

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
THIRSTING FOR THE SPIRIT

24th May 2015 Psalter Week 4

Parish Office: Stanley Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1HA
Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

Telephone: 01344 425729 Email: stj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative: Marion McGuire 07593 065 526

The 'Ruah Yahweh', the Spirit of God, is present in the Creation stories in Genesis. Here She is a creative force of power, hovering over the chaos, transforming it, raising it from darkness and bringing it to light and life.

After this, Her presence is constant, as her work continues to unfold. She is known by many names. When she touches the human heart, Her own creation, She is always bringing and offering gifts. Joel the prophet, together with Isaiah and St Paul, cannot find enough words for these gifts. She is so generous. And in St. Johns Gospel, the Spirit, the Advocate, the Paraclete, is present in the breath of the Risen Lord as Forgiveness. Perhaps Her greatest Gift!



But earlier, Our Blessed Lord has something else to say about the Spirit. In the Temple, He cries out, "If anyone is thirsty let them come to me and drink!" And He teaches us that the drink we need has to come from the well within. Meister Eckhardt regretted that we all have a vintage cellar within which we seldom visit. At first, this call to recognise that we are the dwelling place of the Spirit may sound wrong. 'Surely the transfiguration has to come from outside ourselves', we say. Yet, as everything Jesus teaches tumbles into our hearts, we come to trust that everything He tells us about ourselves is true! Then, now united at the centre of our being to His Love, the Spirit flows, without ceasing, into our spirit and together we flow into the world that we and God love.

O Living Water, Refresh our Souls,
Spirit of Joy,
Lord of Creation.
Spirit of Hope, Spirit of Peace,
Come! Pray in us.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday	23 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	24 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse†
		10.30am	Mass	Colette Corrigan†
		3.00pm	Service of Healing	
Monday	25 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	26 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Rachel & Martin Chambers

THE FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Wednesday	27 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Nha Tu Ba†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	28 th	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Patrick Holmwood†
Friday	29 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Liam O'Connor
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	30 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Sheila Van De Vyver
		10.30am	First Confessions Service	

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday	30 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Frank Lynch†
Sunday	31 st	8.30am	Mass	Mitchell Family
		10.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†

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, Peggy Finan, Frances Dyson, Anne Hardy and Yvonne Gantzer

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Una Mair and Peggy Heasman and Nora Cronin

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

BEATIFICATION – This weekend the Holy Father has Beatified Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated while he was saying Mass in his Cathedral in San Salvador. Blessed Oscar Romero, was a wonderful example of compassion and care for the poor. We can now pray to him to help us in our own quest for justice and peace.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 24th May - There is a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm this Sunday **24th May** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. Please continue to pray for them and those who minister to them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR – Patrick Holmwood† and Alex McCall† who have died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

REQUIEM MASS – For Patrick Holmwood† will be held on Thursday **28th May** at 11.00am here at St Joseph's.

REQUIEM MASS – For Alex McCall† will be held on Wednesday **10th June** at 12.00 here at St Joseph's.

FIRST CONFESSIONS – The children on the First Holy Communion journey this year will be making their first Confessions in special services every Saturday morning in May. Fr Danny will hear any other Confessions after the children's services have finished.

BROTHER MARTIN RETREAT AT ST JOSEPHS CHURCH – On Friday **29th May** 7.30pm-9.30pm and Saturday **30th May** 10.00am-4.00pm with Meditation, talk, discussion, prayer & praise with Brother Martin Sahajanada one of the leading exponents of 'wisdom Christianity'. He will be at St Josephs to help us explore the teaching of Jesus from the perspective of Indian spirituality, particularly the spiritual classic known as the Upanishads. Br Martin has been a Benedictine monk for over 25 years and his passion is to engage with people who are seeking the open, universal and inclusive meaning of the gospels. For further information and to book please contact Annie Cygler 01344 772496. Please bring and share lunch if you are attending on Saturday 30th May.

CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP – Each **Tuesday** in the hall 9.30am-11.30am during School Term Time.

OVER 50 KEEP FIT – Every **TUESDAYS** from 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The last meeting is on **Tuesday 26th May** at 7.00pm. Please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699 for details

OVER 50s CLUB - The Over 50s Keep-fit Club has organized a daytrip by coach to visit Corfe Castle and the seaside town of Swanage on Tuesday **26th May**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the church car park at 0800 and return approximately 1900. (The car park will be made available for all-day parking) The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham on 01344 425040.

SOUP AND ROLL – Every Friday in the Hall after the 12.10pm Mass, everyone welcome.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CAKE BREAK DAY – Dorothy and Allan James will be holding a MS Cake Break Day on Thursday **28th May** from 11.00am. All are welcome to come along to 11 Letcombe Square, Harmans Water, Bracknell, RG12 9JU for a cup of tea or coffee and of course lots of lovely homemade cakes will be on sale to help support the charity.

CAR BOOT SALE – St Joseph's School is having a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 30th May 2.00pm-5.00pm. Sellers pitch is £10, arrive between 1.00pm-2.00pm. Parking for buyers is at Bracknell Football Club. Refreshments will be available.

SUMMER FAYRE – At St Margaret Clitherow School is being held on Saturday **13th June** from 12.30-3.00pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass on the Saturday evenings and on the Sunday Masses.

FallsFree4Life – Bracknell Forest Council have recently commissioned a brand new **FREE** falls prevention programme called FallsFree4Life. This programme is aimed at those **aged 65 and over living in Bracknell Forest**. This programme is not only aimed at those that have fallen previously but specifically those that **have not fallen before** but may be at risk without knowing it. Our expertly trained Wellness Coaches and Physiotherapists conduct an in-home falls risk assessment upon all the factors that can effect falls. Information and advice will be given upon how to reduce your falls risk and referrals can be made to appropriate services to help as well (including our **FREE Well Balanced classes**). Please contact us if you or someone you know may be interested in our programme via any of the contact information **Website: www.fallsfree4life.co.uk, Email: info@fallsfree4life.co.uk, Telephone: 01344 534019 or 0800 2461239**

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION - The Bracknell Catenian Association will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel Bracknell for their quarterly ladies night on Tuesday **2nd June** at 7.30pm. There will be dinner at £23 per head and information about Cruse. If you would like to come or want more information please contact the Bracknell Catenian Association secretary at BF318.secretary@gmail.com

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 £959.21 - Thank You
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

Total £201.63 - Thank You
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE
TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

Thank You
To those who exercise the
ministry of flower power,
the sanctuary is beautiful