

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

**THE YEAR OF MARK: EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
GIVING OURSELVES AWAY**

4th October 2015 Psalter Week 3

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In the Gospel of St John, the first words Jesus speaks are a question. "What are you looking for?" For St John, and therefore for us, these words are very important. What might our answer be? The question invites us to go to the deepest recesses of our hearts where The Beloved Son of God is waiting for us. Perhaps they will always be His first words to us when we meet Him in prayer.

But in the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus first word is 'Metanoia'. This is usually translated very badly into the word, 'Repent'. The word 'repent' sends us on a useless journey, agonising over our sins and failures, where we might miss His invitation completely. Because

Metanoia is about putting on a new mind. Metanoia is about finding our higher selves. We understand that this is something that we cannot do without support. The new mind that is powered by Love needs to be filled with Love in order to see and act clearly.

I have been a priest for thirty-something years and I really enjoy weddings. Perhaps because it is here that we see the human person at their best. Love has touched them in an astonishingly new way. All the love which has been poured into them so far has been preparing them for this. The moment(s) when their awareness of their loneliness dissolves, and they emerge into a new consciousness. Through the eyes of their beloved they begin to sense their connection to everything.



In the Catholic Service, this 'Rite of Passage' is framed in a form of words, and enclosed in circles of Gold. The person glimpses that Love comes from the expected, and the most unexpected, places, and reaches for the words, 'for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health To love and to cherish till death do us part'. They break open their hearts for each other, and for heaven, while promising not to break each other's hearts.

This is why Jesus doesn't really engage with questions of divorce. When is it ok? What are good reasons for it? What about financial arrangements? For Jesus, the language of divorce is a language of lost communion. The One who has come to restore Communion wants it otherwise.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	3 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Dalva Passagem de Padua, Maria Izilda de Padua & Clarissa Passagem de Padua
Sunday	4 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Alirio Sarco† Doris Hernandez de Sarco † & Victoria Garcia†

Monday 5th **NO MASS**

Tuesday	6 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Communion Service

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Wednesday	7 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Communion Service
		10.15am	Rosary

Thursday	8 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Communion Service

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Friday	9 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		12.10pm	Communion Service
		7.00pm	Rosary

Saturday	10 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Flora Ognissanto
		1030am	Confessions	

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	10 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Ray & Pam Savage's 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	11 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Fred Abbott†

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, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Kate McGrath, Frances Dyson and Yvonne Gantzer.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Eileen Collins, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Winnie Justice, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Bill Guilfoyle and Nora Cronin.

DATES, NEWS AND VIEWS

ASCOT & BRACKNELL ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Greatly appreciate your continued support at our Fundraiser last weekend. We raised a fantastic amount of £1788 which will go back into **our communities** to help those in need. All prize winners will be notified by phone and also winners list will be displayed on the notice board in the porch this weekend. Please collect your prizes after the 10.30am Mass in the hall **4th October**. A huge thank you to all who helped us in the last two weeks.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Meet on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.45pm-9.15pm in the hall. The next meeting is on Tuesday **6th October**.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING -. There is a Refresher session on Tuesday **6th October** at Immaculate Conception, 63/67 Yorktown Road, Sandhurst, GU46 9BS, between 7.00pm–9.00 pm. There is also one at St Luke's (address as above) on Saturday **10th October** from 10am - 12.30pm. If you wish to book onto any of these sessions, email Soraya Ciccarone soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING – Is on Saturday **10th October** after the 10.00am Mass. If you would like to help just turn up, you will be most welcome.

A QUIZ NIGHT - In the Church Hall on Saturday **10th October** at 7.15 pm. Money raised will go to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. Tickets are £5 per person to be paid in cash on the night and a maximum of 6 people per team is permitted. To register a team, please send an e-mail to stjosephsquizbracknell@gmail.com or, add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet at the back of the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Our next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday **14th October** at 7.15pm in the Church Hall. Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting. Please email your ideas, suggestions or concerns to the Parish Office for the attention of the PPC by **6th October**.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS - Our Parish has recently become a member of the Bracknell Forest Dementia Action Alliance (DAA). In order to raise awareness of dementia in our parish, we plan to host 2 open **Dementia Friends** sessions in the parish hall at **11am** on **Thursday 15th October** and at **11am** on **Thursday 19th November** led by Caroline Rathmell, Dementia Action Alliance Co-ordinator. You only need to attend one session which will last for approx. 45 minutes. There is no charge for this and you can book your place by contacting caroline.rathmell@alzheimers.org.uk or turn up on the day. **Dementia Friends** gives people an understanding of dementia and the small things that you can do to make a difference. For further information see: www.dementiafriends.org.uk

SECULAR FRANCISAN MEETING - The Order of St Francis Secular meet on Saturday **17th October** at 2.00 pm in the Hall. All are welcome.

DAY TIME PRAYER GROUP - Welcoming everyone who would like to come to our Day Time Prayer Group starting on the **21st October** 2015 in the hall from 10.30-11.30am For further information please feel free to contact ANNE D'SOUZA on 01344 420465.

SERVICE OF HEALING - We are hoping to have a Service of Healing for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly of our Parish at **3pm, Sunday 25th October** followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. We will be looking for help on the day - giving lifts or helping with the catering and serving. Please contact Maura or Theresa through the parish office if you can help.

SUICIDE BILL – The Marris suicide bill was convincingly defeated by 330 votes to 118 in the House of Commons on September 13th. Whatever your own political position please write to our M.P. Dr. Phillip Lee phillip@phillip-lee.com to thank him for voting against it.

CARER AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the hall during school term time.

OVER 50s KEEP FIT CLASSES – On Tuesday 2.00pm-3.00pm in the hall.

CRAFT GROUP - We are hoping to start a small craft group that will meet on a Wednesday morning at 11am. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Marija Brincat through the Parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01344.425729

GALLERY GETS SECOND WIND - Co-ordinator Hugh Gibbons says there's room on the railings for a few more Inspirer paintings. As well as families and schools, local businesses, associations, clubs etc will be welcome to join in - so please pass the word around. And all local schools are being invited to extend the World School Wall with panels depicting some of the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals – ideally collages using small items coming from all their families (as with the pens and pencils on our lamalala Tree). Details at www.bracknellcommunitygallery.org

PEW PACK FOR CHILDREN – Will be available after this weekend. Please remember to return them after Mass.

CHILDRENS LITURGY – Now weekly at 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. To enable us to continue we welcome more people who are able to join the team. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

HELP NEEDED - If you have a small dining/kitchen table and chairs that you could donate to a person in need, please ring the SVP on **07731862349**. Thank you.

VACANCY IN THE PARISH OFFICE – Due to a reorganisation in the Parish Office a vacancy has arisen for a part-time secretary/administrator. If this is of interest to you, please email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and somebody will be in touch to provide you with more information.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE – Is available in the Porch and it is FREE, please help yourself to a copy.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Total £1168.29- Thank You

Also Received

Bankers Orders last month total £1846 roughly the same each month so we won't be making this a regular item.

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE TO

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



To Sarah and Theresa for producing the new beautiful Pew Packs for the children