

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

28th September 2014 Psalter Week 2

NEW HEARTS, NEW MINDS, NEW SHOES

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People in authority and people with power spend a lot of time checking for erosion. So in today's Gospel, the leaders and elders are less interested in what Jesus is doing, and more interested in who authorised it, especially if it wasn't them! Remember the time Jesus healed the man with the withered arm. They could have said, "Nice Arm!" But they couldn't see the arm. If all you have is a hammer, all you can see is a nail.

They are, of course, looking to set a trap. If Jesus says he acts on Divine Authority, then God help him because that is their area of expertise. So He resets their trap and springs it on them. Now watch them squirm. And they squirm so much they get all tangled up to the point where all they can say is that they don't know. Not a great answer from those who claim to speak for God.

Jesus, like John, wants Metanoia, a new mind. By profession the priests and elders are expected to be close to God. By profession, tax collectors and prostitutes are expected to be far from God. The only difference being that when the latter heard the call to change, they changed. New Mind, New Heart, New Shoes.

From the Sufi Wisdom stories:

Once upon a time, there was a court case against Mulla Nasruddin. The judge asked him, "How old are you Nasruddin?"

And he answered, "Of course, you know and everybody knows I am forty years old."

The judge was surprised. "But five years ago, you were also in this court. When I asked you then how old you were you said forty. How is this possible? After five years you are still forty?"

Nasruddin said, "I am a consistent man, sir. Once I say I am forty, I will remain forty. I'm not going to keep changing my mind about that."

Loyalty to the mind is useless. Holding the same position despite the evidence carries a very high price tag. The Sufis say the mind is a good servant but a poor Master. Clinging to what we 'think' robs us of the ability to tune into the deeper rhythms of our hearts. The religious leaders could not listen to Jesus because their minds were already made up.

I wonder if the same dilemma still plagues us today?



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	28 th	8.30am	Mass	Gibbons & Lowes Families†
		10.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis
		5.00pm	Mass	Jo Laufary†
Monday	29 th	NO MASS		
St JEROME				
Tuesday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Marian Ada Baxter†
ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS				
Wednesday	30 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sydney Maguire†
		10.15am	Rosary	
THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS				
Thursday	1 st	9.00am	Mass at St Margaret Clitherows School	
		10.15pm	Mothers Prayers	
AUTUMN FAST DAY				
Friday	2 nd	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	John & Eileen Collins
		7.00pm	Rosary	
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI				
Saturday	3 rd	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Eileen Collins
		10.30am	Confessions	
Saturday	3 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Thanks Giving
Sunday	4 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget and Francis Robinson

Please 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, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, 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, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,
Eileen Collins, Eileen Green & Catherine Jones

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HARVEST FAST DAY – FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER – Please help us raise money for some of the world's poorest people. Envelopes will be available **27th - 28th** September after all Masses, along with a Harvest Prayer Card.

YOUTH MASS – All are welcome to the Youth Mass on Sunday **28th September** at 5.00pm. There will be a 5.00pm Youth Mass on the last Sunday of each month.

JOURNEY OF FAITH - Starts next Tuesday **30th September**. You are invited to join any of our weekly sessions to deepen your Catholic Faith. This week: Introducing the Journey and Tour of our Church. 7.30 pm ~ 9.00 pm. Free Church car park open. Access via Service Yard D. Please will you become a sponsor - details from shaunhoward@msn.com

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Come and join us to explore and reflect on our Scripture readings. We meet in the Parish Room at 7.45pm on the **2nd** and **4th** Monday of each month. More information Louise: 01344 427132 or Anne: 01344 451847

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING – These meetings are held at 2.00pm on the **1st** Thursday of each month in the Parish Room, the next meeting is on **2nd October**, everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP - Are holding their annual day for local representatives on Saturday **4th October**, 2.00-5.00pm, at St Edwards Church Hall, Chandlers Ford. There will be an introduction to the Diocesan Framework for Collaboration and the Fellowship, followed by some reminders about the role of a local representative. Several workshops will focus on various forms of disability and we will conclude with feedback from the reps. All who share an interest with the Fellowship are welcome to join them for the afternoon.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Every first and third Tuesday in the month, 8.00-9.30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome; the next meeting is on **7th October**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - The next meeting of our PPC will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday **8th October** in the Hall. We welcome your ideas, concerns and suggestions which you can send through to the Parish Office. One member of our PPC, Megan, has now left to go to University. We thank her for using her gifts and talents for the benefit of our Parish. If you would like to come along to our next meeting with a view to becoming a member of the PPC, you would be very welcome.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 3pm, Sunday 19th October - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday **19th October** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. All are welcome. If you can help in any way, please speak to Theresa McDougall or Maura Holt.

DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY - For those may be considering a vocation to the priesthood there is a Discovering Priesthood Day at St John's Seminary, Womersley, on **1st November**, 2014, 10am - 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact: Fr. John Chandler: jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PARISH NEWS

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE – If your child was born on or after 1st September 2010 and on or before 31st August 2011 then please register your child now by telephone on 01344 35200 or online at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/primaryschooladmissions Bracknell Forest residents only.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Isabella Stacey and Lilly Dickinson who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PERMANENT DEACONS – Fr Danny would like to present two candidates for this Ministry to the Bishop. The journey towards ordination lasts for four years and is open to married or single men who are under fifty. Could God be calling you to this great work?

FINANCE TEAM – There are two vacancies on the Finance Team. Especially welcome are those with skills in IT, Finance and Building.

ROTAS' – The Counting and Laundering of Purificators Rotas' are now available in the Sacristy.

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

MOTHER AND TODDLERS – Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am in the Hall. We are in need of someone who can help set up the Hall before the start of the sessions. Thank you.

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

FOOD BANK – The Foodbank is VERY short of Tinned Fruit, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Soup and Rice. As always, thank you for your generosity.

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

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. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

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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To
***The Society of St Vincent
de Paul for their care of
the poor***

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Total £877.12 Thank You
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