

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
KNOWING WE ARE HOME**

3rd May 2015 Psalter Week 1

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There is not one moment when we are not in the presence of God. Yet we might not always be aware of this. Jesus is the 'true' Vine because he does not forget. He inhales time and eternity in the same breath.

This Sunday's Gospel, (you are pruned already by means of the word I have spoken to you) invites us to take a fuller part, have a heightened sensitivity to and nurture our spiritual self. Our biological life, measured by time, has its own rhythm. Our awareness of the Sacred can recede if we are not working at it.

The vine dresser knows this, and the pruning we experience is fired by Compassion for us. He knows there are possibilities for richer and better fruit.



Disciples of Jesus are cleansed by the word He speaks to them. In other words, he takes whatever is blocking the flow of Life between us and our Abba. What is cut away frees us and makes us ready for the next step. He always makes the first move. Widening horizons. Transforming everything we see. But we have to allow this to happen. To come home to Him as He comes home to us. Our destiny depends on us taking Him seriously. If this awareness and action are not present, we stumble through life with many competing agendas. This is a hard truth. The image of branches bearing much fruit, or withered and burned branches, sets out our options.

Native Americans have a great story which sees us like mice, our noses sniffing the earth, arranging and rearranging stuff on the ground. Something happens which makes us look up and see more than we knew. This bigger vision forces us to think again.

There is a subtle proverb which says, "Make all your cares into a single care and God will see to all your cares". If we are abiding in the True Vine, we will be purified. His Word will create in us a Single Wish. That wish will be to love our Abba and to mediate His Love to the world. Since this desire is at one with our Abba, it will be achieved. And we will bear fruit. We will be, as we always have been, Disciples in the making. It is a never ending journey.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Michael Robinson†
		10.30am	Mass	The Hand Family†
Monday	4 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Ifiok Udoh
Wednesday	6 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mary & Catherine Considine†
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	7 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Rita McGovern†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	8 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Anna & John
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	9 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Rosa Carlone†
		10.30am	First Confessions Service	

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	9 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sarah O'Brien†
Sunday	10 th	8.30am	Mass	Jenny & Helen Considine
		10.30am	Mass	George & Berthe Prové†

**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, 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 and Peggy Heasman, Patrick Holmwood, Peggy Finan, Alex McCall and Nora Cronin

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – Our dear sisters and brothers in Nepal need us to wrap our arms around them following the devastating earthquake that has killed many thousands of people with more now in urgent need of food, water and shelter. Please give what you can this weekend. All offerings will be sent to CAFOD who has launched an emergency appeal.

FIRST CONFESSIONS – The children on the First Holy Communion journey this year will be making their first Confessions in special services every Saturday morning in May. Fr Danny will hear any other Confessions after the children's services have finished.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK UPDATE - "The Bracknell Foodbank has a new permanent store. We are about to move all our stocks to the new store, so please can we ask for no donations until Monday 11th May. Thank you to everyone who has donated since Easter, and for all your wonderful support to help our clients".

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

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING - The next meeting is on **Tuesday 5th May**, 7.45pm in the Parish Room.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – The next meeting is on **Tuesday 5th May** at 7.00pm. Please call Steve Rollins on 07747196014 or 07594976699 for details

PROCLAIM '15 – Building Missionary Parishes - Proclaim '15 is the name of the initiative by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to support enthuse and equip parish evangelisation. In the lead up to Pentecost, there will 3 Small Group Sessions on **Thursday 7th May and Thursday 14th May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING - Saturday **9th May** 2015 – Our Lady Help of Christians, 1A Sherborne Road, Farnborough GU14 6JS, 10am – 12.30pm with Val Croughan.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) - Our next meeting on **13th May** any suggestions, ideas or concern that you may have. Everyone is welcome to join us at our meetings.

SERVICE OF HEALING – 24th May - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday 24th May followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. If you would like to attend but need a lift, please contact the Parish Office (Tel: 01344 425729 /Email: stj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). NOTE: If anyone is willing to give a lift to/from the Service of Healing or make cakes etc for the afternoon tea, there will be an opportunity to sign up next week. Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 (21.07.2016 - 02.08.2016) All young members of the parish who will be over 15 years old (and under 35!) in 2016 are invited to join other young people from Portsmouth Diocese to travel together by coach to Krakow in Poland in Summer 2016 to celebrate with Pope Francis and other Catholic youth from around the world. Places are limited so if you are interested, please speak to Fr Danny as soon as possible.



GENERAL ELECTION – Let our faith guide our vote.

CONGRATULATIONS TO – Ifiok Udoh and Ester Idiok who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday **16th May** in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Nigeria. We wish them well in their marriage.

MESSAGE FROM TOM LARKIN – On behalf of Marie Curie Cancer Care, I would like to thank all parishioners and friends for the support given to me during my recent sponsored swim. The amount raised was £813.50 plus gift aid.

PLEASE NOTE – Divine Mercy Chaplet starts on Sunday **August 16th** at 2.30pm, and will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

TIME FOR REFLECTION – ‘Pentecost’ – On Saturday **23rd May** 9.30am – 1.00pm at St Francis of Assisi Church Ascot, facilitator Fr Tom Taaffe. Please book your place through the Ascot Parish Office on 01344.620591.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT - Big - Church Day Out is a Christian music festival for the whole family, **23rd - 24th May** - Wiston House, West Sussex. To find out more, go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and click on ‘Big Church Day Out’ where you can also watch a promo video.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU – Pauline Arnold the Year 3 teacher at St Margaret Clitherow School is leaving. We thank her for all the great work she has done and wish her well in the future.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSAIRES - Mass: Saturday 27th June 2015

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass to celebrate. This takes place on 27th June at St Bede’s Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office.

RETIRING OFFERING - Next weekend is for World Communications.

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 £1047.45 - Thank You
Clergy Training Fund**

Total £104.10 - Thank You

**PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE
TO**

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph

**Thank you to Pauline
and Cath for their
service to our parish**