

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

THE CLEANSING FIRE

27th September 2015 Psalter Week 2

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The Teacher bears witness that what we know in our hearts to be true is true. He reveals to us that we don't have to find our greatness. It is already there. If this is hard to see, a little time spent in the company of the little ones will illuminate it.

But the problem for the first disciples is much like our own, we are human beings. Notice how, no sooner has the Teacher spoken, the disciples are busy marking their territory. The Exorcist isn't one of us!! It doesn't matter that someone has been set free from their prison. They don't even see them.



So the Teacher teaches again. Not only are those outside the club worthy of our respect, they have much to teach us. Those who offer simple hospitality - who perform little tasks with love - might well be ahead of us on the spiritual path. And woe betide any disciple who says otherwise. If those who wish to be 'great' do not draw close to the least but cause them to stumble, then the great need to think again. The rhetoric of disaster is meant to get our attention. Think of the worst thing you can possibly think of - sinking to the ocean floor with a millstone round your neck - and it isn't half as bad as putting out the light of love in another person's heart.

The fear that we are insignificant can drive us to lord it over people and chronically promote ourselves at great cost to others. But when we go into that 'fearful tomb' with Jesus, and allow Him to purify our desires, our innate greatness rises like the dawn.

A true awareness of our greatness means we do not have to exclude, demean or overlook others to maintain a false sense of power. The Teacher calls to us to find ways to express our natural greatness. Once we have been purified of all our grandiose projects, and cut away all that keeps us from life, we begin to see an amazing thing. What we see, in the words of Sam Keen is that, "Sanctity is given with being. It is not earned".

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	26 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Seamus Wright†
Sunday	27 th	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin†
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Monday	28 th	NO MASS		

THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

Tuesday	29 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sr's Monica & Chris's Intentions

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Wednesday	30 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	The Torode & Atkins Families†
		10.15am	Rosary	

ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

Thursday	1 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Cremine Family

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Friday	2 nd	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Marian Ada Baxter†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	3 rd	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Christine Stuart
		1030am	Confessions	

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	3 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Dalva Passagem de Padua, Maria Izilda de Padua & Clarissa Passagem de Padua
Sunday	4 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Alirio Sarco† Doris Hernandez de Sarco † & Victoria Garcia†

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, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Kate McGrath, Frances Dyson and Yvonne Gantzer.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Winnie Justice, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Bill Guilfoyle and Nora Cronin.

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANT REFUGEE CRISIS - TODAY - Sunday 27th September, Bishop Philip has invited parishes in the diocese to hold a Day of Prayer for the refugee migrant crisis. What can you do to respond? There are several suggestions in Bishop Philip's Message which you can find on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk under Latest News. Perhaps make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament today, pray a Rosary, or reflect on the Second Sorrow of Mary, the Flight into Egypt, Matthew 2:13-23. You can also pray the following prayer:

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger and from whose help no one is ever distant, look with compassion on refugees and exiles, on segregated persons and on lost children; restore them, we pray, to a homeland, and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – New Beginnings - We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month to reflect on and prepare for the Liturgy of the Word in the following Sunday Mass. You are very welcome to join us. More information is on the Parish web site. The next meeting is on Monday **28th September**, at 86 Qualitas. Please contact Anne on 01344 451847 for more information.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Meet on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.45pm-9.15pm in the hall. The next meeting is on Tuesday **6th October**.

DAY TIME PRAYER GROUP – Welcoming everyone who would like to come to our new Prayer Group starting on 21st October in the Hall from 10.30am-11.30am. For more information please contact Anne D'Souza on 01344 420465.

THE FOODBANK – Thank you for your generous contributions.

2015 ARCHBISHOP ROMERO LECTURE - Will be given by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga SDB at 7pm on Thursday, **1st October** at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. He will speak about 'From Romero to Francis: The Joy & the Tensions of Becoming a Poor Church with the Poor'. The Lecture is free, and no tickets are required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING – Will be held on Thursday **1st October** at 7.00pm in the hall.

CARER AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the hall during school term time.

OVER 50s KEEP FIT CLASSES – On Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm in the hall.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - The next sessions take place at The Kirby Room, St Luke, Englefield Road, Theale RG7 5AS, on Saturday **3rd October**. Child Protection will take place from 10am-12.30pm. For those working with Vulnerable Adults, this will take place from 1.30pm – 4pm. It is also a requirement that we attend a refresher session every three years. There is a Refresher session on Tuesday **6th October** at Immaculate Conception, 63/67 Yorktown Road, Sandhurst, GU46 9BS, between 7.00pm–9.00 pm. There is also one at St Luke's (address as above) on Saturday **10th October** from 10am - 12.30pm. If you wish to book onto any of these sessions, email Soraya Ciccarone soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING – Is on Saturday **10th October** after the 10.00am Mass. If you would like to help just turn up, you will be most welcome.

A QUIZ NIGHT - In the Church Hall on Saturday **10th October** at 7.15 pm. Money raised will go to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. Tickets are £5 per person to be paid in cash on the night and a maximum of 6 people per team is permitted. To register a team, please send an e-mail to stjosephsquizbracknell@gmail.com or, add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet at the back of the church. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available for purchase. There will be a raffle for which we would really welcome donations. A marked box will be left in the Church porch for your contributions. So if you feel quizzical please come along for a fun night!

SECOND OFFERINGS & FUNDRAISING IN GENERAL – Last call on this item. We are in danger of donor saturation through 2nd offerings and other requests for financial support from our community. The topic has been discussed at PPC and Finance committees and now a subcommittee has been formed, staffed by members of both those committees, and in future they will assess all requests for offerings and wider fundraising. Fr Danny is not a member of this new committee, so that he cannot be accused of favouritism. The committee will produce an application form which will be used on every occasion that our Parishioners wish to appeal for cash support from our community. This might mean that some, who in the past have received support for their favoured charity, will in future be disappointed. So, if in the coming 12 months you are thinking of fundraising via the Parish, please advise the office so that we can get this initiative off the ground. We need to cut back as we are bombarded by requests and currently have no system for dealing with the. Email/telephone the office if you wish to be considered, and do so this week.

CRAFT GROUP - We are hoping to start a small craft group that will meet on a Wednesday morning at 11am. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Marija Brincat through the Parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01344.425729

DEMENTIA FRIENDS - Our Parish has recently become a member of the Bracknell Forest Dementia Action Alliance (DAA). In order to raise awareness of dementia in our parish, we plan to host 2 open **Dementia Friends** sessions in the parish hall at **11am on Thursday 15th October** and at **11am on Thursday 19th November** led by Caroline Rathmell, Dementia Action Alliance Co-ordinator. You only need to attend one session which will last for approx. 45 minutes. There is no charge for this and you can book your place by contacting caroline.rathmell@alzheimers.org.uk or turn up on the day. **Dementia Friends** gives people an understanding of dementia and the small things that you can do to make a difference. For further information see: www.dementiafriends.org.uk

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
Total £1219.42- Thank You
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
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To Bernard for heading up our
new Justice, Peace and Social
Responsibility Team