

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

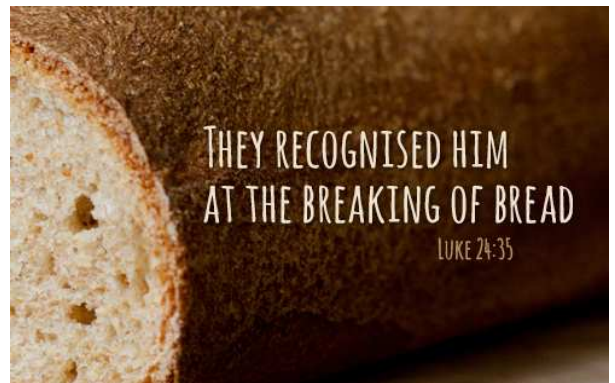
3rd Sunday of Easter

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN:

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Monday – Friday 9am-3pm

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Like her friend, she would curse the barren tree and glory in the lilies of the field. She lived between noon's and midnights: in those moments of high dance when blood is wisdom and flesh love. But now, before the violated cave, on the third day of her tears, she is a dark pool of grief spent upon the earth. Someone has taken her dead Jesus, unoled and unkissed, to where flies and worms more quickly work. She suffers wounds that will not heal, and enters into the pain of God, where lives a gardener who once exalted in her perfume, knew the extravagance of her hair, and now asks her who she seeks.



In Peter's dreams, the cock still crowed.

He returned to Galilee to throw nets into the sea and watch them sink like memories into darkness. He did not curse the sun that rolled down his back, or the wind that drove the fish beyond his nets. He only waited for the morning when the shore mist would lift and from his boat he would see Him. Then, after naked and impetuous swim with the sea running from his eyes, he would find a cook, with holes in his hands, stooped over dawn coals, who would offer him the Kingdom of God for breakfast.

On the road that escapes Jerusalem, and winds along the ridge to Emmaus, Two disillusioned youths dragged home their crucified dream. They had smelled Messiah in the air and rose to that scarred and ancient hope only to mourn what might have been. And now, a sudden stranger falls upon their loss, with excited words about mustard seeds, and surprises hidden at the heart of death, and that evil must be kissed upon the lips, and that every scream is redeemed for it echoes in the ear of God, and do you not understand what died upon the cross was fear! They protested their right to despair, but he said, "My fathers laughter fills the silence of the tomb.!" Because they did not understand, they offered Him food. And in the breaking of the bread they knew the imposter for who He was - the Arsonist of the Heart.

After the end, comes the conspiracy of gardeners, cooks and strangers.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Sunday Mass Schedule (and Intentions)

Saturday	3 rd	6.00pm	Jim Webster †
Sunday	4 th	8.30am	Jacquie Black
		10.30pm	Parish Intentions
		1.00pm	Baptism of Lily Amelia Thompson

Weekday Mass (and Intentions)

Monday	5 th	No Mass	
Tuesday	6 th	9.30am	Mary, Peter & Catherine Considine†
Wednesday	7 th	9.30am	Elizabeth Wood
Thursday	8 th	9.30am	Maureen O'Connor†
Friday	9 th	11.00–12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		12.10pm	Stephen O'Brien's Intentions
Saturday	10 th	12.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass
Saturday	10 th	6.00pm	Fernanda Goncalves

Readers

10 th May	6.00pm:	Hilary Bone & Rachel Chambers
11 th May	8.30am:	Gabriella Griffiths & Mark Griffiths
11 th May	10.30am:	Kate Carroll & Faith Gondo

Ministers of Communion

10 th May	6.00pm:	Dominica & Tim Roberts, Raymond Savage, Catherine Tam & Mike Thomas
11 th May	8.30am:	Jana Griffiths, June & John Ellerton, Angela Lansley & Carol Mayes
11 th May	10.30am:	Marion McGuire, Emma Morales, Bridget Riordan, Sally Torode, Mira Willets, Paul Adams & Ann Burke



PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY – For the repose of the souls of Elsie Nowell and Dennis Healy who have died. Elsie's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16th May and Dennis's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 23rd May.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

LOURDES COLLECTION – There will be a chance to give this weekend towards the cost of sending Tim Brierley and his family to Lourdes this summer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - As the number of children attending children's liturgy is growing at both 8.30 and 10.30 masses we need more helpers. You must be willing to be DBS checked and undergo a safeguarding course. This can be done in one hour at the School. Please contact the parish office or Ann Burke on 01344 485790.

CONFIRMATION 2014 REMAINING SESSIONS - Candidates: 30 May (7pm) and **Parents:** 5 June (7.30pm) Rehearsal at St. Joseph's: 13 June (7pm) **Confirmation Mass:** 22 June at 3pm St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Lily Amelia Thompson who will be baptised this Sunday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS BRACKNELL - Seven Tuesdays starting 6th May 2014. Featuring renowned speakers. Time; 8:00–9:30 pm. Venue; St Joseph's Church, for more information contact Ann D'Souza on 01344 420465 or the Parish Office, also see display board in the Porch.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING – The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th May 8.00-9.30pm in the Parish Room, please contact Anne D'Souza 01344 420465 for more details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL - Is on Friday 9th May at **6.00pm** for First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 10th May at 12.00pm

SERVICE OF HEALING – 1ST JUNE - There will be a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly at 3pm on Sunday 1 June 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: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Could you offer someone you know a lift to the Service? Young people, if you would like to help in any way eg serving or providing entertainment, contact Maura Holt on 01344.481750.

DAYTRIP TO BATH - The Over 50s Club have organized a daytrip by coach to visit the historic city of Bath on Tuesday 6th May. All parishioners are invited to join club members this trip which will depart from the church car park at 0915. The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard: for more information please phone Graham, 01344 425040.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Is on 12-17 May. Once again we are taking part in the national door-to-door envelope collection, together with many other churches in Bracknell. If you would like to join in, contact our Social Justice Co-ordinator hughgibbons@just1.org.uk

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14th May in the Church Hall. We are hoping to have a Parish Summer Social which we will be discussing at our next PPC meeting. Please put your thoughts, ideas and suggestions in the Suggestion Box in the Porch or speak to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (names listed on the noticeboard).

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Are about to tidy up the grass area in front of Princess Square. They will only do this on the condition that we can find 4 Volunteers to maintain this afterwards. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? – We are looking for additional Welcomers at 10.30am Sunday Mass. If you would like to join this ministry of greeting and welcoming people to Mass, please speak to a welcome or member of the PPC. Young people are encouraged to come forward and help too.

EXERCISE WITH PEGGY – Every Tuesday 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

TEAS AND COFFEES AFTER MASS - There will be FAIRTRADE teas and coffees after all Masses this weekend. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far for rotas.



SPONSORED WALK - I am walking 20k on the South Downs with 2 friends on the 10th May, for the Alzheimer's Society. Please go to the following link if you wish to sponsor me www.justgiving.com/team-endavour (without the a), or just if you wish to hand into the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your support. Theresa McDougall

COUNTER NEEDED – We need one person to join the team for counting the Offerings after the 10.30am Mass. You would be needed approximately once every 8 weeks. Please contact Pauline Leahy 01344 428700 or email Pleahy1@hotmail.co.uk

ROTAS – Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors Rotas are now available from the Sacristy.

SOUP AND ROLL - Is again available after 12.10pm Mass on Fridays.



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WEEKLY OFFERINGS – Last week was a Total £1058.77 - Thank You

LENTEN PROJECT AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – The final amount offered for this wonderful charity was £1305.87. Thank you so much for your generosity.