

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
PLEASEING AND DISPLEASEING

31st January 2016 Psalter Week 4

Parish Office: Stanley Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1HA
Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

Telephone: 01344 425729 Email: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk
Safeguarding Representative: Marion McGuire 07712048695

In a few weeks, the Called and Gifted Team will be coming to Bracknell. They will support us to grow in confidence that we are called by name, and called again to use our gifts for others. I want to encourage as many as possible to take part in this event - especially those who may lack the confidence to come forward and use their talents in and for the community.

Over the next few weeks, we will be listening to some of the 'Call Stories' in Sacred Scripture. Starting with the call of Sarah and Abraham and ending with the call of the disciples, there is a clear pattern which marks the call as genuine.

Everyone is called by name. There are some beautiful texts which make it clear that the personal and the eternal are One. God says to Jeremiah, 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you!' The Psalmist sings! 'I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonder of all your creation'.

Those who are called to fall in love with God with every breath they take, and to deepen their understanding of what it means to be loved, are also asked to be a Blessing for the world, for others. God needs builders, not destroyers to act in His Name. And here is the Promise:

God moves amongst us, calling us to join the 'good' no matter where it is happening. Sometimes good things happen to us and sometimes they happen to others. But it always needs hands and hearts to increase its effectiveness. We begin by lending a hand and see what happens to our hearts. We do good even when it looks like we will get nothing out of it, when we cannot evaluate it in terms of our pleasure or displeasure. Suddenly we find we are filled with joy whenever good is happening. We feel no resentment for the widow of Zarephath or the leper of Syria. Instead we are just happy that her hunger has been filled and his health restored. It is in these moments that the prophecy of human liberation is fulfilled in our own hearing.

In the twinkling of an eye, the people of Nazareth turned on Jesus because He reminded them that Love is the primary Sacrament, and all creation is Gods' Cathedral. As he asked them to open the closed door of their hearts, he suddenly started looking like someone they wanted to throw off a cliff! Hopefully, we won't make the same mistake.

**YOU ARE
CALLED AND
GIFTED**



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	30 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Melvyn Mia
Sunday	31 st	8.30am	Mass	Edward Sheppard
		10.30am	Mass	John O'Dea†
Monday	1 st	NO MASS		

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Tuesday	2 nd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30am	Mass	John McAvoy†
		9.10am	Morning Prayer	
Thursday	4 th	9.30am	Mass	Fr Francis Leonard & Ann
		10.15am	Rosary	
		9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Casimir Francis Xavier†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	

St. AGATHA

Friday	5 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Patrick Landers†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

St. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

Saturday	6 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Myrna & Ron Gardiner†
		10.45am	Confessions	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	6 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	7 th	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty†
		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, 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 Simon Poile† who has died. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 11th February** at 1.00pm.



INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN THE CALLED AND GIFTED PROGRAMME - Do you want to understand better what God wants you to do with your life and how best to serve Him? The Called and Gifted programme is coming to our Parish soon. It consists of three steps to help you to discern the gifts you have been given by the Holy Spirit. It starts on Friday 4th March (evening) and continues on Saturday 5th March (all day), with formal teaching on a series of topics about how we, as lay Catholics, can recognise what we are called to do. After that, if you are interested, you can sign up for a personal conversation to help you start discerning your gifts and then, finally, join a small group for further meetings. You will find it inspiring and personal to you and there is no cost.

WHEN: Friday 4th March 7pm – 9pm **AND Saturday 5th March** 9am - 4pm (you need to attend both dates) **WHERE:** St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall, Bracknell. For further information or to book your place, go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted



WYD2016 CAKE SALES - Back by popular demand before Lent begins! Cake Sales after all Masses next weekend **6th/7th February** to raise funds to send 6 young people from our parish to the World Youth Event in Poland next summer with Pope Francis. Donations of cakes/cupcakes would be very much appreciated and may be left in the porch or brought to the Hall before Mass. Thank you for your continued support. Youth Fundraising Team.

THE SEASON OF LENT- is fast approaching. It's all about preparing to celebrate the Feast of Feasts, The Resurrection of the Lord. Keep your eyes open for some of the wonderful things which will be happening to support us to celebrate Lent this year. I do hope that everyone will make the space and time to take the next step we must take on our journey.

On **Tuesday of Holy Week - 22nd March** - the whole Diocese celebrates the Mass of Chrism. I would like to organise a coach so that as many as possible can take part in this Celebration. If you have never experienced it before, it is beautiful, and Lent is a time for beautiful things!

Next week we will be publishing a full list of all the events which will take place during Lent.

LENTEN MOMENTS OF MERCY - Lent presents a wonderful time to reflect on themes of mercy and *Lenten Moments of Mercy* aims to help. This daily e-mail series delivers fresh reflections based on the Scriptures of Lent, sharing the inspiring words of Pope Francis and suggesting Lenten actions and prayers. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, take time each day for *Lenten Moments of Mercy* and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter. Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday through until Easter Sunday. www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy.htm

LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION - Bishop Philip invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents' Association in our Diocese. The Mass will take place at 12.15pm on **Friday 12th February 2016** and will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. If you are interested in going but would need a lift, please speak to Maura Holt or sign the interest sheet on the noticeboard. If we have enough people interested in going, it may be possible to hire a minibus. For information about the CGA, see their website: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

CHRISM MASS – This year's Chrism Mass will take place at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 22nd March** at 11.00am and more volunteer singers are needed. No previous experience is necessary. The rehearsal is 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.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP 2016 – This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age. It will take place on **Sunday 7th August – Saturday 13th August** at St. Cassian's Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £190 (though full and part bursaries are available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THE BLESSING OF THROATS – **Wednesday 3rd February** is the feast of St. Blaise and we will be celebrating the Blessing Of Throats in that day's Mass.

THE CHURCH SHOP – Votive candles are now in stock. This is the last weekend of the January sale, with items marked up to **50% OFF**.

ALZHEIMER'S SINGING KLUB – will meet on **Monday 1st February** from 12.15pm – 2.15pm in the Church Hall.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting of the group will be held on **Monday 8th February** at 27 Ardingly. All are welcome to join. For more information please call Anne on 01344 451847.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£540.60
Envelopes & Cheques	£274.65
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total	£1325.25

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



**All those who support our
young people**