

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31st May 2015 Psalter Week 1

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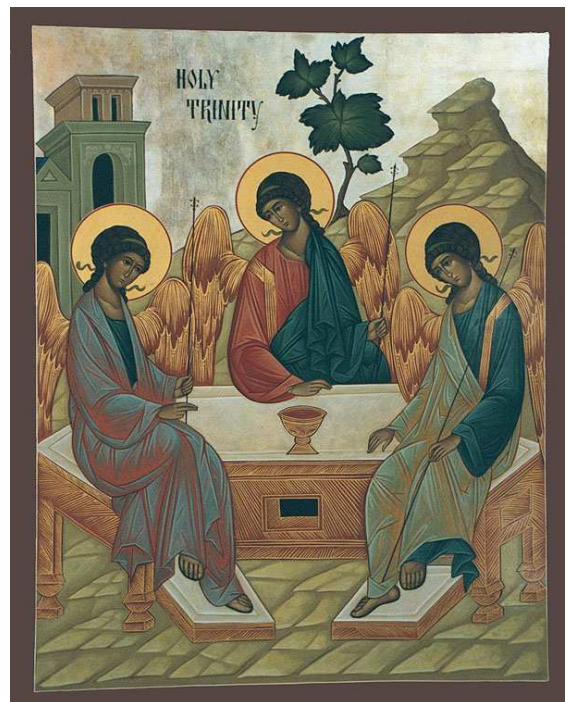
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For a short time, six years or so, I ministered to refugees arriving at Southampton Docks. There was a chapel at St Joseph's Refuge, and, one day, I noticed one of our guests, a Muslim, wandering round looking the statues. He looked at me, smiled in his usual friendly way, and said, "O my, Father Danny, you Catholics really love your religious toys! For us there is only One God. We don't need anything else".

Now, Sr. Teresa had already told us in primary school that talking about God, as if we understood the word, was like trying to fill the sea with buckets of water. And as for the Trinity well don't even try to understand that! Just accept it as part of the gift that comes with your faith.

My own journey into the Trinity comes, as yours does through my life and my work. Ministering to prisoners, to refugees, to the hungry, to the homeless, to new lives being baptised, forgiven or married, guiding sisters and brothers towards the Sacred, and being present to the frail and the dying, has been guided by one unshakeable principle, and that is the Dignity of the Human Person. This Principle states that everyone, no matter their circumstances, has a right to our respect. Human Dignity is never diminished by circumstance, and is consulted again and again so that we act with honour in what we say and do to others. And this principle is based on the other truth we are growing into that we are made in the image of God. And all Sr. Teresa had to say was that God is not alone! And neither are we! A beautiful Vision! Now, our dignity may be even more than we imagined it to be! Our Soul, which is accessed through our eyes, bears the imprint of the Sacred. Have a look and see!

Put quite simply. Human Dignity can never be mine, it can only be ours. And when we relate like it is ours, God's Face becomes a little clearer. I felt muddled and befuddled by Sr. Teresa. Yet, I feel excited by the possibilities that being created as Icons of the Trinity frees us from thinking we are ever alone. In the Most Holy Trinity, three persons give themselves to each other so freely that it makes them One. Since we are made like that



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday	30 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Frank Lynch†
Sunday	31 st	8.30am	Mass	Mitchell Family
		10.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
Monday	1 st	NO MASS		
Tuesday	2 nd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mary Downey†

ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

Wednesday	3 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jurgens Family
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	4 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Communion Service	

ST BONIFACE

Friday	5 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Dave Pratt†
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	6 th	12.00	First Holy Communion Mass	

CORPUS CHRISTI

Saturday	6 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Kathleen O'Sullivan†
Sunday	7 th	8.30am	Mass	John Joseph O'Dea†
		10.30am	Mass	David Hancock†
		1.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass	

**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, Peggy Finan, Frances Dyson, and Yvonne Gantzer

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Anne Adams, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Carol Clarke, Una Mair, Peggy Heasman, Anne Hardy, Ester Brothy and Nora Cronin

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Our children will be making their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 6th June at 12.00 and Sunday 7th June at 1.00pm**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

REQUIEM MASS – For Alex McCall† will be celebrated on Wednesday **10th June** at 12.00. Please keep his family in your prayers.

MUCHAS GRACIAS - ADELANTE! - Many people in El Salvador and the UK say they are delighted that our whole congregations joined in the celebrations for Blessed Oscar Romero.

SERVICE OF HEALING - Thank you to Fr Danny and everyone who helped at the Service of Healing and afternoon tea last Sunday. It was lovely to see so many join our Sick and Housebound Parishioners for the afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers are with those housebound Parishioners who were unable to attend. “May peace, grace and love surround you.”

RELIC OF ST EDMUND CAMPION - The Knights of St Columba are planning to bring the Relic of St Edmund Campion to the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday **10th June**. Edmund Campion was arrested at Lyford Grange, Berkshire in 1581, taken to the Tower of London, convicted of treason and executed. He was canonized in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Thank you to those who have sent in ideas, concerns and suggestions. The next PPC meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday **10th June** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings.

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION - The next Tuesday Faith Formation evening will take place from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm on **16th June** in **Reading - English Martyrs** (RG30 2EB). No registration is required and there is no attendance fee. If you are willing to give someone a lift or if you would like a lift, please contact the Parish Office.

WE WELCOME – Into our community Megan Soiza, Joshua Reed, Jacob Franklin, Sophia Caushi, Kevin & Barbara Asher, Rylee Jones, Rory Buckland, Isabella Elkington, Harrison Patrick Fourie and Jacob George Nowell who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

SUMMER FAYRE – At St Margaret Clitherow School is being held on Saturday **13th June** from 12.30-3.00pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass on the Saturday evenings and on the Sunday Masses.

OVER 50 KEEP FIT – Every **TUESDAYS** from 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

COME JOIN US FOR A QUIET DAY AT AYLESFORD PRIORY - We are planning a quiet day at Aylesford Priory on Monday **13th July**. The coach leaves our church at 9.00am and arrival home is at approx. 6.00pm. Mass will be at noon. The rest of the afternoon will be for quiet time with the Lord in the chapel or grounds. Bring a picnic or visit the Barn Cafe, Bookshop, Duck Pond and Pottery. Price for the day is £20.00 per person. We hope you can join us. Sign up on the notice board or for queries contact Renata on 01344 484495.

TRUE SURVIVOR COURSE - Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th July 2015

The True Survivor Course is a spiritual survival course for young men aged 16-25. Over 3 days hiking and camping in the New Forest, we will learn how to survive in the wilderness whilst learning how our Catholic faith can survive and flourish in our world. For more information on the skills that will be learned and for pictures of past courses check out www.truesurvivor.uk and www.facebook.com/truesurvivor. The cost of the course will be £60.

FR JAYA'S ORPHANS - 18 parishioners generously sponsor a child in India for £150 a year, which covers food, clothing, upkeep and schooling. We are looking for more sponsors: see the parish website under Community and Causes: Fr. Jaya. Every single penny given goes directly to this. If you can sponsor a child, or contribute in part, please contact Dominica on Dominica.roberts@gmail.com or 01344 422902

CARERS AND TODDLERS GROUP – Each **Tuesday** in the hall 9.30am-11.30am during School Term Time.

SOUP AND ROLL – Every **Friday** in the Hall after the 12.10pm Mass, everyone welcome.

ACTORS NEEDED – For a play on Catholic themes to be performed in August at South Hill Park. They are looking for one lady over thirty and one boy of any age for two small parts. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays. If you are interested please call Sue on 07594976699 or 07747196014 asap.

BRACKNELL REGENERATION – The Redevelopment of Service Yard D will commence on Monday 1st June. We have been asked to advise parishioners accordingly not to park in this area at any time.

CAR PARK – For those parishioners not registered to park and requiring access to the Car Park please Press 1 and Enter on the Entry Console, this dials into the Parish Office and the secretaries are able to remotely lower the bollard from there.

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, add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' and 'St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Bracknell' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

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 £985.25 - Thank You

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TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

Thank You

To

Our Wonderful Sacristans