

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

24th August 2014 Psalter Week 1

ALIGNING HEAVEN AND EARTH

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The questions are important, and so is the place where they are asked.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is'. (Matthew: 16,30)

Caesarea Philippi is a mess! Everything that could happen to violate love or the human person would happen here. Why would Our Blessed Lord choose this setting to ask his Question or to use the title Son of Man, and to lay the keystone for his Church?

Of course there was then, and is now mindless speculation about Him. Yet, He is absolutely clear that He is here for everyone and that He wants his Church to be born in and stay close to the darkest settings. Heaven and earth are aligned on the Rock of Peters Confession. Even if the gates of Hell are opened and all negative fury is hurled at this new community it will not prevail. Why? Because the Church has a set of keys to the kingdom of Heaven. This ability to keep the gates open will make the darkness ineffective.

We've all heard the jokes about St Peter working as a full time security officer at the gates of heaven. But seriously folks, the gates for which he has the keys are the gates of human consciousness. And this new power and new awareness will support the disciple to meet the horrors of the world head on. The Disciples mandate is to engage with all situations that uphold the sanctity of life and to disengage from those which bring death. For this work, The Lord has given us insight and gifts beyond our imagination. We take time to ponder these things and to figure out how best to bring them to bear of the brokenness of the world. We work to bring integrity to our faith and how we live in the world. Then we put flesh on the wider ideas of love, compassion and mercy.



PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU TO FR BENJAMIN – For looking after our Parish whilst Fr Danny was on holiday.

PLEASE PRAY – For the repose of the Soul of Dennis (George) Chapman whose Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 28th August at 11.00am May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO – Richard Anscomb and Annabelle MacKenzie who were married on Friday at St Joseph's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 – Parents who submitted an application form for their child to join the programme in September will have received a letter from Fr. Danny inviting you to a meeting on **Sunday 7 September 2014** at **9.45am** in the church. At this meeting, all the information and resources that you and your child will need to begin this wonderful journey will be given to you.

SAFEGUARDING - There will be Child Protection Training (10am-12.30pm) and Vulnerable Adult Training (1.30pm-4pm) on Saturday 27th September at St Edwards, 44 Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HU and on Saturday 11 October at St Swithun's, Firgrove Road, Yateley GU46 6NH . There will also be **REFRESHER TRAINING** on Saturday 20th September (10-12.30) at St Joseph's Bracknell. To book your place, please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 02392816396 email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH FAYRE - There will be a Parish Fayre after all Masses during the weekend of 6th/7th September in the Hall. Come along and find out more about what Groups/Ministries your Parish has to offer. Teas and Coffees will be available as usual.

JOURNEY OF FAITH INVITATION TO COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET EVENING - Please bring any non-Catholics that you know to our taster 'come and see' evening on Tuesday September 23rd at 7.30pm for the start of our Journey of Faith sessions. These are held weekly for all who wish to know more about our Catholic Faith. Please book if possible: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN - Will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4:00 pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All is invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502

PETITION TO PHILIP HAMMOND – If you would like to sign the Petition, which you will find in the Porch, asking the Foreign Secretary to help stop the violence and help to bring about a just and lasting peace in Gaza please do so.

MARY MOTHER OF EVANGELISATION - A day of Prayer and Reflection, based on Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium, at the Marist Senior School, Sunninghill 10.30am – 4.30pm on Saturday 13th September. Led by Fr Tom Taaffe, PP Ascot and Sr Mary-Magdalen Smyth SM. Cost £12.00 to include buffet lunch, teas and coffees. Further details and to book, contact Maura Holt through the Parish Office by 22nd August.

HOLY HOUR - There will be a Holy Hour to pray for lasting peace in the Gaza/Israel conflict on Tuesday, 2nd September at 7.00 pm.

OBLIGATORY DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers: We have booked a place for each minister in the parish for your annual retreat day at Douai Abbey. It is important for you to let the parish office know as soon as possible which of the days you will be attending because the Abbey can only accommodate 20 per day. There are still places available on 13th September, 27th September and 5th October.

THE BRACKNELL CATENIAN ASSOCIATION will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel Bracknell for their quarterly ladies night on September 2nd at 7:30pm. The aims of the Association are to foster the Catholic Faith and family Life. We have social events throughout the year and meet monthly. If you would like to come to a meeting or want more information please contact John Darnell on 01344 428810 or email the Bracknell Catenian Association secretary at BF318.secretary@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS - There will be a Day for Confirmation Leaders and Catechists led jointly by Formation for Mission and Liturgy & Music Teams on Saturday 27th September, 10am-3pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Every first and third Tuesday in the month.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH - Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13th September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 8th September.

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING – The next meeting is on Thursday 4th September. These meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, everyone is welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING - From August we will be cleaning the church every 3rd Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome

FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. If you would like to join the rota from September, please contact the Parish Office.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND – If you would like prayers said for anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital of our community and, also 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.

THANK YOU
to our flower ladies
for their beautiful
creations in the church

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Total £862.53- Thank You
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	23 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Charlotte & David Chambers
Sunday	24 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Una Mair
Monday	25 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	26 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	For all the children suffering in the world

ST MONICA

Wednesday	27 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Tommy Robinson†
		10.15am	Rosary	

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Thursday	28 th	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Dennis George Chapman†
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THE BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday	29 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Elizabeth Cousens†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD

Saturday	30 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Anne Grattan †
		10.30m	Confessions	
Saturday	30 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Mike Harding†
Sunday	31 st	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Jan Olchowik†

Please 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, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peter Bentley, Chris & Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca Joanna O'Connell, Alex McCall, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Mair, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,
Eileen Green & Catherine Jones