

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEMORIES AND LOVE

24th April 2016 - Psalter Week 1

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The crucifixion, not simply death of Jesus, is the moment when Divine Love is revealed as saving human life. This insight includes an invitation to see the beautiful truth about what is really happening. The Son of Man must be lifted up (Jn.3:14) for all to see, who draws all people to Himself. It also includes the truth about God as an endless flow of life and love to His beloved children in their most dangerous experience, death.

Next. The crucifixion, not simply death of Jesus is a going away. But He is going to His Abba, who has glorified Him quickly, so He can say, 'I am with you always', and, 'I am going to prepare a place for you.' (Jn.14)

Finally, the crucifixion, not simply death of Jesus, is an amazing expression of His love for his disciples. 'I lay down my life for my sheep.' (Jn.10:15). Only this act creates a new "Commandment". This new commandment, is an invitation to uphold the primacy of Love in all things. But the towering insight of John's Gospel, is that the first Love, from which all love flows, is that God loved us first.

To recognise and remember the Son of Man who joins us in our deepest fears and through our greatest losses is the first step in the new commandment. Living in this extraordinary flow of love, from divine to human will be the tip-off that we are disciples of Jesus.

In my house I have photographs and precious gifts, which, though not worth much to anyone else, I pass every day. Most days I don't see them. But every now and again I stop at one of them to remember. They can suddenly evoke powerful emotions of joy or sadness, all of which remind me to be grateful for those who have shared the journey.

I also have a crucifix at the top of my staircase which is used for the veneration of the cross on Good Friday. Now when I pass it, it evokes memories of those who venerated the cross. I think of them with a grateful heart, then pause to say thank you to the one who endured the cross. Perhaps it is those who remember with gratitude what He has done, who are most ready to love as He loved, and, being part of His ministry of drawing all things into the heart of His Abba.



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	23 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Evan Joseph
Sunday	24 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasset†
		10.30am	Mass	Norah Denise Bourne†
Monday	25 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	26 th	9.30am	Communion Service and Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	27 th	9.30am	Communion Service and Morning Prayer	
Thursday	28 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Napoleon Manadist†
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA - Feast

Friday	29 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Fr Danny McAvoy
Saturday	30 th	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Bereavement Mass	
		10.45am	Confessions	

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	30 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	1 st	8.30am	Mass	Sr. Marie Beryll Le Jehant†
		10.30am	Mass	Perfecto Dagdag†

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

Sick and Housebound: Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Prendergast, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Sally Torode and Nora Cronin.

DATES AND NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Hayes†. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on **Thursday 5th May 2016** at 11.30am. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

UNIVERSAL OFFERING/SPECIAL COLLECTION – The Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a Special Collection to be taken in all the Catholic Churches in Europe on **Sunday 24th April 2016**. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

CLOTHESBANK - The next Clothes Bank giveaway will be on **27th April**. Please bring donations of good quality used clothes for children of all ages and trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2 and donations of new socks, underwear and pyjamas next weekend at the latest and leave them in the Clothes Bank container in the porch. Please let our office staff know if you are able to help on **27th April** from 9am-9.30am unloading boxes of clothes and taking them into the Hall and again from 12.30pm-1pm taking the boxes from the hall and reloading them. Thank you.

BEREAVEMENT MASS – On **Saturday 30th April 2016** at 10.00am.

A DAY OF ENRICHMENT FOR EXPERIENCED ROMAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL VISITORS – A day of Enrichment for experienced Roman Catholic pastoral visitors, hospital chaplaincy volunteers, those visiting/taking Holy Communion to people in nursing and residential homes and parish pastoral visitors will be held on **Saturday 30 April 2016** at Discovery Centre, Portsmouth Cathedral starting at 9.00am to 1pm.

CHURCH SHOP – Open only for First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts on **Saturday 30th April and Saturday 7th May 10.30am to 11.30 am**

FOODBANK – The Foodbank are desperately in need of the following items: sugar (550g/1kg), tinned rice pudding, long grain rice (500g/1kg), tinned fruit, jam/marmalade/honey, milk (1 litre long life carton), tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, cereal. All donations are very much appreciated.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – In this year of Mercy, we are hoping that a group from our parish will join in the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place **19th August – 26th August** and is led by Bishop Philip. Fr John Cooke will be visiting our Parish at 7pm on **Tuesday 3rd May** for an information 'Roadshow' to answer any questions that you may have regarding what the Pilgrimage involves, the cost (Hotel Eliseo, all-inclusive price £838, ex travel insurance) and how we travel. More information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office. Please let the office staff know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending the 'Roadshow'

SERVICE OF HEALING – Everyone is welcome to the Service of Healing on **Sunday 8th May 2016** at 3pm. If you are willing to give someone a lift to/from the Service of Healing or make cakes or sandwiches for the afternoon tea, there will be sign-up sheets in the porch this weekend. "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit".

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Have you heard of Marriage Encounter? Well if you haven't it is probably one of the Church's "best kept secrets". Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience, open to married couples of all ages. It's not a retreat, religious instruction or counselling, but an experience to enrich and refresh marriages. You don't both have to be Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses are just as welcome. There are spaces available on the Marriage Encounter weekend taking place at Park Place Pastoral Centre, near Fareham from **13th to 15th May**. Interested? Visit our website <http://wwme.org.uk/> or contact Chris and Mary Farrall – 023 80275401

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL - **Sat 14th May 2016** - Fr Mark Hogan would like to invite you to take part in a Diocesan day of prayer for the New Evangelisation (Sharing the Joy of the Gospel) from 10am to 4pm on **Saturday 14th May**. There is no need to sign up.

MASTERCLASS IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – A series of eight reflections by Dr James Finley on Thomas Merton. Dr Finley is a brilliant master of the contemplative life. His insights into the journey to Merton's 'Palace of Nowhere' are outstanding. If you feel drawn to make this Masterclass, please contact the Parish Office indicating, if you can, what day of the week and time would best support you to complete the journey.

TAIZE PRAYER GROUP – Last Sunday evening we had a beautiful Holy Hour, in the style of prayers from the Monastery of Reconciliation in TAIZE. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all who gave their Sunday afternoon to prepare for this Ministry to the parents of the children who will soon be making their First Holy Communion. It is now time for us to inaugurate this style of prayer for the whole community. I would like to invite all singers and musicians who are drawn to this new venture to let me know of their availability so that we can wisely choose the right time to come together. This new Ministry of Prayer needs a leader and, if you feel 'called and gifted' to this task, please let me know, many thanks Fr Danny.

CAR PARK REGISTRATIONS – For those registered, car park windscreen permits are now available via the Parish Office. Registration forms are still available from the Parish Office.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on **Monday 25 April 2016** at 58 Qualitas, Bracknell. For further information please contact Ann on 01344 451847.

PRAYER GROUPS -The Evening Prayer Group meet at 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Church Hall. The Daytime Prayer Group meet at 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. after Mass and the Rosary on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Church Hall. Please contact Anne D'souza for more information on 01344 420465.

OFFERTORY BOXES – The front panels of all the church offertory boxes have been removed and sent away for lock repairs. Please place any donations you may wish to make in the candle boxes in the Church.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Hall during school term time only.

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday during term time after 12.10pm Mass. Volunteers are welcome.

GIFT AID BOXES – Please collect your box from the porch.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£585.45
Envelopes & Cheques	£331.42
Offering Collection (Clergy Training)	£151.10
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total amount:	£1577.97

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES

PAYABLE TO:

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TO OUR WONDERFUL SACRISTAN'S
AND ALTAR SERVERS FOR THEIR
DEDICATION AT ALL MASSES