

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

## THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 Psalter Week 2

### PUTTING HUMPTY DUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN

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Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses and all the king's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

The Passion for Reconciliation is, without doubt, the heartbeat of the Gospel. We might say it is THE Mission of the Church to bring and to make Peace. Are any of us immune from hurt or from falling out? Have any of us reached today without making a mistake and hurting others? Probably not. Heaven's agenda is for two disciples on earth who are alienated, to find their way home. Follow these steps and there is a better chance for Humpty Dumpty.

Step One: Pray for each other and pray for forgiveness and reconciliation. This is not as obvious as it seems!

Step Two: Meet and get the problem out into the open. Interestingly, Jesus teaches that the onus is on the one offended to seek out the offender. Yet, in the same breath He teaches that winning our sister or brother over is less about proving who is right and more about reaching an understanding. The one who is hurt must be able to articulate clearly what their hurt is. At the same time, they must have the skill of not predicting what the response will be from the offender. Quite often, we bypass this step, referring our hurt to others in the hope that the offender will be chastised.



Step Three: Find support in the form of mediation. The Gospel assumes that disciples have the ability to listen. But when we are being challenged it is hard to remain attentive, and we get busy formulating our defence. Probably because we are more inclined to justify our behaviour rather than truly examine it. Here, we sometimes swing between self defence and flippant apology. We can't just say we are sorry for the sake of it. If we do, no genuine reconciliation will happen. And so, if confession and self examination are part of our daily routine, we might find we are more flexible when dealing with conflict.

Step Three: Ask the wider community for support. Which is quite different from just telling others what happened to us. The wider community might provide someone who will not collude in our need to be stalled.

And then ..... If all these fail, the offending person is considered as one in need of missionary work. Like Tax Collectors and Gentiles they become special objects of the community's relentless care.

All the above reflect our underlying passion for peace. The spiritually informed person is always searching for the next step, the next possibility which will soften hardness of heart

## ***St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow***

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Mike Harding†
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Jan Olchowik†
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Ifiok Udoh
		7.00pm	Holy Hour	

## ***ST GREGORY THE GREAT***

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Gregory James Arthur
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Vernon, Mavis & Charlotte D'Souza
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	John O'Sullivan†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Anne Nugent
		10.30m	Confessions	
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin†
		10.30am	Mass	Anna, Ron & Ernesto

### **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 Mair, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,  
Eileen Green & Catherine Jones

## PARISH NEWS

**WE WELCOME BACK** – Fr Danny from his holiday.

**HOLY HOUR** - There will be a Holy Hour to pray for lasting peace in the Gaza/Israel conflict on Tuesday, **2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 7.00 pm.

**SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING** – The next meeting is on Thursday **4<sup>th</sup> September**. These meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, everyone is welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015** – Parents who submitted an application the programme in September will have received a letter from Fr. Danny inviting you to a meeting on **Sunday 7 September 2014** at **9.45am** in the church. At this meeting, all the information and resources that you and your child will need to begin this wonderful journey will be given to you.

**PARISH FAYRE** - There will be a Parish Fayre after all Masses during the weekend of **6th/7th September** in the Hall. Come along and find out more about what Groups/Ministries your Parish has to offer. Teas and Coffees will be available as usual.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE GROUP** – Would you like to deepen your knowledge of Scripture? We invite you to join us. We are a friendly group of people who reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday and try to discern their meaning for our lives. We will meet in the Parish room at 7.45 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Our first meeting will be on Monday **8th September**. For more information contact Anne: 01344 451847 or Louise: 01344 427132.

**LIFE HOUSE** – There will be a meeting on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> September** from 7.30 to 9.00pm, everyone interested is welcome. Contact [dominica.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:dominica.roberts@gmail.com) or 01344 422902 for the address

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> September** in the Hall. Please feel free to send through your ideas, suggestions or concerns for the attention of the PPC to the Parish Office by 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH** - Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday **13<sup>th</sup> September** from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**MARY MOTHER OF EVANGELISATION** - A day of Prayer and Reflection, based on Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium, at the Marist Senior School, Sunninghill 10.30am – 4.30pm on Saturday **13th September**. Led by Fr Tom Taaffe, PP Ascot and Sr Mary-Magdalen Smyth SM. Cost £12.00 to include buffet lunch, teas and coffees. Further details and to book, contact Maura Holt through the Parish Office by 22nd August.

**OBLIGATORY DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers: We have booked a place for each minister in the parish for your annual retreat day at Douai Abbey. It is important for you to let the parish office know as soon as possible which of the days you will be attending because the Abbey can only accommodate 20 per day. There are still places available on **13th September, 27th September and 5th October**.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH INVITATION TO COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET EVENING** - Please bring anyone who is interested to our taster 'come and see' evening on Tuesday **September 23rd** at 7.30pm for the start of our Journey of Faith sessions. These are held weekly for all who wish to know more about our Catholic Faith. Please book if possible: [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Every first and third Tuesday in the month.

**SAFEGUARDING** - There will be Child Protection Training (10am-12.30pm) and Vulnerable Adult Training (1.30pm-4pm) on Saturday **27th September** at St Edwards, 44 Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HU and on Saturday 11 October at St Swithun's, Firgrove Road, Yateley GU46 6NH. There will also be **REFRESHER TRAINING** on Saturday **20th September** (10-12.30) at St Joseph's Bracknell. To book your place, please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 02392816396 email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**FEAST of ST VINCENT de PAUL** – Saturday **27th September**. Come and celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul with the SVP at 10.00am Mass, followed by our Fundraising Event in the Hall. Donations of wine, toiletries, bric a brac, Jewellery or any items suitable for the raffle, please and cakes on the day would be greatly appreciated. SVP Donation Box will be in the Porch on the weekend of 6/7 September and 13/14 September.

**BISHOP PHILIP EGAN** - Will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday **27th September** 2014 at 4:00 pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All are invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** - There will be a Day for Confirmation Leaders and Catechists led jointly by Formation for Mission and Liturgy & Music Teams on Saturday **27th September**, 10.00am-3.00pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.

**PEGGY'S KEEP FIT CLASSES** – Start again on Tuesday **2nd September** at 2.00pm

**SOUP AND ROLL** – Starting again on Friday **5th September** after the 12.10pm Mass, all are welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING** - We are now cleaning the church every **3rd** Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome

**FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES** - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. If you would like to join the rota from September, please contact the Parish Office.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** – If you would like prayers said for anyone who is sick, housebound or in hospital of our community and, also those who care for them, please contact the Parish Office on 01344 425729

**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.

***THANK YOU  
Fr Benjamin for  
looking after the  
Parish***

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS  
Total £849.82 - Thank You  
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES  
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