

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
Corpus Christi

FOLLOWING LOVE INTO MYSTERY: TO BREAK AND TO POUR

29th May 2016 - Psalter Week 1

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As I get older I believe that 'growing up' is about being better at giving ourselves. It seems to me now, that this is a basic human need, - to make Sacrifice - the enterprise of making life holy by contributing something to it.

For sure, the beautiful catholic tradition has been promoting this for a long time. And when the narratives of the last supper are prayerfully pondered something strange emerges. Jesus takes this need we have to break our bodies and pour out our blood, and asks us to do this in memory of Him. An invitation to be like Him.



And so He takes Bread in His Hands and reveals who He really is. His higher, or transcendent self, is gathered up and made ready for the act of giving - as we must. Having gathered His life in His Hands, He gives thanks for it - as we must. Everything is a Gift from God, and, in our simple thank you we reverence the gift of the life we are living. Gratefulness, fills us up from the inside. He then takes the Chalice and sees Himself being poured out to

unleash a tidal wave of forgiveness - as we must. A life gratefully received will be the life we seek freely to give away.

We consider carefully the words and actions of Jesus at His last supper. Doing so will make us better at sacrificing. His words and gestures invite us to hold sacrifice, gratefulness and transcendence together. We need all three. If we only embrace the transcendent, we risk becoming a spiritual elite. If we only have gratitude, we risk becoming people who are so busy counting their blessings that we lose compassionate touch with the suffering of others. And if we move to sacrifice without first giving thanks for what we have, we risk becoming angry and resentful. We pour ourselves out and find we are running on empty.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus' disciples are busy telling Him what they don't have, He gives them a first glimpse of the meaning of these beautiful Eucharistic gestures. To gather and give thanks for what we have. To remember that what is freely received must be freely given. And above all, to live by the undisputed truth that anyone who holds onto their life, loses it.

The ones who have the grace to receive what is given and then to give it away are amazed at the end result. Twelve baskets full. One for each of the givers!

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – Corpus Christi

Saturday	28 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Janet Salisbury†
Sunday	29 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
Monday	30 th	NO MASS		

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Feast

Tuesday	31 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Anthony Nunest†

ST JUSTIN, Martyr

Wednesday	1 st	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jurgens Family†
Thursday	2 nd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday	3 rd	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Eileen Larkin†

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday	4 th	10.00am	Mass	Noreen Paterson
		10.45am	Confessions	

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Robert Buchanan†
Sunday	5 th	8.30am	Mass	Maria Veronica Quijalvo
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

**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, David McCann, Jadwiga Butcher.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Mary Williams, Patricia Holmwood.

DATES AND NEWS

WORLD YOUTH EVENT IN POLAND 2016 – CAKE SALES after all Masses weekend **28th and 29th May 2016** fund-raising for the World Youth event in Poland in July. Donations of cakes, cupcakes/cookies much appreciated please leave in hall or the porch before Mass. Please return filled smarties tubes next weekend too. Thank you for your continued support.

BRACKNELL FAITH AND BELIEF FORUM'S AGM – **Wednesday 1st June 2016** at 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Bracknell Forest Homes, Berkshire Court, Western Road, Bracknell, RG12 1RE

MASTERCLASS IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – A series of eight reflections (on CD) by Dr James Finley on Thomas Merton will begin on **Thursday 2nd June 2016** at 7.00pm in the parish hall. If you feel drawn to this Masterclass, please contact the Parish Office.

TAIZE PRAYER GROUP – We will be inaugurating this style of beautiful prayerfulness for the whole community. I would like to invite all singers and musicians who are drawn to this new venture to let me know of their availability so that we can wisely choose the right time to come together. This new Ministry of Prayer needs a leader and, if you feel 'called and gifted' to this task, please contact the Parish Office.

CAR BOOT SALE – At St Joseph's School on **Saturday 4th June 2016** from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Pitches available from 10.00am, £10 each. To book a pitch please contact Judy Baker on mrsjudybaker@hotmail.com

CAFOD VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Jo Lewry and Lynda Mussell will speak at all Masses **4th and 5th June 2016** about the work overseas and how parishioners can become volunteers.

ANTI-ABORTION CAMPAIGN - The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) is campaigning for abortion up until birth for any reason. Please sign the petition against this at www.citizengo.org/en/lf/34595-royal-college-of-midwives-campaigns-for-abortion-up-until-birth-for-any-reason. Please also sign <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/119229> to stop the NHS funding abortions from your tax money.

RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION – Will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to the 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 8th June 2016**.

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION – Every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks on the Essentials of the Faith at St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead from **14th June to 19th July 2016** 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY/SUMMER FAYRE – **Saturday 18 June 2016** from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. All former staff, pupils, parents, governors and parishioners invited to come and help us celebrate this special occasion. We are hoping to display photographs through the years since 1976. If you have any that you would share with us please contact the School Office on 01344 424030. Raffle tickets on sale at Masses **4th, 5th, 11th and 12th June 2016**. Thank you for supporting us in this event.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 19 June 2016** at 2.30pm

CLOTHES BANK - The next ClothesBank giveaway will be on **Wednesday 22nd June 2016**. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of good quality used clothes for children of all ages and trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks for example need to be new. JymJam's June is an appeal for new adults' and children's pyjamas. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at all weekend Masses. Help will be needed on **Wednesday 22nd June** from 9am-9.30am in our church car park unloading boxes of clothes and taking them into the Hall and again from 12.30pm-1pm taking the boxes from the hall and reloading them. If you feel able to donate your time, please contact the Parish Office or turn up on the day.

DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE – Saturday 2nd July 2016
10.00am to 2.00pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please book your place via caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK (NJPN) – Please sign up to the e-Newsletter for information on very important issues which affect all our lives www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk

GOLF DAY FOR CAFOD – Organised by the Catenian Association on **Friday 8 July 2016** at 12.30pm at Wellow Golf Club, Ryedown Lane, East Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 6BD. Golfers of all abilities welcome. For more information/application form please contact Roger Lillie on 07729 368195 or email rlillie@cafod.org.uk

SERVICE OF HEALING – Everyone is welcome to the Service of Healing on **Sunday 10 July 2016** at 3.00pm. If you are willing to offer a lift to/from the Service or make cakes/sandwiches for the afternoon tea, there will be sign-up sheets in the porch nearer this time.

HOLY DOOR YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGES – Abingdon on **Saturday 23rd July 2016** and the Portsmouth Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd September 2016**. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to take this beautiful pilgrimage.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 19th August – 26th August, led by Bishop Philip. Information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES COMPANION - "Female Parishioner travelling to Lourdes on 19th August, looking for another female to room share. Please contact Marie-Danielle on 07754 206165

ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL : PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES – There are currently 2 Parent Governor vacancies at the school. The main role of the Governing Body is to provide the strategic direction for the school, to hold the head teacher to account and to ensure that the school budget is well spent. Nominations forms must be received by **Monday 21st September, 4.00pm** to the school marked for the attention of the Returning Officer. No nomination will be accepted after that date and time. For more information www.stjosephs.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/governors

PRAYER GROUPS -The Evening Prayer Group meet at 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Church Hall. The Daytime Prayer Group meet at 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. after Mass and Rosary on 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Church Hall. Please contact Anne D'souza on 01344 420465.

CRAFT GROUP – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Hall during school term time only.

SOUP & ROLL – Cancelled for **Friday 3rd June 2016** due to half term.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Total amount: £1745.35

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES

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PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



To all who generously donate
to the Food Bank and Clothes Bank
to help all those in need.