

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

26th April 2015 Psalter Week 4

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On the surface, it may look like Our Blessed Lord is pushed and shoved around by his enemies. In reality, the opposite is true. He is laying down His Life, and He is taking it up again. His Resurrection continues to unfold in his friends who have planted His Sacrificial Presence in their hearts. Why? Because He is the unbreakable communion with God who holds His disciples in safety. He does not withdraw when troubles arrive. The Shepherd dies, the Sheep are safe. Here He is at His most attractive. Here He is magnetic.

Two lovers gaze at one another and say without reservation that they will love and cherish each other for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of their life. (Catholic Rite of Marriage)

A father and mother hold their newborn baby in their arms, and from some new vastness within themselves say, 'I would lay down my life for you'.

Someone sits and gently takes the hand of their friend who is terminally ill, or terminally lonely and says, "You know I'm not going away."

Three examples of how unconditional love appears in our lives. Not as something we do but, much more importantly, as something we are.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is most Himself, completely at home in his identity as "I Am", when he is laying down His life for His sheep. His, "I Am" could be easily translated as, "May you Be!"

So too with us. Getting to know who we really are is something we glimpse from time to time when life bless us with Greater Moments. And when we are radiant with giving power to be, are we not attractive?

Is it not the magnet Jesus said it would be? Is it not wonderful that the original Greek for good, as in 'Good Shepherd' can also be translated as Beautiful.



Something Beautiful for God.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	25 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Donnelly
Sunday	26 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Margaret Carey
		3.00pm	Scouts Service	
		5.00pm	Youth Mass	Ernie Brown
Monday	27 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	28 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Peter & Anthony Considine

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Wednesday	29 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Ann O'Sullivan
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	30 th	9.15am	Mass at St Margaret Clitherow School	

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Friday	1 st	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Anna & John
		7.00pm	Rosary	

ST ATHANASIUS

Saturday	2 nd	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	John William Power†
		10.30am	Confessions	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Michael Robinson†
		10.30am	Mass	The Hand Family†

**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, Marjory Vermuelen, Frances Dyson 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, Patrick Holmwood, Peggy Finan, Alex McCall and Nora Cronin

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - The next meeting is on **Monday 27th April**, 7.45pm in the Parish Room.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The next meeting is on **Tuesday 28th April** at 7.00pm. If you would like to be part of this Ministry there is still time to sign up. If you have any difficulty attending the training sessions or need a lift please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699.

PROCLAIM '15 – Building Missionary Parishes - Proclaim '15 is the name of the initiative by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to support enthuse and equip parish evangelisation. In the lead up to Pentecost, there will 3 Small Group Sessions on **Thursday 30th April, Thursday 7th May and Thursday 14th May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION - Refresher Training - Saturday **9th May** 2015 – Our Lady Help of Christians, 1A Sherborne Road, Farnborough GU14 6JS, 10am – 12.30pm with Val Croughan.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) - Please feed through to the PPC before our next meeting on **13th May** any suggestions, ideas or concern that you may have. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 (21.07.2016 - 02.08.2016) All young members of the parish who will be over 15 years old (and under 35!) in 2016 are invited to join other young people from Portsmouth Diocese to travel together by coach to Krakow in Poland in Summer 2016 to celebrate with Pope Francis and other Catholic youth from around the world. Places are limited so if you are interested, please speak to Fr Danny as soon as possible.



THE PARISH SHOP - Will be closed for a short time for stocktaking. Pat has done a wonderful job turning the shop around and creating extra funding for charities. Now that she is stepping down, it is clear that it is too big a job for one person. We would like to build a team who will coordinate the shop and someone to head and manage the venture. If you think this is something you would enjoy and if you have a gift for working with customers please contact the Parish Office to speak with Fr Danny.

CONGRATULATIONS TO – Ifiok Udoh and Ester Idiok who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday **16th May** in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Nigeria. We wish them well in their marriage.

20-22 May 2015 - Visit of Relics of Bl Louis and Zelig Martin - The relics of Blessed Louis and Blessed Zelig Martin (parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux), one of the first married couples to be beatified, have been invited to the Diocese this May. You can read more about them at www.louisandzeliemartin.org. Day of veneration Thursday **21st May** at **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth** Friday **22nd May** Mass at **Christ the King, Reading**.

CAR PARK – The Entry and Exit system is now operational. John will be available after each Mass this weekend for anyone who has not yet registered and for the collection of windscreen stickers for those already on the database. **Please remember, there is no need to use your mobile phone on Exiting the Car Park as this part of the system is automated.**

PLEASE NOTE – Divine Mercy Chaplet starts on Sunday **August 16th** at 2.30pm.

TIME FOR REFLECTION – ‘Pentecost’ – On Saturday **23rd May** 9.30am – 1.00pm at St Francis of Assisi Church Ascot, facilitator Fr Tom Taaffe. Please book your place through the Ascot Parish Office on 01344.620591.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT - Big - Church Day Out is a Christian music festival for the whole family, **23rd - 24th May** - Wiston House, West Sussex. Every year, 20,000 Christians attend this music festival, which features contemporary Christian music and Catholic worship leaders such as Matt Maher. This year, parishioners of Portsmouth Diocese are being offered a special discount. Tickets start at £18 for adults and £12 for children. There will also be a Sunday Mass for Catholic festival-goers. It promises to be a great weekend for the whole family. To find out more, go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and click on ‘Big Church Day Out’ where you can also watch a promo video.

KEEP IN TOUCH - with the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like ‘Diocese of Portsmouth’ to get all the latest info as it happens.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSAIRES - Mass: Saturday 27th June 2015

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass to celebrate. This takes place on 27th June at St Bede’s Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, click on ‘Significant Wedding Anniversaries’ and fill out the form. You will then be sent an invitation from Bishop Philip. For any queries or further information please email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TEA/COFFEE’S - After the 1030am Mass, help is required. If you would like to volunteer, individuals/families welcome then please contact the parish office.

RETIRING OFFERING - This weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund.

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.

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**Thank you to Pat Grey for
managing the Shop so well. We
ask God's Blessing as she steps
down from this Ministry**