

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

## ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

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## LEARNING HOW TO REST

We all know what it is like when life leaves us exhausted. The ache in our very bones lets us know we might have overdone it. And there is a weariness of the heart which comes when things are too much. This is harder to soothe. The mind had a mind of its own and can forbid entry to the place of rest.

Two examples. She came to see me - a shadow of her former lively self. Sleep evaded her and she worried about everything. His situation was no better. His days a nightmare, his nights of broken rest. The situation was obvious. When I studied theology I learned that God never sleeps! I thought, 'Poor God.' Jan gave me a bookmark on Wednesday which invited praying through the night. It concluded, ' God is up all night anyway!

When we feel we have to control everything, we can't trust enough to rest or sleep. If we do, the world might fall apart. The exhausted body. The vigilante mind!

The Divine Teacher offers a way out. Abandon our wise and learned status and gently embrace our inner child. And he humbly invites all who feel overburdened by the need to save themselves, or what is worse, everyone else, to come to his ineffable gentleness and pick up a lighter burden.

The Poet Rainer Maria Rilke reflects on the labouring steps of a swan on dry land. Then,

..... As he lets himself down  
Into the water which receives him gaily  
And which flows joyfully under  
And after him, wave after wave,  
While the swan, unmoving and marvellously calm  
Is pleased to be carried, each moment more fully grown.



Or for cat lovers, D H Lawrence has this image,

..... a cat asleep on a chair, at peace, at peace.  
Sleeping on the heart of the living world  
Yawning at home before the fire of life  
Feeling the presence of the living God  
Like a great reassurance  
A deep calm in the heart.



# St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

## Sunday Mass Schedule (and Intentions)

### FOURTEEN SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

[Psalter Week 2]

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Sydney & Mary Egan†
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Gregory & Jen Tichbon
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		5.00pm	Mass	Damion Donnelly

### Weekday Mass (and Intentions)

Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John & Josephine Breen-O'Grady†
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Evan Joseph
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	In Thanksgiving
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	

### FEAST OF ST BENEDICT

Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Thanksgiving
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Charlie Doyle
		10.30am	Confession	

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

[Psalter Week 3]

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Mark Breadmore†
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	St Joseph's & St Margaret Clitherow Schools Joint Mass

**Please pray for the aged, sick, housebound and hospitalised of our community and for those who care for them.**

"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need" Pope Francis  
**If you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital or housebound and unable to get to Mass, or just needing a priest, please tell Fr. Danny or contact the Parish Office**

## PARISH NEWS

**BROTHER JOHN MARTIN** - On Thursday 10th July at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church Hall Brother John Martin one of the closest followers of Father Bede Griffiths, spiritual director of Shantivanam Ashram in Southern India will be giving a talk entitled: Do Secularism and Atheism open the door to discover the original message of Christ? There is no charge for this event. There will be meditation 6pm - 6.30pm then Coffee/Tea at 6.30pm, his talk will commence at 7.00pm. Please contact Annie Cygler 01344 772496, 07944 529394 for more details.

**PLEASE PRAY** – For the repose of the soul of Mike Harding who died recently. His funeral service will be at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 11.15am. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY** – Jack Patrick Traynor, Alex Menyher, Sulaiman and Sofian Barhon who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY** - Craft, bric a brac, cakes and more. In the Church Hall after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds to Fr Jaya's work.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Our next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15pm in the Church Hall.

**PRAYER GROUP MEETING** – Every first and third Tuesday in the month. It's now called the Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** - Thank you to all those who attended the recent Life in the Spirit Seminars and those who helped in their organisation. If you are interested in joining a house group, please sign up on the board in the porch.

**EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS (18-35)** On 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Bishop Philip will preside at the Sunday Mass of the seventh Evangelium weekend residential conference on explaining the Catholic Faith in the modern world. The conference will be held Friday 1 August (2pm) to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 (5pm) at the Reading Oratory School. Information and registration can be found on the Evangelium website: [www.evangelium.co.uk](http://www.evangelium.co.uk)

**YOUTH 2000 FESTIVAL WALSINGHAM** - If you're aged 16-30 and you're interested in coming to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham this August, there will be a coach travelling from Portsmouth with pick-up points at Winchester and Reading. For more information [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org) or Fr PJ at [edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015** – Application Forms for the programme starting in September 2014 are now available from the Porch, if your child is in year 3 or above they are able to join the programme. The deadline for returning the form is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014**. **Please Note:** Forms received after this date will not be accepted.

**ASSISTED DYING BILL - Please write to a member of the House of Lords**

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill) **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.**

**THANK YOU** - To all Catechists and helpers of our Sacramental programmes and Children's Liturgy this year, if anyone who would like to join the team for September, please let the Parish Office know.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** – Starts on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30-9.30pm for those wishing to explore the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Parish Office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SVP** - Thank you to all those who made donations to the Ascot & Bracknell SVP Fundraising Day, those who bought raffle tickets (£200 raised after Masses last Saturday and Sunday), those who made cakes and came to Mary's Fundraising Day last Tuesday. All the money raised goes to help those in need in our local area. The list of raffle prize winners is on the noticeboard. Congratulations to Mary Anne, Mira, Dermot and Bernie from our Parish who won prizes.

**YOUTH BAND** - We are looking for young musicians and singers to come forward and form a Christian band. All levels of experience are welcome, and we are hoping for a wide variety of instruments to make up the band. To find out more please contact: Thomas Birch - Email [thebirchesuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thebirchesuk@yahoo.co.uk), Tel: 07864 647026 or Sophie Bone - [snybone@googlemail.com](mailto:snybone@googlemail.com), Tel 07474 319572.



**FAIRTRADE TEAS AND COFFEES** - There will be teas and coffees served in the Hall after all Masses. Everyone is welcome.

**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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list. Also, there is a new Diocese enews which will keep you up to date with everything in the Diocese [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** – Are Midwives of the Sacred. Please Prepare Well!

**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.

**KEEP FIT WITH PEGGY** – Will resume again in September.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July will be the last Soup and Roll until September

**NEXT WEEKS RETIRING OFFERING** – Is for the Apostleship of the Sea, thank you. This is used to support thousands of people who work on the High Seas.

***THANK YOU***  
***To all the volunteers***  
***who help keep our***  
***Church clean***

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS**  
**Total £912.17 - Thank You**  
PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES PAYABLE  
TO  
**PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph**