

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
BEARING FRUIT

28th February 2016 Psalter Week 3

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Over the last few weeks we have been working hand in hand with people from other faith communities, and of none, to provide shelter, protection and nourishment for our sisters and brothers who have found themselves in a difficult place. Bishop Philip is so delighted by this work that he offered to come and bless it personally! Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all who took part in this work no matter their contribution.

We were lead throughout by Elaine and David from 'Pilgrim Hearts'. I started to wonder if we are just a Pilgrim People, or perhaps it is better to see ourselves as Exodus People. Here's why.

Our first reading today makes it crystal clear that God is fully aware of our sufferings and wants to relieve that suffering. He needs help and finds it in the runaway Moses, and through him a whole community focused on Justice, Mercy and Love.

So when people come to Jesus to tell him about a tragedy caused by human cruelty, - Pilates' soldiers murdering people at prayer in the Temple - He journals another tragedy, but this one more of an accident. He knows that they are really asking the same old question, "Is this God paying them back for their sins?"

"Is this Karma?" His answer, of course is a resounding No!

More importantly, the Divine Teacher notices that people keep looking outside of themselves for answers. He invites them to look in the only place that matters - inside themselves.

He uses the example of a fig tree, which won't sink its roots into the hidden ground of Love beneath it. Despite having all that it needs, it is producing nothing which will contribute to the coming-to-be of the Creation. If it isn't careful, it is in danger of being cut down. What it doesn't have is an endless supply of time.

Jesus call to Repentance - a new mind and a new heart - filled with passion for Justice, Love, and Compassion is fuelled by an awakening that captures the Sacredness of all that is. It is as challenging today as it was when He first sang the song. It remains to be seen, however, if Gods Holy People will make the Exodus from slavery to freedom and embrace the struggle for Community in this age of death.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Chapmant†
Sunday	28 th	8.30am	Mass	Paul Hatch†
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Colebeck†
Monday	29 th	NO MASS		
<i>St. DAVID</i>				
Tuesday	1 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sarah & Liam Healy†
Wednesday	2 nd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Helen Bolton & Family
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	3 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth Priybylinska
		10.15pm	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	4 th	11.00-12.00	Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Peter, Catherine, Mary & Helen Considine†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	5 th	8.15am	Mass	Jeremy Clark
<i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>				
Saturday	5 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	6 th	8.30am	Mass	Frank, Marie-Claire Ducasse†
		10.30am	Mass	Stanislav Michalov†

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community and for those who care for them.

Sick and Housebound: Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Prendergast, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sean Little, a parishioner here at St. Joseph's before moving to Ireland ten years ago, who has died. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on **Tuesday 15th March**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – services will be held on **Friday 4th March** at the Methodist Church, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne at 10.30am and at Holy Trinity, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to attend.

CHRISM MASS – SINGERS NEEDED - More volunteer singers are needed in Portsmouth at 11am on **22nd March**. No previous experience is necessary. There will be a rehearsal at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX on **Saturday 5th March** at 12 midday. If you would like to take part, please send your name, parish and voice (soprano/alto/tenor/bass/tune singer) to colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by the end of February. Thank you.

YEAR OF MERCY - God's Mercy in Scripture: A day to discover the four senses of Scripture and to learn a method of Scripture study. These will be put into practice in workshops by exploring the Mercy of God in the Gospels. The day will include Mass and times of prayer. The day is free. Bring a packed lunch. It takes place on **Saturday 12th March** 10.00am to 4.00pm, at Catholic Church of Saint Edward the Confessor, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2. Please register via the website at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/#events>, or via email at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, or by phone: 01590681874.

MASS OF CHRISM IN PORTSMOUTH – 11am, **Tuesday 22nd March**. Thank you to those who have signed up to go to St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth for this very special Mass with Bishop Philip and the priests of the diocese during Holy Week. A coach will leave from outside our church car park at approx 8am on the morning of 22nd March and we will leave Portsmouth at 3.30pm. There are still places available on the coach so please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are interested in going.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING – the next session is on **Saturday 9th April** at St Joseph's, Stanley Walk, Town Centre, Bracknell RG12 1HA - 10.00am – 12.30pm – given by Sue Smy. Those wishing to attend should register via email to soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by phone on 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430. Anyone who is new to a ministry with children or anyone who has not updated their training through church child protection training should register to attend this course.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016 – Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St. Bede's Church on **Saturday 9th July**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the online form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office on 01256 465214.

PEW PACKS - Volunteers wanted. The Pew Packs are a great way for us to extend a heartfelt, open arms welcome to all our young families joining us at Mass. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to spare 15-20 minutes of their valuable time after Mass to help service each pack, ready for another family to enjoy. If you can help support our young families in this way, then please see either Sarah Birch or Theresa McDougall after Mass or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP – next meets in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 1st March** 7.45pm-9.30pm and **Wednesday 2nd March** at 10.30am-11.30am.

DURING LENT: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PRAYING THE PARABLES OF MERCY IN SAINT LUKE'S GOSPEL - In this year of Mercy, using Lectio Divina to explore this theme as it unfolds in Saint Luke's Gospel. Every **THURSDAY** from 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – from **10th February** and every Friday during Lent at 11.00am.

INDESTRUCTIBLE JOY AND THE PATH OF LETTING GO - A Masterclass of six reflections, with Dr James Finley on the works of the Mystics. **Fridays** at 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Limited spaces so apply soon!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – will be celebrated on **Saturday 5th March** from 6.00am to 6.00pm at Corpus Christi, Wokingham.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT HOLY GHOST, CROWTHORNE – on **Wednesday 9th March** at 7.30pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT St. JOSEPH'S BRACKNELL – on **Wednesday 16th March** at 7.30pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT St. FRANCIS, ASCOT – on **Palm Sunday 20th March** at 3.00pm

MASS OF CHRISM - Tuesday of Holy Week 11.00 a.m. Please let the office staff know if you would like to attend this beautiful event.

SOLEMN RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD - **Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm. One for your diary now.

DR AUSTEN IVEREIGH TALK ON POPE FRANCIS & MERCY - Dr Austen Ivereigh, is coming to Wokingham to speak on 'Mercy: the key to Pope Francis's reform' on **Tuesday 15th March** from 8.00pm to 9.00pm at Corpus Christi.

OFFERINGS – on **Saturday 5th March** and **Sunday 6th March** will be in aid of the Clergy Assistance Fund.

SOUP & ROLL – There will be NO soup & roll on **Friday 4th March**. If anyone would like to join the Friday Soup & Roll team please indicate how/when you are available to help on the sign up sheets on the noticeboard.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£580.13
Envelopes & Cheques	£347.10
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total	£1437.23

Thank You

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