

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THIRSTING FOR SPIRIT

15TH May 2016 - Psalter Week 3

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Every faith community has a defining moment which they identify as their beginning. For example, in Buddhism, that moment was when the Buddha, sat under the tree and was enlightened. For Jews, it was the Sacred Encounter of Abraham and Sarah in the desert. For us, that moment is the Day of Pentecost.

And yet, not much is said about it, except that a small group of people, who had spent time in the company of Jesus, had an extraordinary experience of the Holy Spirit which changed, transformed and transfigured their lives. An image of tongues of fire is offered to us, and then another image of freedom from fear. These enlightened, fearless disciples now speak a language everyone can understand. Why? Because it is the language of

Love and words that go directly to the thirst in every human heart.



The Holy Spirit has many names. And it seems that Jesus favourite was 'The Advocate'. The task of the Advocate is to teach and call to memory all that Jesus has told them about His Abba, and about the primacy of Love.

So here's how it works. Imagine someone comes up to you one day and says, "I don't know what it is about you, but whenever I'm around you I feel closer to

God. Would you mind if we spent some time together?" And you, being the person you are say, "That would be great". In that moment, a community is formed that can never be destroyed. More importantly, it will grow because it isn't invested in any outcome.

The fruits of the Spirit are many. Our attempts to describe them inexhaustible. But really, the beautiful legacy these first Christians passed on to us is not a shopping list. It is, as St Paul so rightly said to the infant community in Rome, poised to renew the face of the earth, 'The Spirit we received makes us cry out Abba! Father! The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his Glory. (Romans 8,17). Waw!

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday	14 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Mathew Cole
Sunday	15 th	8.30am	Mass	Alfredo & Dominic Mari†
		10.30am	Mass	Robinson Family†
		1.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass	
Monday	16 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	17 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Mathew Cole
Wednesday	18 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Raymond Savage

DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH – Feast

Thursday	19 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Trisha McDermott†
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	20 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Mary Considine†
Saturday	21 st	10.00am	Mass	Anson Shine
		10.45am	Confessions	

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse†
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget & Francis Robinson

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, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, Bill Guilfoyle and Yvonne Gantzer, David McCann, Jadwiga Butcher.

Those who are unwell or in hospital: Brian Mowatt, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Esther Brophy, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Mary Williams, Patricia Holmwood.

DATES AND NEWS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - 13th to 15th May at Park Place Pastoral Centre, near Fareham. Interested? Visit our website <http://wwme.org.uk/> or contact Chris and Mary Farrall – 023 80275401

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – Sunday 15th May Service is cancelled and will resume again on **Sunday 19 June 2016** at 2.30pm

BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND - As a parish we are working to become dementia friendly. Why not support Dementia Awareness week (15th – 21st May) by becoming a Dementia Friend? There's a free session on **Tuesday 17th May 2016**, 2.00pm to 3.00pm at the Council Chamber, Brooke House, 54 High Street, Bracknell, RG12 1LL. Stairlift access for those with restricted mobility. You can just turn up on the day or book online at www.dementiafriends.org.uk

MASTERCLASS IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – A series of eight reflections by Dr James Finley on Thomas Merton. Dr Finley is a brilliant master of the contemplative life. His insights into the journey to Merton's 'Palace of Nowhere' are outstanding. If you feel drawn to make this Masterclass, please contact the Parish Office indicating, if you can, what day of the week and time would best support you to complete the journey.

TAIZE PRAYER GROUP – Last Sunday evening we had a beautiful Holy Hour, in the style of prayers from the Monastery of Reconciliation in TAIZE. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all who gave their Sunday afternoon to prepare for this Ministry to the parents of the children who will soon be making their First Holy Communion. It is now time for us to inaugurate this style of prayer for the whole community. I would like to invite all singers and musicians who are drawn to this new venture to let me know of their availability so that we can wisely choose the right time to come together. This new Ministry of Prayer needs a leader and, if you feel 'called and gifted' to this task, please let me know, many thanks Fr Danny.

BRACKNELL FAITH AND BELIEF FORUM'S AGM – Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Bracknell Forest Homes, Berkshire Court, Western Road, Bracknell, RG12 1RE

A DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS – Saturday 11 June 2016 at St Edmund's Catholic School, Arundel Street, Portsmouth, PO1 1RX from 10.00am to 3.00pm. A brilliant opportunity for young Altar Servers and potential Altar Servers to come together, make new friends with fun team games, formation, lunch and a Eucharistic procession from the school to the Cathedral for Mass. Suggested donation £5. Please contact Raymond Savage on pam8spam2@yahoo.co.uk by **Sunday 29 May 2016** if you wish to attend.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY/SUMMER FAYRE – Saturday 18 June 2016 from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. We would love to invite any former staff, pupils, parents, governors and parishioners to come along and help us celebrate this special occasion. We are hoping to have a display of photographs through the years since opening in 1976. If you have any that you would like to share with us please contact the School Office on 01344 424030. Thank you for supporting us in this event.

DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE – Saturday 2 July 2016 10.00am to 2.00pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church here in our diocese which strive to express the merciful love of Christ. Speakers will be drawn from The Medaille Trust, SVP, Apostleship of the Sea, Poitiers Care and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth. Please book your place via caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on **Monday 9th May 2016** at 86 Qualitas, Bracknell. For further information please contact Ann on 01344 451847.

GOLF DAY FOR CAFOD – Organised by the Catenian Association on **Friday 8 July 2016** at 12.30pm at Wellow Golf Club, Ryedown Lane, East Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 6BD. Golfers of all abilities welcome. There will be a cold carvery dinner in the Club Restaurant after the golf. For more information and/or an application form please contact Roger Lillie on 07729 368195 or email rlillie@cafod.org.uk

HOLY DOOR YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGES – Abingdon on **Saturday 23rd July 2016** and the Portsmouth Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd September 2016**. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to take this beautiful pilgrimage.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 19th August – 26th August, led by Bishop Philip. Information and Booking Forms are available from the parish office.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES COMPANION - "Female Parishioner travelling to Lourdes on 19th August, looking for another female to room share. Please contact Marie-Danielle on 07754 206165

FOODBANK – All donations are very much appreciated.

SVP REQUEST FOR HELP – Do you have garden toys for two very needy families with young children If so, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society on 07731 862 349. Thank you

PRAYER GROUPS -The Evening Prayer Group meet at 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Church Hall. The Daytime Prayer Group meet at 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. after Mass and the Rosary on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Church Hall. Please contact Anne D'souza for more information on 01344 420465.

CRAFT GROUP – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 May. All are welcome.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday at 9.30am in the Hall during school term time only.

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday during term time after 12.10pm Mass. Volunteers are welcome.

GIFT AID BOXES – Please collect your box from the porch.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Loose Cash	£604.49
Envelopes & Cheques	£351.64
World Communications	£ 81.46
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total amount:	£1547.59

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES
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PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



For all the prayers, concern
and best wishes from all our
kind and caring parishioners
during Fr. Danny's illness