

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
GONE FISHING

7th February 2016 Psalter Week 1

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Once upon an evening, after a hard day on the road, Jesus and Peter were in the local tavern for some refreshment. Peter said to Jesus, "You know, I was somebody before you came along. People would say, 'There goes Peter, the greatest fisherman in all of Galilee.'"

Always quick to give a compliment, Jesus said, "I heard you were a great fisherman, Peter."

"Too right!", said Peter, "And tomorrow I'm going to prove it. We are going fishing and you will see how much the others in the trade respect me."

The next morning, when the other fishermen saw Peter heading for his boat, they decided to go with him. They shadowed him all day long, and, when they had caught nothing, they turned for home cursing him.

It was as Peter was thinking about doing the same that it happened. All the fish in the Sea of Galilee came to the surface. They leapt on one side of the boat and then the other. Jesus was laughing. Peter looked puzzled as he slid, slowly and fully laden, into the harbour and into the amazed eyes of his friends. They shouted, "Peter, you rogue, you knew where the best fish were all along!"

But Peter was strangely silent. He only said, "Give the fish to everyone to eat. Tonight, no home in the village will go without food". After that he said nothing.

Later that evening, back in the Tavern, with bread and wine between them, Peter looked at the Lord Jesus across the table and he said, "Go away from me. I wanted the fish to be over them, not with them. I wanted the fish to rule them, not feed them. You go away from me. I am a sinful man."

But Jesus only smiled. The smile that moves the moon, the sun and the stars. He said to Peter, "I'm not going anywhere. We have other fish to catch."



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	6 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	7 th	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty†
		10.30am	Mass	Mary & Tim Porter
Monday	8 th	NO MASS		

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Tuesday	9 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Michael & Isa Hollywood†

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday	10 th	9.00am	Distribute Ashes	St. Joseph's School
		12.10am	Mass	
		6.00pm	Mass	

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Thursday	11 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass	Simon Poile†
Friday	12 th	11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Eileen Killerstine
		7.00pm	Rosary	
Saturday	13 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Eardley Taborda†
		10.45am	Confessions	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	13 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita Maxwell
Sunday	14 th	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin†
		10.30am	Mass	Gerald Reardon

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

Sick and Housebound: Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peggy Prendergast, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer.

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

LENTEN PROJECT – Your committee has decided that this year we will share the proceeds between a very international project and a very local project. Bamenda is our sister diocese in Cameroon and one of our own is visiting there next week. There are many needs, education, medical and construction and many more so our support will be invaluable. The Life House here in Bracknell provides accommodation for pregnant and unsupported mothers aged 16-25 and is currently running on a budget shortfall. These are wonderful projects for us to put Alms Giving during Lent into reality.

CAFOD & UK AID MATCH FUNDING – Good news! The UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal (from **10th February – 9th May**) up to the value of £3.5 million. Your donations can be used to bring water to more villages of the world's poorest families, meaning girls do not have to walk miles every day to collect it. You can also text 'LENT16 £5' to 70070 to donate £5. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them on Lent Fast Day (Friday 19th February).

PEGGY HART RIP – Fr Peter's mother passed away on 4th February. He has asked for our prayers at this time. Funeral arrangements are to follow.

CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULT TRAINING – The next training sessions will be held on:

Saturday 13th February by Maureen Wiltshire at English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB:

Child Protection - 10.00am – 12.30pm

Vulnerable Adults - 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Saturday 9th April by Sue Smy at St. Joseph's, Stanley Walk, Town Centre, Bracknell RG12 1HA:

Child Protection - 10.00am – 12.30pm

Please note that anyone who is new to a ministry with children or anyone who has not updated their training through church child protection training should register to attend this course by contacting Soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

YOU ARE CALLED, YOU ARE GIFTED! Do you want to understand better what God wants you to do with your life and how best to serve Him? If so, consider signing up to the Called and Gifted workshop coming to our Parish hall on **Friday 4th March** (7pm-9pm) and **Saturday 5th March** (9am-4pm). It is necessary to attend both sessions. After that, if you are interested, you can sign up for a personal one to one conversation to help you start discerning your gifts and then, finally, join a small group for further meetings. For more information, pick up a leaflet from the porch. **Places are limited and booking is essential!** Book your place on-line at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted or pick up a booking form from the porch and return to the parish office.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – Please help mothers and sign SPUC's petition against Buffer Zones, which are boundaries around abortion clinics preventing pro-life campaigning. There is a form in the porch or visit www.spuc.org.uk.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - It would be wonderful if, in this year of Mercy, we would join in this event, which takes place **19th August – 26th August**. If you have never been to Lourdes, it is beautiful. Please let the office staff know if you are interested.

DURING LENT: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PRAYING THE PARABLES OF MERCY IN SAINT LUKE'S GOSPEL - In this year of Mercy, using Lectio Divina to explore this theme as it unfolds in Saint Luke's Gospel. Every **THURSDAY** from 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - from **10th February** and every **Friday** during Lent at 11.00 a.m.

INDESTRUCTIBLE JOY AND THE PATH OF LETTING GO - A Masterclass of six reflections, with Dr James Finley on the works of the Mystics. Friday at 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Limited spaces so apply soon!

MASS OF CHRISM - Tuesday of Holy Week 11.00 a.m. Please let the office staff know if you would like to attend this beautiful event. If we get enough support, we will hire a coach.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE IN SANDHURST IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT – on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm.

SOLEMN RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD - **Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm. Please put this in your diary now.

DR AUSTEN IVEREIGH TALK ON POPE FRANCIS & MERCY - Dr Austen Ivereigh, is coming to Wokingham to speak on 'Mercy: the key to Pope Francis's reform' on **Tuesday 15th March** from 8.00pm to 9.00pm at Corpus Christi.

VACANCIES AT CORPUS CHRISTI – Corpus Christi is seeking to employ a Parish Secretary/Administrator and a Parish Bookkeeper. Diocesan website or by contacting Fr David at : Wokingham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by telephoning the Parish on 0118 9780348. Closing date for applications is **Monday 15th February**.

BRACKNELL FOODBANK - We would welcome donations of long life fruit juice, long grain rice (1kg or 500g), sponge puddings (long life/tinned/twin packs), rice puddings (tinned), jam, tinned tomatoes. Additionally we always accept unused toiletries for men, women and children. Thank you for your continued support.

ALZHEIMERS SINGING KLUB – will next meet on **Monday 8th February** from 12.15pm-2.15pm in the Church Hall.

CRAFT GROUP – meets on **Wednesday 10th February** at 11.00am in the Church Hall.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£572.33
Envelopes & Cheques	£446.70
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total	£1529.03

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
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Marion McGuire for our
safeguarding rep for keeping us
all safe