

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

6th Sunday of Easter

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: DANCING BEYOND DEATH

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Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

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Step one is to try and get the facial expression on Jesus as he speaks the words of this week's Gospel to His friends. Is he sternly wagging his finger? Or is he smiling?

Our answer will predict the outcome. The first will leave us feeling burdened; the second will set our foot tapping to the beginning of a dance that will take us beyond death!

A few weeks ago, a son stood in our beautiful church to speak at his dad's requiem. In thirty years of priestly ministry, I have never heard anything more moving. Any man would have been proud that his son should speak so well of him. At one point he was reminiscing about the night his dad met his mum. He wrote, 'To be there as he landed those short, urgent glances on a young woman making the dance floor her own. To witness his interior debate as he steeled himself for the ask. And then to know what it felt like as he clutched her hand in his, as a badge of pride, and walked that bit taller, because she was walking with him.'



This seems to be very close to what Jesus is revealing to His disciples. The outpouring of the Spirit is a wild ride. And just as the spirit of another person can enlarge our hearts and our lives, so to, those who ask to be in communion, hand in hand with the Risen Saviour move onto the dance floor He has made His own.

The music brings us alive and we sense we are no longer subject to the losses which come with time! The unending dance of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit has no beginning and no end. It is going on right now, just beyond our normal vision, just outside our normal range of hearing. But as we continue to grow in love, our awareness opens ever so slightly, and our feet begin to tap on the vibrant earth.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Sunday Mass Schedule (and Intentions)

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Saturday	24 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Molly & Christie Campbell†
Sunday	25 th	8.30am	Mass	Catherine McCormack
		10.30am	Mass	Ernie Johnson†

Weekday Mass (and Intentions)

Monday 26th **NO MASS**

FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Tuesday	27 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Baptist Robertson
		1.00pm	Funeral Service	Darren Briddick
Wednesday	28 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Gerard Henrey†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	29 th	NO MASS		
Friday	30 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Alistair & Emily McDougall
		7.00pm	Rosary	

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday	31 st	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Terry McGrath†
		10.30am	Confession	
		3.00pm	Wedding	Elaine Williams & Danny O'Brien

7th Sunday of Easter

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday	31 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Maria Barbosa
Sunday	1 st	8.30am	Mass	Johanna & James Moriarty†
		10.30am	Mass	Jurgen Family

Please pray for the aged, sick, housebound and hospitalised of our community and for those who care for them.

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need" Pope Francis
If you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital or housebound and unable to get to Mass, or just needing a priest, please tell Fr. Danny or contact the Parish Office

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF – Darren Briddick whose Funeral takes place on Tuesday 27th May at 1.00pm. Please also remember in his family in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Jacqueline Nana Appiah and Kordian Szczerkowski who will be baptised this Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - The Knights of St Columba are planning to bring the Relic of St Edmund Campion to the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 11th June. Edmund Campion was arrested at Lyford Grange, Berkshire in 1581, taken to the Tower of London, convicted of treason and executed. He was canonized in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2014 REMAINING SESSIONS - **Candidates:** 30 May (7pm) and **Parents:** 5 June (7.30pm) Rehearsal at St. Joseph's: 13 June (7pm) **Confirmation Mass:** 22 June at 3pm St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS BRACKNELL - Life in the Spirit Seminars continue every Tuesday 8pm – 9.30pm until 17 June in the Church Hall. All are welcome. The theme of Tuesday's talk is Receiving the Gift and the speaker is Charles Whitehead KSG.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST JUDE FAVERSHAM – The Carmelite Friars are holding a Summer Celebration on Saturday 31st May, starting at 11.00am with Devotions and Anointing, 12.00-13.00pm Picnic in the grounds (bring your own picnic), and at 13.30pm open air Mass followed by a St Jude procession and prayers. If enough people in our parish want to go we will arrange transport. Marie-danielle.tichbon@globalknowledge.net

TIME OUT MINISTRIES – ST FRANCIS, ASCOT - Time Out Ministries - Day of Reflection - "Pentecost, Gifts, Fruits and all that stuff!" Saturday 31st May 10am-1pm at St Francis Church, Ascot. Tea/Coffee at 9.30am, please bring your Bible. Places are limited so please book your place early by contacting St Francis Parish Office Tel 01344 620591 or St Francis Parish website at www.stfrancisascot.co.uk. Donation £10 if desired.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 3pm on 1st JUNE - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday 1 June followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. If you would like to attend but need a lift, please contact the Parish Office (Tel: 425729 /Email: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). NOTE: If anyone is willing to give a lift to/from the Service of Healing or make cakes for the afternoon tea, please sign up on the sheets in the porch. All cakes can be brought to the Hall before Mass next Saturday/Sunday.

BRACKNELL CATENIANS - The Bracknell Catenian Association will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel for their next ladies evening on Tuesday 3 June at 7.30pm. The aims of The Association are to foster the Catholic faith and family life. To that end, our dinner guests will be from the Bracknell Food Bank and the Life Organisation for whom we hope to raise money this year. Anyone from the Parish will be welcome to join us. Cost of dinner will be £23 pp. For more information please contact John Darnell on 01344 428810 or email Bracknell Forest Catenian Association secretary at BF318.secretary@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Thank you to all those who fed through ideas and suggestions for our last PPC meeting on 14 May. The Minutes of the meeting are available on the Parish website and noticeboard. Our next meeting is on 11 June. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to a member of the PPC with ideas, suggestions or concerns.

WE COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD! - Our Parish of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow is a community of people from many countries around the world but how many and what countries are represented in our Parish? Please help us to find out in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost on 8 June by ticking your country of origin on the board in the porch.

WANTED: St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is seeking a Washing Machine for a needy gentleman whose machines are broken. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office at St Francis in Ascot on 01344 620591.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP – Please note there will be no Mother and Toddler group on 27th May.

BRASS CLEANERS - More brass-cleaners needed, weekends or mid-week: please contact the parish office.

COMMUNICATION – Do you know that you can receive our parish newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email stjb@portsmouthdioces.org.uk to be added to the distribution list. Also, there is a new Diocese enews which will keep you up to date with everything in the Diocese www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SANDHURST PARISH DONKEY DERBY - On Bank Holiday Monday 26th May, help and raffle prizes items urgently wanted for stall to support the Bracknell LIFE house. Please contact dominica.roberts@gmail.com or ring 01344 422902

FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES - There will be Fairtrade teas and coffees served after all Masses this weekend. Why not join us?

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP - Called & Gifted Workshop – Fri 27 June 7pm-9pm & Sat 28 June 9am–5pm - with author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples', Sherry Weddell. This Workshop is FREE if you're in Portsmouth Diocese. Learn more about and discover our spiritual gifts, and how these help us live Christian discipleship. There are some spaces left - don't miss it! For more information and bookings visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called and gifted](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called-and-gifted)

RETIRING OFFERING – This weekend is for Clergy Training Fund and next weekend will be for World Communications.

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.

*JUST TO SAY
THANK YOU TO*

*Everyone who helped on
the recent Confirmation
Retreat*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Total £1259.54 - Thank You

**PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
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