

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW  
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING – YEAR C  
**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

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The end of the year has arrived with the Feast of Christ the King. Notice how Jesus takes the idea of 'king', breaks it open, shakes it empty and fills it with a new meaning. We catch a glimpse of this other meaning in his conversation with Pontius Pilate. His reply, "Yes, I am a king, for this was I born, for this did I come into the world - to bear witness to the truth." So, definitely not to be found in a palace then.

We catch another glimpse, in the Gospel of the final surprise - a stunning depiction of the judgement at the end of time. The King takes his seat upon the throne, but again, notice what happens. He not only reveals Himself as the great advocate of the poor, He takes His place among them.

It is so easy to misunderstand Jesus. In today's Gospel story, our last from Saint Luke, the only person who 'gets' Him is the one we incorrectly call the 'good thief'. It seems, he is the only one who trusts the name and ditches the titles. And what an answer he receives!

In his 'Hymn to the Creator', Fr William Vanstone shows that he is another of those rare people who really get Jesus. Delight in the following.

Drained is love in making full,  
Bound in setting others free.  
Poor in making many rich,  
Weak, in giving power to be.

Therefore, He who Thee reveals,  
hangs, O Father, on that tree.  
Helpless!  
And the nails and thorns tell of what Thy love must be.

Thou art God!  
No monarch Thou  
enthroned in easy state to reign.  
Thou art God!  
Whose arms of love,  
Aching  
Spent  
The world sustain.

# **ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH**

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Lisa Marachant
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	James and Johanna Moriarty, RIP
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		

## **ST CECILIA, Martyr**

Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Frances Dyson, RIP
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Maria Bishop

## **ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS, Martyrs**

Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	William McAvoy, RIP
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	David Hancock, RIP
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Bereaved of the Parish
		10.45am	Confessions	

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Cyril Ford, RIP
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	George Lansley, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Philomena Galloghly, RIP

### **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, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Marjorie Brown.

**Those who are unwell or in hospital:** Bill Guilfoyle, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Freda Edgington, Esther Brophy, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Veronica Jastrzebski, David McCann, Brian Mecklenburg, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Shaun Howard, Francis Robinson, Tom Corridan

## DATES AND NEWS

**PLEASE PRAY** – For the repose of the soul: Frances Dyson's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on **Tuesday 22 November 2016** at 10.30am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – The deadline for newsletter items is midday on Wednesdays.

**BEWARE: LIGHTING CANDLES** – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Please ensure your children are not playing around the candle trays, in the sand or with the lighted candles. Care must be taken when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc.



**THE PARISH NEEDS – OFFERING VERIFIERS** - We need 1 more male volunteer to join the team who meet at the parish office every Monday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am, training will be provided.

**WELCOMING TEAMS** - We need people of all ages to join the **Welcoming Teams** at all weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the parish office or speak to one of the Welcoming Team at the Masses.

**PASTORAL CARE** – We need volunteers who are willing to visit or offer help and support to those who are unwell or in difficulty. Please contact the parish office with your name and contact details.

**DEPUTY MANAGER: NIGHT SHELTER** - 2 nights per week, commencing **Friday 2 December 2016** Fridays and Saturdays from 7.00pm to 7.00am until end of March 2017. This winter there will be a night shelter for the homeless in Bracknell based in local churches around the town. This is a part-time paid role for up to 4 months. Training will be provided for the needs of homeless and vulnerable adults is essential. For details contact Elaine Chalmers-Brown 01344 307030 [pilgrim.hearts@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrim.hearts@gmail.com)

**ADVENT VIGIL** – On **Friday 2 December 2016** from 8.00pm until midnight, the Prayer Group will hold an Advent Vigil in the Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer and later a talk and refreshments in the hall.

**TRAIN TO TEACH WITH ENCOMPASS LEARNING ALLIANCE** – Interested in becoming a primary school teacher and have a degree 2.2 or above? Come along to the Open Morning on **Tuesday 22 November 2016** at 10.00am at St Francis Catholic Primary School, Coronation Road, Ascot, Berks, SL5 9HG, chat to teachers and trainee teachers about this rewarding career. To book your place contact Lynne Ringshaw, [l.ringshaw@stfrancisprimary.org.uk](mailto:l.ringshaw@stfrancisprimary.org.uk) or telephone 01344 622840.

**BEREAVED OF THE PARISH** – Mass on **Saturday 26 November 2016** at 10.00am. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the hall after Mass courtesy of the Bereavement Support Group.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Will resume at all weekend Masses on the weekend of **26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. Thank you for your patience while we review procedures following the recent Health & Safety and Safeguarding assessment.

**SAFEGUARDING – VULNERABLE ADULT TRAINING** – **Thursday 29 November 2016**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall. This is a Church requirement for those who wish to work within a Church ministry where they are dealing with people 18years plus and, especially, persons undertaking the homeless project or taking Holy Communion to the sick or housebound. Also, for persons new to the ministry and those who have not attended training within the last 3 years.

**DEATH CAFÉ, CROWTHORNE** - **Tuesday 29th November** at Beaton's Tea Rooms. **Please see the poster in the porch for more details.**

**PILGRIM HEARTS PRAYER EVENING** - On **Wednesday 30th November 2016** 7.30pm at Easthampstead Baptist Church, South Hill Park Road, with other faiths to pray for the success of this year's night shelter. All are welcome. They would appreciate numbers for seating, please call Theresa McDougall on 07851 200987.

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – At St Joseph's School **Friday 2 December 2016**, 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Please support the school and the children.

**ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – At St Margaret Clitherow School **Saturday 3 December 2016**, 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses.

**CAFOD RETREAT - PROCLAIMING THE MERCY OF GOD - Saturday 3 December 2016.** As this Year of Mercy draws to a close, join CAFOD for a special retreat at St Mary's parish hall, 59 Normandy Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 1DN from 10am to 4pm. Booking is essential via 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

**BRACKNELL FOREST CATENIANS FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENING** – **Tuesday 6 December 2016** at The Hilton Hotel, Bracknell. We meet at 7.00pm for 7.30pm dinner, there will be readings and carol singing throughout the evening. The cost of the 3-course meal is £24 per person. All are very welcome, to book please contact Richard Taylor on **01344 566956**, we need to ensure your meal prepared and ready for you!

**CHRISTMAS BELLS** - Thames Voyces Chamber Choir invite you to an evening of Christmas carols and readings with them. Interval drinks and mince pies available and we hope that you will join in with the audience carols! The concert is on **Saturday 10 December 2016** at 7.30pm (after 6.00pm Mass). Tickets £12 or £10 (concessions) U16's free, available on the door or our website [www.thamesvoyces.org.uk](http://www.thamesvoyces.org.uk)

**ST JOSEPH & ST MARGARET CLITHEROW JOINT CAROL SERVICE** - Our two primary schools will be gathering on **Wednesday 14th December 2016** at 6.00pm for a Carol Concert outside the Church, town centre. Please come and support our children as they embrace the final part of their Advent journey.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICES** – Will be held at Corpus Christie Church, 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham, RG40 2HE on **Wednesday 14 December 2016** at 7.30pm and at Immaculate Conception Church, 63-67 Yorktown Road, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS on **Thursday 15 December 2016** at 7.30pm.

**BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT** - On Saturday 17 December 2016, performing Handel's Messiah in St Joseph's Church, starts at 7.30pm. **No 6.00pm Vigil Mass on 17 December 2016.** The 100 singer's choir, professional soloists and Baroque orchestra Musica Poetica. Tickets are £15, accompanied under 18s are free, includes free glass of wine and mince pie. Contact Fiona Hardman [07922 662740](tel:07922662740) or [fionahardman@gmail.com](mailto:fionahardman@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket. Tickets will be available on the door on the night. For more information please visit our website [www.bracknellchoral.org.uk](http://www.bracknellchoral.org.uk)

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – **Sunday 20 November 2016** at 2.30pm

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – “Longing for the Messiah”. Please join us at Gospel Challenge if you would like to reflect on the beautiful Advent scripture readings. We'll meet on the Monday evenings, **28th November** at 58 Qualitas and **12th December 2016** at 86 Qualitas. More information from Anne Gibbons or Louise Birley through the Parish office.

**KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB** – Every Tuesday in the hall 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Cancelled **Tuesday 22 November 2016**, will resume **Tuesday 29 November 2016**.

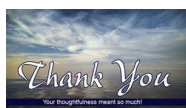
**PRAYER GROUPS** -The Evening Prayer Group 7.45pm - 9.30pm 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Church Hall. Daytime group 10.30am - 11.30a.m. 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Church Hall.

**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 **23<sup>rd</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**.

**RCIA** – Sessions every Thursday 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Hall.

**SOUP & ROLL** – After 12.10pm Mass every Friday during term time.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** – *Thank you.* Total amount £1326.02. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



***To all who minister to the sick, housebound and hospitalised parishioners of the parish, your warmth shines through to those who need it most.***