

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
26th October 2014 Psalter Week 2

GIVING LOVE FIRST PLACE IN ALL THINGS

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There's nothing like religion or politics to start a very heated argument. Truth goes out the window and the Ego takes centre stage. It's ironic that just when we are looking for guidance, Commandments, Obligation and Rules start competing for our attention and dedication. Before you know it, there are regulations for everything. Laws spring up like wild mint till, with the exception of breathing, the 'book' has to be consulted about every human activity, and the question asked, "Yes, but are they following the law?"

In this week's Gospel, the Pharisees try to seduce Jesus into this labyrinth, and He reminds them that the interior reality of Love, its inner spaciousness, is the true guide. Then Jesus asks them a question and it is a question with teeth.

Origins determine people in terms of power and influence. So who does Jesus think He is? He tells them that The Messiah is greater than David and is not just tending one household. The law does not test the Messiah, the Messiah tests the Law. They will not weigh Jesus in a balance, He will weigh them.

Jesus is concerned with the inner state of the acting person. Mindless compliance with rules and regulations are a garment to be worn on the outside. This person will not put a stumbling block before a blind person because it says so in Leviticus 9, 14. Choosing not to take advantage of anyone who is weak or vulnerable comes rather from being in touch with the inner configuration of divine and human love. We move among the forest of laws knowing their ultimate purpose. So we know when to heed them, when to modify them and when to dismiss them. You might, in complete disobedience to the Sabbath Laws, even heal a cripple on the Sabbath. (Matthew 12, 1-13)

A hard working man feels guilty that he is not spending enough time with his three year old son. So he sets himself to play Building blocks with him and the boy asks, "Daddy why are you angry with me?" An elderly mother is taken into care after a stroke and her daughter is painstakingly attentive to her every need. One day, the old lady asks, "Why are you doing all this?" Her daughter lists a list of reasons and her mother says, "Rubbish!" When questioned, her mother replies, "We don't need all those, we love each other, that's enough, right?"



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	25 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Robert Buchanan†
Sunday	26 th	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty†
		10.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving
Monday	27 th	5.00pm	Youth Mass	Parish Intentions
		NO MASS		
Ss SIMON & JUDE				
Tuesday	28 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Fr Peter Rolph†
Wednesday	29 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Michael O'Grady†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	30 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Gerry Berry†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	31 st	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Mary Hughes
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	1 st	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Bill Bailey
		10.30am	Confessions	
Saturday	1 st	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Teresa Gillen†
ALL SAINTS				
Sunday	2 nd	8.30am	Mass	Miss Smythe†
		10.30am	Mass	Frank Ducasse†

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, Joanna O'Connell, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Marjory Vermuelen, Peter Bentley, Kenneth Maimo, Freda Crookall, Kate McGrath, Anne Adams, Yvette Briggs, Geoff Hallett, Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill, Eileen Collins, Eileen Green, Catherine Jones, Una Mair, Alex McCall and Beatrice Fitzpatrick

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH MASS – Sunday **26 October** at 5.00pm, please come along everyone is welcome.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on Monday **27th October** 7.45-9.30pm in the Parish Room.

SERVICE OF HEALING – Thank you to everyone who helped at the Service of Healing and afternoon tea last Sunday. Special prayers were said for our Sick and Housebound unable to attend. “May peace, grace and love surround you.”

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – **Tuesdays** 9.30am-11.30am in the Hall.

JOURNEY OF FAITH – Every **Tuesday**. You are invited to join any of our weekly sessions to deepen your Catholic Faith from 7.30pm-9pm in the church hall. This week’s topic is **The Incarnation**. Free Church car park open. Access via Service Yard D. Please will you become a sponsor? Details from shaunhoward@msn.com

PEGGY’S KEEP FIT CLASSES – Every **Wednesday** 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

SOUP AND ROLL – Every **Friday** after 12.10pm Mass, everyone is welcome.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES on **Saturday 1 November**, the Feast of All Saints, there will be a Service of Blessing of the Graves at Easthampstead Park Crematorium/Cemetery at **12pm** and at Larges Lane Cemetery at **1.30pm**. Anyone who has loved ones interred in either place is invited to this special service of blessing and remembrance.

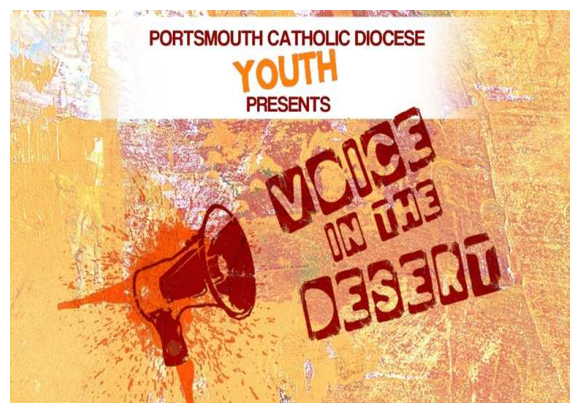
DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS - **Saturday 8th November**. We will begin with Mass at 10.00am, followed by refreshments in the hall. A time of reflection and learning will then start at 11.00am and we hope to finish by 1.00pm at the latest. Please mail or call Mary in the parish office to confirm your attendance.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday **12th November** in the Church Hall. Please feel free to feed through your suggestions, concerns, thoughts and ideas for the attention of the PPC by Tuesday **4th November**.

VOICE IN THE DESERT

Saturday 15 November 10.30am-4pm

We are hoping to be able to send a group of young people from our parish to this Diocesan youth event. If you are aged between Year 8 – young adult, then this is for you! The day will include drama, music and spiritual workshops, finishing with Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip. Venue: Saint George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton. SO16 3DQ. Bookings and info: Mary in the parish office.



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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND – Every year we have a special offering to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon.

AID OF THE CHURCH IN NEED – We raised a total of £2077.30 for this worthy cause last weekend. Thank You.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - As a community, during the month of November, we unite to remember and pray for those we have loved who have died. To mark this special time, a Book of Remembrance, lit by candle, will be placed on the Altar. Everyone is invited to come to the Altar and leave the names of their relatives and friends in the book.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM – The Baptism Application Form is now available online via our website <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/baptism.html> You can still fill in a paper copy which is available in the porch if you so wish, but if you do please email the names of the Child, Parents and Godparents to the Parish Office to ensure they are correct for entry to the Baptismal Register and Certificate. Thank you. *Fr Danny*.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Could you spare just one evening a month to join our Keeping in Touch (KIT) outreach ministry? KIT visits Catholics in their own homes - particularly those who are non-churchgoing - so as to give them help and support and a welcome from our parish. Please contact shaunhoward@msn.com or the Parish Office if you feel called to this ministry.

Living Our Faith

The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



We have launched the Diocese wide appeal to raise £9million for the training and formation of the Clergy, Lay formation, and renewing facilities. Our parish is allocated a £165,000 target over the 5 years of the appeal. 25% of all monies is rebated to the Parish and if we exceed the target we gain 80% of the excess. HMRC will add 25% extra where donors are UK tax payers.

We are 5 years late in starting and Fr Danny was told by + Philip to get on with the appeal in this parish. Please see the Home page on our Website -

www.bracknellcatholicchurch.or.uk

All pledges are anonymous. Nobody will come knocking on your door, or show disappointment at the level of your pledge. As a generous community we are confident that we will achieve our target. We must support Fr. Danny, in his effort to support his Bishop. Some donors will pledge £100 per month for 5 years, others £5 per month. Each is as worthy. Place your pledge envelope in the yellow box, to be used solely for pledge collection.

Thank you.

PROGRESS REPORT WEEK 1

**TOTAL VALUE
OF PLEDGES
IN WEEK 1
£53,000**

As expected, monthly pledges range from £10 - £100

This is a wonderful start. Please bring your envelope to Mass next week.