754 206165

CARER AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Hall during Term Time.

OVER 50s KEEP FIT CLASSES – On Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm in the Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you would like to book a Mass Intention please complete a Mass Intention Request envelope which you will find in the Porch and hand into the Parish Office

CRAFT GROUP – The first meeting of the Craft Group will be on Wednesday **25th November** 11.00am-12.00pm in the Church Hall. Please feel free to bring along your ideas and craft bits and pieces. If you would like a lift, contact the Parish Office on 01344.425729 or stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY - Will be holding a Table Top Food Sale in the hall this **Sunday 22nd November** after Mass, lots of various food items well below half price, come in to the hall and get a bargain!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - Is looking for an enthusiastic, reliable person who has some experience in maintenance work to become their **School Caretaker**. Hours are 25 hours per week term time, they are also looking for two Cleaners to join our small team. For further details and application form contact the School Office (01344 425256) or go on-line to Bracknell Forest Council website and find full details under job vacancies.

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH – 29 November - Responding to Pope Francis' call to care for our Earth and those suffering because of climate change, we're marching with thousands of passionate people at a crucial moment in history. Show the world you care and join **CAFOD** in London on **Sunday 29th November 12.00-3.00pm**. cafod.org.uk/events or contact CAFOD Portsmouth 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Total £919.98 - Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
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A graphic with the words "Thank you!" in a playful, multi-colored font. The letters are decorated with small blue and pink flowers. The "y" has a long tail that ends in a blue flower.

To the team who have kindly
volunteered to reopen the shop on
a Sunday