

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW  
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 Psalter Week 2**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

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Today we say goodbye to St Matthew, and the prayer written into his Gospel, that Heaven and Earth will be One. It has been wonderful to be in his company and ponder what he means by this. And today, the last day of the year, he puts it in a nutshell, in the Gospel of the Final Surprise.

The passage chosen for the Feast of Christ the King makes it clear that He is not to be found in a palace. In fact, when Pilate asked Him if He was a king, He said, " Yes, I am a King, for this was I born, for this I came into the world, to bear witness to the Truth. And all who are on the side of Truth listen to my voice". Today, we see how He breaks the word Truth open and shows us what's inside.

There is an old joke that says there are only two types of people; those who divide people into two types and those who don't! Notice that there will be a great division on judgement day which comes as a huge surprise to everyone there. It's all about making sure we're not on the left. Seriously! Make sure you're not on the left!

Type 1: The Goat: It is true that there are many people who do good things. But what is moving them is their need for territory, their need to have their egos massaged, and their need to have people adore them, bow down to them, praise them and pay them back for what they have done. Their 'God' is their own greatness, and they like to move among the alleged high and mighty increasing the myth of their own status. So, when God comes to them, disguised in the robes of the poor, (and there is no other way) they have no interest in or time for Him. I imagine them saying, "if only we had known it was You, Your Majesty".



Type 2: The Sheep: It is true that there are those who pray their way into a love that is devoid of calculation. A love whose source and summit is the Holy Spirit. And I imagine that if we could interview those sheep on the right as they lounge around in their heavenly place. If we could ask them how they managed to find themselves such great digs, we might hear them say,

"We just tenderly cared for every person we met, at once, without calculation and it wasn't a big deal"

# ***St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow***

## ***OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING***

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Anthony & Bridie Campbell†
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	RCIA
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Catherine McConnell†
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Sylvia Miranda†
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jesusana Miguel Lee† & Deceased Miguel Family
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Leahy & Wright Families†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Albert Tanner†
		10.30am	Confessions	

## ***FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Cyril Ford†
		4.00pm	Youth Mass	Mary Galloghly†

### **We 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, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Joanna O'Connell, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Bridget Eade and Patrick Holmwood

### **And those who are unwell or in hospital**

Marjory Vermuelen, Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Catherine Jones, Una Mair and Alex McCall

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**PLEASE NOTE** – The Children's Carol Concert is now on **THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** at **6.00pm** and not 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – The Saturday 6.00pm Mass on **29<sup>th</sup> November** will be celebrated at **4.00pm** on Sunday evening.

**BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY AUTUMN CONCERT** - Bracknell Choral Society are giving their Autumn concert on **29<sup>th</sup> November**, at St Joseph's Church. The performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (including a glass of wine), accompanied under 18s free. Please contact Ceri Price on 01344 772962 or Ceri.price2@btinternet.com, more information [www.bracknellchoral.org.uk](http://www.bracknellchoral.org.uk).

**ADVENT PREPARATION** - Would you like to know more about the Sunday readings we hear in Advent? Come along to Gospel Challenge in the Parish Room, 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm on Monday **24<sup>th</sup> November** and Monday **8<sup>th</sup> December**.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – Please come along to St Joseph's School on Saturday **29<sup>th</sup> November** 11.00am – 1.00pm for the Christmas Fayre.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** – It is vital that we continue to be warm and friendly to those who for many reasons are not joining the community for the Sunday liturgy. And we need to learn how to do that better. To that end, you are invited to the Keeping in Touch (KIT) presentation on Saturday **29<sup>th</sup> November** in the Hall at 2.00-4.00pm to learn more about the new outreach ministry.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Every first and third Tuesday in the month, 7.45-9.15pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome; the next meeting is on **2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

**BRACKNELL CATENIANS** – Will be holding their Dinner and Carols Evening at 7.30pm on Tuesday **2nd December** 2014, at the Hilton Hotel, Bracknell. Cost £23 pp. Please contact [bf318.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:bf318.secretary@gmail.com) for details or for other enquires.

**CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP** - Each **Tuesday** in the Hall 9.30am-11.30am

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – Every **Tuesday**. You are invited to join any of our weekly sessions to deepen your Catholic Faith from 7.30pm-9pm in the Church Hall. This week's topic is **The Church**.

**ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – Please come along on Saturday **6<sup>th</sup> December** from 12.30-3.00pm, raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Sunday **14<sup>th</sup> December**, starting at 12.30pm in the hall. If you are new to the parish and would like to come along, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**QUIZ NIGHT** – Back for its 3rd year Catherine Hannan's super Charity Quiz and Raffle. On **17th January 2015** at 7.15pm in the Church Hall. Cost £6 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available. All money raised this year will go to **Child Bereavement UK**. To donate or pay for tickets please go to UK Virgin Money Giving and type in my name.

**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.

## PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** – The repose of the soul of Sylvia Miranda†. Her Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - It is very important that parents sign their children into the Children's liturgy. At one session we had over 60 children in the hall and only 20 names in the book, for safe guarding reasons we must know how many children are in the hall. The children are always very welcome but we ask that a parent accompanies younger children if possible so that we have the required number of adults in the hall.

**FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL** - The following items are needed by weekend of **6th December**. Please can you help. There is a red box in the porch for your items. Many thanks for your offerings. Fray Bentos pies, tinned salmon/chicken or ham, boxes or tins of chocolates, nuts, dates, savoury snacks children's selection boxes, Christmas fruit cake & Christmas crackers

**BAMENDA SUNDAY**– We will be celebrating Bamenda Sunday and inviting offerings for Bamenda this weekend **22nd – 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** - As a community, during the month of November, we unite to remember and pray for those we have loved who have died. To mark this special time, a Book of Remembrance, lit by candle, will be placed on the Altar. Everyone is invited to come to the Altar and leave the names of their relatives and friends in the book.

### Living Our Faith

*The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth*



On Friday we happen to be visited by the Diocesan Coordinator for Living Our Faith. He shares Fr Danny's delight that within just six weeks we are already just over 75% of our £165,000 target.

We have received £5 in cash, but also several pledges at £100 per month. This shows the range of pledges received. Give what you can. We want as many families as possible to become involved.

Please see the Home page on our Website - [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.or.uk](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.or.uk)

Please keep the pledges coming in.  
As I say each week,  
this should free up some space on your dining tables!

Thank you to  
Pauline and her  
team for running  
the Soup and Roll  
on Fridays

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**LAST WEEK'S  
OFFERINGS**

**Total £1007.51**

**Thank You**

PLEASE MAKE ANY  
CHEQUES PAYABLE TO  
**PRCDTR Bracknell St  
Joseph**