

**ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM  
CHOSEN, CALLED BY NAME, AND SENT WITH LOVE**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Psalter Week 3**

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Monday – Friday 9am-3pm**

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John is in prison, Jesus is Free. The torch is passed. But the Beloved Son of God needs help. Where will he get it?

Lumen Gentium, the great Document of Vatican 2, describing Disciples of Jesus in this present age, talks about a Universal call to Holiness. This is described as, "making manifest in their ordinary work, the Love with which God has Loved the World". # 41. It is a strange sentence because most people assumed that the experience of being Chosen, Called by Name and Sent was something that only ever happened to nuns, brother and clerics.

Now we know that everyone has a Vocation. Something or Someone is afoot in the Universe and we all have our part to play!

A story from Rumi, the Sufi Mystic might help. (Discourses on Rumi, Murray 1961, p.26)

The Master said, 'There is one thing in this world that must never be forgotten. If you were to forget everything else, but did not forget that, then there would be no cause to worry; whereas if you performed and remembered and did not forget every single thing, but forgot that one thing, then you would have done nothing at all. It is just as if a king had sent you into a country to carry out a specified task. You go and perform a hundred other tasks; but if you have not performed that particular task, on account of which you had gone to the country, it is as though you had performed nothing at all. So [each human being] has come into the world for a particular task, and that is [each one's] purpose; if [one] does not perform it, then [that one] will have done nothing".

The 'One Thing' for which we have been Chosen, Called and Sent, is to make the world a better place by pouring in Love where it is not. And here's the funny thing; when we leave behind the limitations the world imposes on Love (being in the world but not of it) we don't really know, no matter how hard we try, what we are getting into. Yet this often proves to be the way in which our hearts find a larger hope than our individual lives offer.



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

|          |                  |                |                 |                       |
|----------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Vigil Mass      | Parish Intentions     |
| Sunday   | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass            | Elsie Longland†       |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass            | Ernie Johnson†        |
|          |                  | 5.00pm         | Youth Mass      | Beatrice Fitzpatrick† |
| Monday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>NO MASS</b> |                 |                       |
| Tuesday  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 9.10am         | Morning Prayer  |                       |
|          |                  | 9.30am         | Mass            | Barbara Davis†        |
|          |                  | 11.30am        | Funeral Service | David Hancock†        |

## ST THOMAS AQUINAS

|           |                  |             |                                     |                                 |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9.10am      | Morning Prayer                      |                                 |
|           |                  | 9.30am      | Mass                                | Fr Jaya's health and well-being |
|           |                  | 10.15am     | Rosary                              |                                 |
| Thursday  | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 9.10am      | Morning Prayer                      |                                 |
|           |                  | 9.30am      | Mass                                | Jurgens Family                  |
|           |                  | 10.15am     | Mothers Prayers                     |                                 |
| Friday    | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00-12.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |                                 |
|           |                  | 12.10pm     | Mass                                | Sylvia Miranda                  |
|           |                  | 7.00pm      | Rosary                              |                                 |

## ST JOHN BOSCO

|          |                  |         |             |               |
|----------|------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.40am  | Rosary      |               |
|          |                  | 10.00am | Mass        | Joseph Lewis† |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Confessions |               |

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

|          |                  |         |            |                   |
|----------|------------------|---------|------------|-------------------|
| Saturday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass | Parish Intentions |
| Sunday   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8.30am  | Mass       | Michael Devlin†   |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass       | John McAvoy†      |

### 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, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Marjory Vermuelen, Jenny Considine and Patrick Holmwood

### And those who are unwell or in hospital

Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Carol Clarke, Peggy Heasman and Alex McCall

## DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** – The repose of the soul of David Hancock†, the funeral service will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am. Please also remember in your prayers his family and friends. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** - If you would like to know more about the scripture readings we hear at Mass, you are very welcome to join us on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, when we prepare for the coming Sunday. We will meet in the Parish Room on Mondays **26<sup>th</sup> January** from 7.45 to 9.30 pm. Just turn up (to the Brown front door) or, if you'd like to know more, call Anne on 01344 451847.

**CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP** – **Please note** the Carers and Toddlers Group is **closed this Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, open again on Tuesday **3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – Every **Tuesday**. You are invited to join any of our weekly sessions to deepen your Catholic Faith from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Church Hall. The week's topic for **27<sup>th</sup> January** is **Marriage and Holy Orders**.

**TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP** – Will be at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambroseden Avenue SW1P 0QJ on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm-9.00pm. His talk is titled '**Be still and know that I am God**'. To book: [www.silenceinthecity.org.uk/booking.html](http://www.silenceinthecity.org.uk/booking.html)

**OVER 50 KEEP FIT** – Are recommencing on **TUESDAYS** from 2.00-3.00pm

**FEAST OF ST BLAISE** – At the 9.30am Mass on Tuesday **3<sup>rd</sup> February** there will be a St Blaise Blessing and a throat healing service.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** – To book a place please telephone Soraya on 023 92 836511 or email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Child Protection Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Vulnerable Adult Training - 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Venue: St Joseph's, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

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### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Child Protection Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Edmund Campion, 40a Altwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4PY

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** - Bracknell Choral Society invite you to a performance of what is arguably the greatest choral work ever written - Handel's famous Messiah. The concert takes place on Saturday **7<sup>th</sup> February** 2015 at St. Joseph's Church, and will begin at 7.00pm. Tickets are £10, with accompanied U18s free. Available from Michelle Hurst 01344 864755 or [michelle.hurst2@hp.com](mailto:michelle.hurst2@hp.com). For more information about Bracknell Choral Society please visit their website [www.bracknellchoral.org.uk](http://www.bracknellchoral.org.uk)

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA RACE NIGHT** - The Knights of St. Columba are holding a race night and raffle on Saturday, **14th February** 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall in aid of Mary's meals, a charity that provides meals for children at schools in poor areas of Africa. Raffle tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses from 1st February to win up to three prizes even if not attending on the night. Entrance is £1 with an option to order fish, chicken or sausage and chips (at prices ranging from £6.50 to £4.00.)

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30pm** - A service of Taize Meditation, Singing, Silence and Readings by Candlelight here at St. Joseph's. Taize is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state. All are welcome to this unique experience of reflection and renewal.

**FLAME 2 - Saturday 7th March 2015 – 14 years +** - The biggest national youth gathering will take place on Saturday **7th March** at Wembley Arena. We would like to organise a group of young people to go from our Parish. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

**QUIZ NIGHT** - To all of you amazing people who contributed to the quiz on Saturday evening, participants and helpers, on behalf of Child Bereavement UK I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We raised an amazing £950 which will provide many hours of counselling for bereaved families. If anybody else would like to make a donation my web giving page is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/make-a-donation/> type in Catherine Hannan to get to my page.

**DIOCESAN COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE:** If you want to make a complaint about anyone or any aspect of parish life, you must follow the procedures laid down by the Diocese.

**Step 1:** Speak directly to the person. **Step 2:** If you don't feel satisfied, speak to the Parish Priest. **Step 3:** If that doesn't work, speak to the Coordinating Pastor.

**Step 4:** Still not Happy? Speak to the Dean, (Canon David Hopgood, Windsor).

**Step 5:** Contact the Vicar General. **Step 6:** Contact the Bishop. If you miss out any step you will be sent back to it.

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!** - Are you on Facebook? 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

**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 £1093.28**

**Thank You**

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES

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**PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**

**Thank you to  
Alick and Grace for making  
the Church and Grounds  
beautiful**