

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SECRETS HIDDEN IN THE HEART OF DEATH

3rd April 2016

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Believer or not, sister death seems to have the impressive power to sever ties. When we are in the land of loss, and all we have is our broken hearts to guide us, we often look for signs that the one that we love is doing okay. The person is definitely not with us in the same way that they always were, but we want to know that they are somewhere and that they are happy. It seems that we will more easily accept the loss if we know the person is at peace in another reality. We might look for signs that this is so. When it comes to our own time to die, we imagine that those we have loved will be waiting for us. We've all heard stories of people who are close to death, gazing contentedly into a place we cannot see. It is assumed they are catching a first glimpse of a welcoming committee, guiding them safely to the other side. Death is about reconnecting with those we have loved and lost.

St. John is not at all impressed by the separating power of death. Jesus is returning to his Abba, but that does not mean he is leaving His loved ones on earth. The opposite is true. His death creates the conditions for us to touch and see His boundless love clearly. He speaks words of peace to the broken hearted. He offers clear evidence that the wounds of love are wellsprings of Grace. He celebrates the joy this understanding brings, and then, in an extraordinary flow of word and action, elevates forgiveness to the heartbeat and life blood of the new community - our church.

One Apostle, Thomas, needs more time to see and understand these things, and Jesus gives it to him. When the penny finally drops and Thomas utters the best prayer he ever prayed, Jesus drops a new Beatitude, straight into the hearts of those who are still trying to see and who risk their hearts anyway.

And the point of all this? To confirm what we have always known in the inmost and most innocent places of our hearts, that Jesus, The Christ, The Beloved Son of God, has Risen not for Himself, but for us. This is why His Name is so precious to us, and why we speak it only with reverence and love.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Anna Maria & James William Johnson†
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Cesar & Maxima Camba†
		2.30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Monday	4 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5 th	9.30am	Communion Service only no morning prayers	
Wednesday	6 th	9.30am	Communion Service only no morning prayers	
Thursday	7 th	9.30am	Communion Service only no morning prayers	
Friday	8 th	12.10pm	Communion Service only no morning prayers	
Saturday	9 th	10.00am	Communion Service only no morning prayers	
		No Confessions		

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	9 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	The Sloane Family
Sunday	10 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Pierre Bales
		10.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis†

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.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Sally Torode and Nora Cronin.

DATES AND NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Rooney† her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on **Wednesday 13th April at 11.30am**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING – the next session is on **Saturday 9th April** at St Joseph's, Stanley Walk, Town Centre, Bracknell RG12 1HA - 10.00am – 12.30pm – given by Sue Smy. Those wishing to attend should register via email to soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by phone on 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430. Anyone who is new to a ministry with children or anyone who has not updated their training through church child protection training should register to attend this course.

WYD2016 CAKE SALES – After all Masses weekend **9/10 April**. Donations of cakes/cupcakes would be very much appreciated, please bring to the hall before Mass. Thank you for your continued support – Youth Fundraising Team.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS! Are you interested in learning more about the Taize tradition of meditative singing? Taize music uses simple phrases, usually from the psalms or other scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer. If you'd like to get involved, you are invited to a master class led by James Stead - a well-known musician and conductor experienced in Taize - to be held here at St. Joseph's on **Sunday 17 April 2016** at 2pm. Please contact Mary McNab at bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register your interest and check out this article on the Taize website to find out more: http://www.taize.fr/en_article338.html

SAVE THE DATE! A Date for Your Diary - Make sure you keep **Saturday 23rd April** free for an evening of retro Bingo fun & laughter! The World Youth Day Fundraising Team would like to invite you to support them with this fundraising event & help them get to Poland this July! Watch this space for details of ticket sales available after all Masses from 2 April 2016. Register your interest and pre-book tickets on the Parish website - £5 per ticket (£3 for under 12s). Limited number of tickets available - first come first serve.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 23 April 2016. You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk by Peter Hobbs: **“Father forgive them – intercessory prayer”**; 3.30 Prayer for healing; then refreshments. We end about 4pm. There is no need to reserve places, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK – Urgently requires: tinned tomatoes, jam/marmalade, long life milk 1 ltr, long life fruit juice 1 ltr, sugar 500g or 1kg, tinned meat. Thank you for your continued support.

CLOTHESBANK - The next ClothesBank giveaway, held every quarter in our Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be on **27TH April**. 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. If you would like to contribute a new pack of children's socks or underwear that would be great. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at all weekend Masses. Help will be needed on **27th April** 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 or are interested in knowing more about the ClothesBank, please contact the Parish Office.

A DAY OF ENRICHMENT FOR EXPERIENCED ROMAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL VISITORS – A day of Enrichment for experienced Roman Catholic pastoral visitors, hospital chaplaincy volunteers, those visiting/taking Holy Communion to people in nursing and residential homes and parish pastoral visitors will be held on **Saturday 30 April 2016** at Discovery Centre, Portsmouth

Cathedral starting at 9.00am to 1pm. If you wish to attend, please email Tess Prichard scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Friday 8 April 2016**.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Have you heard of Marriage Encounter? Well if you haven't it is probably one of the Church's "best kept secrets". Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience, open to married couples of all ages. It's not a retreat, religious instruction or counselling, but an experience to enrich and refresh marriages. Many thousands of couples have gained positive benefits from these weekends. You don't both have to be Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses are just as welcome as the whole weekend is based on looking at your own particular relationship. There are spaces available on the Marriage Encounter weekend taking place at Park Place Pastoral Centre, near Fareham from **13th to 15th May**. Interested? Visit our website <http://wwme.org.uk/> or contact Chris and Mary Farrall – 023 80275401

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016 – Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St. Bede's Church on **Saturday 9th July**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the online form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office on 01256 465214.

CAR PARK REGISTRATIONS –Updating of the car park entry system will take place between **1st & 3rd April 2016**. Only those vehicles registered for **April 2016 to March 2017** will then be able to gain entry. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office.

SVP – HELP REQUIRED – The SVP is looking for someone to help teach a dad to drive. He has had some lessons and has a car but the family cannot afford the fees. Are you a retired driving instructor who can spare a regular hour? If so, please call Jan McTague 07731 1862349.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on **Monday 11 April 2016** at 57 Wellington Road, Crowthorne. For further information please contact Ann on 01344 451847.

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

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

SOUP & ROLL – The next Soup & Roll will be on **Friday 15 April** after 12.10pm Mass. Thank you for those who have joined the team.

OFFERTORY BOXES – Please collect your box from the porch.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING FOR
THE HOLY PLACES**

Total amount: £89.03

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

**TO YOU ALL FROM THE DEPTH
OF MY HEART FOR YOUR
EXTRAORDINARY KINDNESS TO
ME THIS EASTER, WITH LOVE**