

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

**18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
3rd August 2014 Psalter Week 2**

GIVING WHAT WE DONT HAVE

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I sometimes wonder if, like Herod, we are all haunted by what we kill. And there are many ways to kill someone - like silence, writing them off, ruining their reputation, refusing warmth or forgiveness or love

Herod has killed John and Jesus is next on his hit list, so He withdraws to the deserts that are of no interest to the rich and powerful. The crowds follow the man who needs solitude, yet, as they move towards Him, He moves towards them. Misery meets Mercy and this mercy flows as healing, as God's Presence and care.

And now they are hungry, and it is the disciples turn to become anxious. They ask Him to send them away. To their surprise, He tells them to give them something to eat. They say they have 'nothing' but five and two. Disciples usually tell God they don't have enough. But five plus two is a sacred Seven, and the Seven reminds them that everything they have is a gift from God. Jesus asks them to see with His eyes, and when they do, the desert becomes a garden.



Jesus takes the five and two. He gives thanks to God for it. His gratitude overflows and this abundance of the Spirit, the Sacred 12, teaches the disciple that where the Spirit moves, there is never not enough to satisfy.

The Divine teacher teaches us all that we have two choices. Look at what we have or what we don't have. Our answer will determine what is possible!

Knowing what we have is the first step in spiritual transfiguration. Jesus asks us to bring that to Him. We give thanks for what we have. This is the second step. The third is to give it all away to those who will, in turn, give it to others. And so, the next time we find ourselves in the desert (and we will!) we will know what to do.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Austin Grey†
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Theresa & Terry Early
Monday	4 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Paul Baker†

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday	6 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Jim Gray†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	7 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Maveul Jaismon Jose
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	

ST DOMINIC

Friday	8 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Vera Stanton†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

FEAST OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

Saturday	9 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Allan Smith†
		1.00pm	Wedding of Laura Gibson and Joseph Stocker	
Saturday	10 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Augusta Da Sousa†
Sunday	11 th	8.30am	Mass	Matthew & Laura Tichbon
		10.30am	Mass	Nicola Howard†

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community and for those who care for them.

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, George chapman, 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 and Una Mair

PARISH NEWS

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Ruby and Frankie Moriarty, Isabelle and Jessica Williams and Gabriel Pizzolato-Sakamoto who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

FR JAYA – If you would still like to make an offering. Please send your Cheques to PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph and marked "for Fr. Jaya" on the back. The winning raffle ticket No **207** for the bottle of Whiskey has still not been claimed; please search your pockets & handbags.

SPONSOR A CHILD - If you are willing to sponsor a specific named child, Father Jaya asks that you pay at least £200 and promise to continue the amount for as long as it is needed, if at all possible. Most sponsoring parishioners give £150 a year (or more) to support a child without specifying which, and, if they can, continue to do so but are in no way committed. Ask Dominica Roberts via the parish office.

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.

PASTORAL CARE SERVICES - So much outstanding practice already takes place in our local parishes that could be made more widely available. The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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. To book your place, please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 02392816396 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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, 10am-3pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.

MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS - This course is for all Parish Catechists and anyone interested in developing his or her own faith for the sake of explaining and handing it on to others, including Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Youth Leaders and Small Group Leaders. A special introductory taster evening will take place at the new Maryvale Centre in the Diocese of Portsmouth – St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford on 10th September 7.30pm-9pm. See the noticeboard for further details.

YOUTH 2000 FESTIVAL WALSINGHAM - If you're aged 16-30 and you're interested in coming to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham 21st-25th August, there will be a coach travelling from Portsmouth with pick-up points at Winchester and Reading. For more information www.youth2000.org or contact Fr PJ Smith at edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH - Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13th 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 Speakers include Sarah Smith-Pearse (Communications Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean) who will be talking about the agency's work in Peru and Sophie Dodgeon (Head of Campaigns) who will outline the new climate change campaign.

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

MARYFIELD CONVENT - Catholic Residential Care Home London Road, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA Tel: 01256 762394. Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER? - If you've made your First Holy Communion, then you can! Just come along 15 minutes before Mass and introduce yourself to Fr. Danny and the other servers who will look after you and show you what to do.

CHURCH CLEANING - From August we will be 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

COMMUNICATION – Do you know that you can receive our parish newsletter directly to your inbox? Please email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list. Keep up to date with what's happening in the Diocese. The Diocesan e-news comes out once a week. Sign up on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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
*To all who serve Tea
and Coffee after each
Mass*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS
Total £974.58 - Thank You
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
PAYABLE TO
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