

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW  
**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM**  
**PASSION SUNDAY**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Psalter Week 2

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We begin our descent towards the Easter Vigil with words of Passion. There is nothing other worldly about this descent or the passion of which we speak. In the words of the great Song, God on our Side? by The Neville Brothers, 'For many long hours, I've been thinking about this. That Jesus Christ was betrayed with a kiss. I cannot tell you. Only you can decide. If Judas Iscariot had God on his side'.

I found and cherished this fragment of a conversation between two Holy and Wise and Passionate men. Ponder its meaning for your own life carefully this week.

They walked some distance. Then John spoke to Nicholas.

Perhaps,  
There is a deeper wisdom than vengeance, whose name is Justice.  
Perhaps,  
There is a deeper wisdom than justice, whose name is Mercy.  
Perhaps,  
There is a deeper wisdom than mercy, whose name is Forgiveness.  
Perhaps,  
There is a deeper wisdom than forgiveness, whose name is Love.

A peach stone is gnarled and strong,  
Not to be crushed in a man's fist,  
Or broken with his teeth.  
Yet the gentle touch of soil and  
The soft warmth of the sun,  
Prompts it's life.  
Love kindles morality.

There are many who are wanting in Love. And so are we wanting in Love.  
And so they continued their journey together in stillness of spirit.

(Sands of Time, Tales of Wisdom from the Desert. Derek Webster. St Paul's 1993. p.75)



# *St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow*

## *PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION*

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Stasita Power†
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Frank Henry Baxter†
		10.30am	Mass	Maxima Camba†
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>11.00am Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral</b>	

## *HOLY WEEK*

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Roy Tomlinson†
		10.15am	Rosary	

## *MAUNDY THURSDAY*

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	
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## *GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION*

Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>3.00pm</b>		
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## *HOLY SATURDAY*

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass	RCIA Participants
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## *EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION*

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Maire Mair†

**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, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Kate McGrath, Alex McCall and Patrick Holmwood

### **And those who are unwell or in hospital**

Peter Bentley, Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Marjory Vermuelen, Una Mair and Peggy Heasman.

## DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS



**OUR WORK OF LOVE FOR LENT - St. Theresa`s Catholic Health Centre** –Thank you to those of you who have already returned your envelope with your donation. A basket will be available in the porch after all weekend Masses for all donations. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** - The Stations of the Cross for Children during the 10.30 mass on will be on Palm Sunday **29<sup>th</sup> March**. We are hoping to do this around the church's garden, weather permitting; we ask that all children aged 5 and under are accompanied by an adult.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – The week's topic for **31<sup>st</sup> March** is **Catholic Devotions**.

**CHRISM MASS** – On Tuesday **31<sup>st</sup> March** at 11.00am in the Cathedral. If you would like to travel to Portsmouth by sharing a car please contact the Parish Office.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** – The training course will begin on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** and run for 8 weeks. Further information about times, etc will be available nearer the time. If you would like to be part of this Ministry there is still time to sign up. If you have any difficulty attending the training sessions or need a lift please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699. Anyone with ideas about what should be included in training can also call and speak to Steve.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** – The next meeting of the PPC will be on Wednesday **8<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.15pm in the Church Hall. Please forward any ideas, concerns or suggestions for the attention of the PPC to the Parish office by **1<sup>st</sup> April**.

**INVITATION TO CATENIAN SPRING BUFFET EVENING** - The Catenians are an association of Catholic men who meet monthly to support our faith and our families and also have an active social calendar. We are currently looking for new members. We would like to invite the men of the parish and their wives to a buffet evening at the Bracknell Hilton on Wednesday **15<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm. Come and meet us and have a pleasant evening finding out who we are. Please contact [bf318.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:bf318.secretary@gmail.com) or text or call 07789 751090 so that we can cater for the right number.

**CAR PARK** – Car Park Registration Forms are available from the Parish Office.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016** (21.07.2016 - 02.08.2016) All young members of the parish who will be over 15 years old (and under 35!) in 2016 are invited to join other young people from Portsmouth Diocese to travel together by coach to Krakow in Poland in Summer 2016 to celebrate with Pope Francis and other Catholic youth from around the world. Places are limited so if you are interested, please speak to Fr Danny as soon as possible.



**LIFTS TO 10.30am MASS NEEDED? - Can you help?** Do you live in Warfield (near Bullbrook) or Priestwood (near Garth School)? Would you be able to give someone a lift to 10.30am Sunday Mass? If you can help, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL THE GOOD SPORTS** - Who contributed the first wave of home-grown paintings to our Gallery of Greeters and Inspirers. (And to their very supportive families!)

**CAN YOU HELP** – Would all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please consider helping to cover the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses by signing up on the sheets on the Parish noticeboard in the porch? Thank you for those already signed up.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** – Send their heartfelt thanks to all those who have donated goods to the Ascot & Bracknell St Vincent de Paul Society. They were delivered to needy people in our community.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** - Bishop Philip will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year from 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you are interested to learn more there will be a information evening at English Martyrs, Reading on Thursday **23<sup>rd</sup> April** at 7.30pm

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE** – Please pick up your FREE copy this weekend, and look out for the article on page 4 about our own Abigail Harris.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** - Easter window posters are now available (free) in the Porch. Please take and display in your front windows. What a good way to Evangelise.

**THE FOOD BANK** – Is desperately short of bags of sugar and asked if we could please donate some **1kg** bags. Thank you.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**THE RETIRING OFFERING** – On Good Friday is for the Holy Places.

**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 or speak to Fr. Danny.

**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.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
**Total £1191.05 - Thank You**  
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE  
TO  
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

**Our Heartfelt Thanks**  
**To Hugh Gibbons and his team**  
**of artists for our beautiful**  
**new gallery in Princess Square**