

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**
THE YEAR OF MATTHEW : ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
31st August 2014 Psalter Week 3

PUTTING HUMPTY DUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN

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Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men,
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

The Passion for Reconciliation is, without doubt, the heartbeat of the Gospel. We might say it is THE Mission of the Church to bring and to make Peace. Are any of us immune from hurt or from falling out? Have any of us reached today without making a mistake and hurting others? Probably not. Heaven's agenda is for two disciples on earth who are alienated, to find their way home. Follow these steps and there is a better chance for Humpty Dumpty.

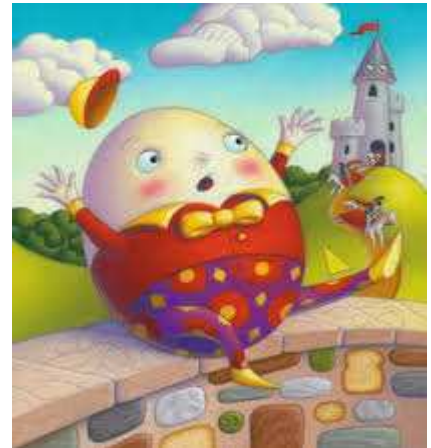
Step One: Pray for each other and pray for forgiveness and reconciliation. This is not as obvious as it seems!

Step Two: Meet and get the problem out into the open. Interestingly, Jesus teaches that the onus is on the one offended to seek out the offender. Yet, in the same breath He teaches that winning our sister or brother over is less about proving who is right and more about reaching an understanding. The one who is hurt must be able to articulate clearly what their hurt is. At the same time, they must have the skill of not predicting what the response will be from the offender. Quite often, we bypass this step, referring our hurt to others in the hope that the offender will be chastised.

Step Three: Find support in the form of mediation. The Gospel assumes that disciples have the ability to listen. But when we are being challenged it is hard to remain attentive, and we get busy formulating our defence. Probably because we are more inclined to justify our behaviour rather than truly examine it. Here, we sometimes swing between self defence and flippant apology. We can't just say we are sorry for the sake of it. If we do, no genuine reconciliation will happen. And so, if confession and self examination are part of our daily routine, we might find we are more flexible when dealing with conflict.

Step Three: Ask the wider community for support. Which is quite different from just telling others what happened to us. The wider community might provide someone who will not collude in our need to be stalled.

And then If all these fail, the offending person is considered as one in need of missionary work. Like Tax Collectors and Gentiles they become special objects of the community's relentless care. All the above reflect our underlying passion for peace. The spiritually informed person is always searching for the next step, the next possibility which will soften hardness of heart



St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

Saturday	6 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†
Sunday	7 th	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin†
		10.30am	Mass	Anna, Ron & Ernesto
Monday	8 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Alice & Rita Hickey†
Wednesday	10 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Tony Clements
		10.15am	Rosary	
Thursday	11 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Scott Studenmund†
		10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
Friday	12 th	9.00am	Mass	St Joseph's School
		11.00-12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	Tess†
		7.00pm	Rosary	

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saturday	13 th	9.40am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Michael White†
		10.30m	Confessions	
		1.00pm	Wedding	Alexandra Stocker and Thomas Morgan
Saturday	13 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Teresa Gillen†
Sunday	14 th	8.30am	Mass	Socorro Barretto
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

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

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Audrey Dunne, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Marjory Vermuelen, Sue Beasley, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Peter Bentley, Chris & Nancy Curtis, Peggy Prendergast, June Bartlett, Millicent & Brian Mecklenburgh, Tim Brierley, Bridget Tanner, Teresa Mercieca Joanna O'Connell, Alex McCall, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone and Patrick Holmwood

And those who are unwell or in hospital

Beatrice Fitzpatrick, Una Gilligan, Sheila O'Neill,
Jan Madeira, Eileen Green & Catherine Jones

PARISH NEWS

PARISH FAYRE - There will be a Parish Fayre after all Masses during this weekend of 6th/7th September in the Hall. Come along and find out more about what Groups/Ministries your Parish has to offer. Teas and Coffees will be available as usual.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 – Parents who submitted an application will have received a letter from Fr. Danny inviting you to a meeting on Sunday 7th September 2014 at **9.45am** in the church. At this meeting, all the information and resources that you and your child will need to begin this wonderful journey will be given to you.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY – Tayla Mae José-Mullan, Moyo Jude Njoku and Hannah & Phoebe Ansell who were Baptised recently.

PLEASE PRAY – For John Chidwick, an ex-parishioner who died in the USA in August. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER MEETING – These meetings are held at 2.00pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Parish Room, everyone is welcome.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE GROUP – Would you like to deepen your knowledge of Scripture? We invite you to join us. We are a friendly group of people who reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday and try to discern their meaning for our lives. We will meet in the Parish room at 7.45 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Our first meeting will be on Monday 8th September. For more information contact Anne: 01344 451847 or Louise: 01344 427132.

LIFE HOUSE – There will be a meeting on Tuesday 9th September from 7.30 to 9.00pm, everyone interested is welcome. Contact dominica.roberts@gmail.com or 01344 422902 for the address

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday 10th September in the Hall. Please feel free to send through your ideas, suggestions or concerns for the attention of the PPC to the Parish Office by 3rd September

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH - Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13th September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 8th September.

OBLIGATORY DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers: We have booked a place for each minister in the parish for your annual retreat day at Douai Abbey. It is important for you to let the parish office know as soon as possible which of the days you will be attending because the Abbey can only accommodate 20 per day. There are still places available on 13th September, 27th September and 5th October.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2014 - On 21st September 2014 the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the Bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics by supporting today's second collection. For more information, free resources, and testimonies, and to donate online: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14 #hms14. There will be a second offering in parishes to support Home Mission Sunday. The proceeds make possible the Bishops' work of evangelisation nationally.

JOURNEY OF FAITH INVITATION TO COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET EVENING -

Please bring anyone who is interested to our taster 'come and see' evening on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30pm for the start of our Journey of Faith sessions. These are held weekly for all who wish to know more about our Catholic Faith. Please book if possible: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING – Every first and third Tuesday in the month, 8.00-9.30pm in the Parish Room. Everyone is welcome.

SAFEGUARDING - There will be Child Protection Training (10am-12.30pm) and Vulnerable Adult Training (1.30pm-4pm) on Saturday 27th September at St Edwards, 44 Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HU and on Saturday 11 October at St Swithun's, Firgrove Road, Yateley GU46 6NH. There will also be **REFRESHER TRAINING** on Saturday 20th September (10-12.30) at St Joseph's Bracknell. To book your place, please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 02392816396 email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FEAST of ST VINCENT de PAUL – Saturday 27th September. Come and celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul with the SVP at 10.00am Mass, followed by our Fundraising Event in the Hall. Donations of wine, toiletries, bric a brac, Jewellery or any items suitable for the raffle, please and cakes on the day would be greatly appreciated. SVP Donation Box will be in the Porch on the weekend of 6/7 September and 13/14 September.

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN - Will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4:00 pm. For more information call, 07803191502

MASS INTENTIONS – It is a wonderful privilege to offer Mass with you for a special intention. **Please** try to book a date when you will be able to be present at the Mass.

PEGGY's KEEP FIT CLASSES – Every Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm in the Hall.

MOTHER AND TODDLERS – Starts again Tuesday 9th September 9.30-11.30am in the Hall. We are always happy for anyone who can help set up the Hall before the start of the sessions.

SOUP AND ROLL – Every Friday after the 12.10pm Mass, all are welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING - We are now cleaning the church every 3rd Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass. More volunteers are always welcome

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

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.

THANK YOU
To our amazing
Parish Admin Staff
for their wonderful
dedication

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Total £1128.29- Thank You

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