

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

**17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
27th July 2014 Psalter Week 1**

FINDING, SELLING AND GROWING WITH JOY

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

Telephone: 01344 425729 *Email* stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk

Step One: Someone asks, 'if your house was on fire and you only had time to grab one thing what would it be?' The answer, of course, is yourself! Our heart, our spiritual centre, is our one and only true treasure. But it cannot be found on the surface of life. It lies hidden in the field of ourselves. And the price tag is high! Costing not less than everything.

Step Two: On our way we have to feel our way through individual and collective consciousness into Sacred Awareness. The Pearl of Great Price. Costing not less than everything.

Step Three: Becoming Love! Finding is not enough. Selling is not enough. These are only the first steps. Once we are 'caught' in the Sacred Net, our lifestyle must change for the better. Costing not less than everything.

"Do you understand all this"? Jesus asked them. They said, "YES".

So then He told them that the disciple must be wise enough to know how to hold the old and the new in one easy movement. But hinted that pride of place be given to the new.

In a nutshell, dear disciple. What is found must be bought. In order to buy, we need to sell. In order to grow, we need to discern what's worth keeping and what needs to go. Only Wisdom will light the darkened room enough to help us do this.

Once upon a time, a poverty stricken Rabbi from Warsaw fell asleep and dreamed of treasure buried under a bridge on the outskirts of Moscow. It was a long arduous journey but he got himself there. Excited, he waited till darkness had fallen, slipped over the wall and made his way under the bridge. To his surprise, he found a rabbi asleep. He woke him up and asked him what he was doing there. The Rabbi answered, "I was dreaming of treasure hidden under the floorboards of a poor rabbi from Warsaw".

'Each person has a vintage wine cellar
But they seldom drink from it.' (Meister Eckhart)



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

| | | | | |
|----------|------------------|---------|------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday | 26 ^h | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Dalva & Maria De Padua† |
| Sunday | 27 th | 8.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Elizabeth Rzybylinska† |

Monday 28th **NO MASS**

ST MARTHA

| | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| Tuesday | 29 th | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | John Hughes† |
| Wednesday | 30 th | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Patrick Henrey† |
| | | 10.15am | Rosary | |

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

| | | | | |
|----------|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Thursday | 31 st | 9.10am | Morning Prayer | |
| | | 9.30am | Mass | Tommy O'Shaughnessy |
| | | 10.15am | Mothers Prayers | |

ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

| | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Friday | 1 st | 11.00-12.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 12.10pm | Mass | William Egan† |
| | | 7.00pm | Rosary | |
| Saturday | 2 nd | 9.40am | Rosary | |
| | | 10.00am | Mass | Jesusana Grace & Miguel Lee† |
| | | 10.30am | Confession | |
| Saturday | 2 nd | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass | Austin Grey† |
| Sunday | 3 rd | 8.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Theresa & Terry Early |

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, George chapman, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, John Richardson, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peter Bentley, Chris & Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca Joanna O'Connell, Alex McCall, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Kate McGrath and Beatrice Fitzpatrick

Of Our Community

and for those who care for them.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS – To Fr Benjamin Theobald, who has been awarded his Licentiate, and also celebrates the 1st Anniversary of his Ordination on 27th July.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – David Szpil, Jude Arthur Donald Hart and Lily & Anastasia Standing who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

DAY FOR LIFE - The day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a second offering for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities. Thank you to all who prayed and wrote to peers about Lord Falconer's assisted suicide bill. It went to committee without a vote, mainly because of recent Supreme Court judgements. See <http://www.carenotkilling.org.uk/gas/falconer-bill-where-we-are-now/>

The LIFE house for mothers and babies which our Pastoral Area supports: look in the narthex for the donation slot, "regular donor" forms, news, and pictures. Have a little flutter with the Pro Life Alliance's small lottery at www.prolife.org.uk under "fundraising". Please look at the parish website under prolife. Do ask for regular prolife e-news at <http://www.lifecharity.org.uk>

FR JAYA – The collection is still open. Cheques to PRC DTR Bracknell St. Joseph and marked "for Fr. Jaya" on the back, please. Winning raffle ticket No **207** for the bottle of Whiskey has still not been claimed; please search your pockets & handbags.

SPONSOR A CHILD - If you are willing to sponsor a specific named child, Father Jaya asks that you pay at least £200 and promise to continue the amount for as long as it is needed, if at all possible. Most sponsoring parishioners give £150 a year (or more) to support a child without specifying which, and, if they can, continue to do so but are in no way committed. Ask Dominica Roberts via the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: A REQUEST FOR HELP - It is wonderful that we have so many Eucharistic ministers in our community. All of us know that it is a sacred privilege to serve at our Lords Table. At this moment in time, there are about twenty five parishioners who are prevented from joining us on Sunday due to infirmity and illness. As the Pastoral Council deepens its care and outreach this number is growing week by week. Sadly, of the large number of Eucharistic ministers, only a handful have made themselves available for ministering outside the church building. Some will have excellent reasons for this. But the net effect, as always, is that some are carrying a load that is too heavy. I appeal to you therefore to consider embracing one of our sick and housebound, if you are not already doing so. Here you will exercise the fullness of your ministry, and receive great blessings. Anyone who would like to take up this ministry is welcome to do so. Please contact the Parish Office in either case. Thank You. Fr. D

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Every first and third Tuesday in the month.

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING – The next meeting is on Thursday 4th September. These meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, everyone is welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 – Application Forms for the programme starting in September 2014 are now available from the Porch, if your child is in year 3 or above they are able to join the programme. The deadline for returning the form is **Thursday 31st July 2014**. **Please Note:** Forms received after this date will not be accepted.

THE PASSAGE – RADIO 4 APPEAL - David Dimbleby will be appealing on BBC Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage – the homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday 27 July at 7.55 & 21.26 and Thursday 31 July at 15.27.

MARYFIELD CONVENT - Catholic Residential Care Home London Road, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA Tel: 01256 762394. Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB - St. Joseph's Primary School will be running a Summer Holiday Club from the **23rd July until 8th August**. If any parents are interested in booking a place, please contact the afternoon school secretary (1-6pm) on 01344 425246. We are Ofsted Registered and therefore can accept childcare vouchers.

Active, caring and fun holiday care. Days filled with fun activities for children aged 3 - 11 years old: outdoor activities, cooking, arts & crafts, sports, computer games, books and stories, Lego, Knex and so much more.... The Summer Holiday Club will taking place on the school grounds. No food will be provided so we ask that the children bring their own lunch and snacks.

Hours Session 1: 8am - 1 pm Session 2: 1pm - 6pm

Pricing One Session: (5 hours/half day £12, Two sessions: (10 hours/whole day) £22. A discount of 10% applies for sibling bookings in the same session.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER? - If you've made your First Holy Communion, then you can! Just come along 15 minutes before Mass and introduce yourself to Fr. Danny and the other servers who will look after you and show you what to do.

CHURCH CLEANING - From August we will be cleaning the church every 3rd Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome

FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. Everyone is welcome.

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

COMMUNICATION – Do you know that you can receive our parish newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list. Keep up to date with what's happening in the Diocese. The Diocesan e-news comes out once a week. Sign up on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

THANK YOU
***To John for all his help in
the Parish Office and around
the Church site in recent
weeks***

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Total £883.10- Thank You
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph