

**ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW**

**THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

***ACTIONS SPEAKING LOUDER***

***7<sup>th</sup> August 2016 - Psalter Week 3 – Missal Page 121***

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What does Jesus mean when He says, "See that you are 'dressed for action' and have your lamps lit". (Lk:12.35). To help us understand this, we need to turn to the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. You remember that their wisdom was celebrated because their lamps were lit! What does that mean and how does it work?

Quite simply it means that we speak and act in a way that inspires others. When they look at how we live, how we speak, and how we act, they are given a living pause for thought and the path is lit for the way they need to walk. It would be sad if, when they listened to the words we speak, or observed our life, they decided that we had nothing to offer or that we were hypocrites. Or, to put it a little more directly, Jesus had very severe words for those who extinguish the light of love in another person's heart.

Now here's the thing. The foolish ones are always rushing to the wise ones when it's too late to ask for some of their oil. It's too late because, the problem is, it can't be given. I can't turn to you on my deathbed and ask you to give me the value of the good that you have done. This is a serious warning from the Teacher. Today I have to decide that this is the right thing to do and do it.

I love the image of God as Bridegroom but I'm a little more curious when I think of God as a burglar. You may remember that I had a visit from one of these shortly after I arrived in Bracknell. It's not a pleasant experience. But it was, in one sense, my own fault because I went out and left my window open. Jesus says that The Son of Man is coming, like a burglar, at an hour we do not expect. Wouldn't it be great if we were ready, welcoming Him with the words, I've been waiting for you, Light of the World. And more to the point, I have been doing what you asked of me. I shine bright and clear as a sign of Your Love for others. Now look what happens. "I tell you solemnly, He will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them." That's worth consideration!



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### NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Vigil Mass George Chapmant†

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 8.30am Mass James O'Connell†

10.30am Mass Martin McHale†

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> **NO MASS**

### **ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, Feast**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass Fahy Family – Living & Deceased†

### **ST LAURENCE, Feast**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass Nicola Howard†

### **ST CLARE, Foundress**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass Tessie†

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Exposition (until 12.00noon)

12.10pm Mass Albert Tanner†

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Rosary

10.00am Pro-Life Mass Millicent Mecklenburgh†

### **THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Vigil Mass John and Chris Cole

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30am Mass Tessie†

10.30am Mass Marie-Claire Ducasse†

## DATES AND NEWS

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Please note, newsletter deadline for all items is Wednesday 12.00 noon.

**LIFTS TO MASS NEEDED** – Can you help? A parishioner who lives in Great Hollands needs a lift to 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

**FR JAYA APPEAL** - There will be a basket in the porch this weekend, for his work among the very poorest in India.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017** - To all parents of children entering Year 3 or above in September 2016: if you are practising your faith and coming to Mass regularly please register your child on-line through the parish website <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc-2017-registration-form.html> The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 31 August 2016**.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Our Parish community are urgently in need of new Ministers of the Word and of the Holy Eucharist. Please come forward to serve in this small way, contact the parish office for more details.

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEVASTATION OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI** - On **Saturday 6th August 2016** we mark the anniversary of these terrible events. For more information please consult the excellent website of Pax Christi and the Justice and Peace group which have fine prayers and insights for those working for peace. It is easy to subscribe to their newsletter and to support their work.

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD** - Please sign the SPUC cards about midwives not doing abortions, but leave them in the porch to be sent on, to save postage.

**PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - From **Saturday 6th August 2016** and continuing on the first Saturday of each month we will be gathering to offer our 10.00am Mass for the intention of Pro Life movements. Please try to support this endeavour.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – **Sunday 18th September 2016** at 2.30pm

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - A group from our parish will be in Lourdes from **Friday 19th to Friday 26th August 2016**. We are happy to take any prayer intentions to the Grotto at Lourdes. Please leave your intentions in an envelope in the box provided for them in the porch by **Monday 15 August** please.

**TAIZE PRAYER GROUP** – We will be inaugurating this style of beautiful prayerfulness 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 contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH DAY OUT TO PORTSMOUTH** – At the start of the Holy Year of Mercy in December 2015, Bishop Philip opened a Door of Mercy at St John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth. To join our **Parish Day Out to Portsmouth on Saturday 3rd September, 2016** please contact the parish office or use the sign up sheet on the noticeboard. Suggested donation towards transport costs: Adult £10, children free.

**DEATH CAFÉ** – **Monday 5th September 2016**, 7.00pm at Beatons Tearooms & Bookshop, 241 High Street, Crowthorne, RG45 7AH. We are a group of people sitting together and talking around the theme of death and dying. The idea is to make it easier to communicate about death and increase awareness of death, dying and making the most out of life. Book your place at [deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com](mailto:deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com).

**A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION** – On **Saturday 10th September 2016** at Marist Senior School, Sunninghill, what does Pope Francis mean by mercy in his exhortations on “The Environment”, “The Joy of Love” and the “Joy of the Gospel”? This will be led by R. Rev. Tom M Burns, Bishop of Menevia. Cost £12.00 include buffet lunch, teas and coffees. Further details contact Maura Holt on 01344 481750 by **20th August 2016**.

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** 10am to 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. CAFOD's work in Bolivia and Harvest Resources. To book call 01252 329385.

**PRAYER GROUP MUSIC MORNING MASS** - Every 2nd Saturday of the month commencing **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at 10.00am, dedicated to the Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.

**CELEBRATE 2016 - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016** Southampton Celebrate Weekend at St. George Catholic College bookings are now being taken. Full details and booking forms are available on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) Early booking is recommended as places are limited, especially for families with children.



**THE PARISH NEEDS YOU** – If you are recently retired, semi-retired or have a few spare hours per week/month to help out, lend a hand, support, be of assistance, rally round, the parish needs YOU. If you wish to offer your assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH RCIA, NEW TEAM** – Help is needed for those who feel drawn to our Catholic faith. There is no need to be an “expert”, just an understanding of our faith that can be gently passed on. If you are interested in this Ministry please contact the parish office.

**CALLED & GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2016** At Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted. Starts at 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and finishes at 3.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There is a cost of £70 to cover the accommodation and meal costs. Limited places so please book promptly, by contacting [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016** at St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT 10.00am to 12.30pm. To register and book a place contact Soraya Ciccarone [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 02392 836511.



As from Monday 1 August 2016, enquiries and booking requests should be directed to the National Appointment Service, phone numbers 0800 3893801 or 01159 934255, email: [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk)

**Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey - Friday 28<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016.** Are you 18-40, want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire led by Fr. Thomas Crean O.P. You will hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! To book go to [www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm](http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm). Prices start from £12.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016** at 58 Qualitas.

**PRAYER GROUPS** -The Evening Prayer Group 7:45 - 9.30 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> /3rd Tuesday Church Hall. Daytime group 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup>/3rd Wednesday Church Hall.

**CRAFT GROUP** – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Next meetings **10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** – *Thank you.* Total amount £1433.77. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



*To everyone who helped our youth to be part of the fantastic WYD 2016 in Poland. For your prayers, donating cakes, buying cakes, Smartie box donations, personal donations, etc.*