

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

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

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

***BECOMING THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 - Psalter Week 1 – Missal Page 114**

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The prayer of Jesus is not prescribed or tied to any place. He swims in the heart of God and in the heart of the world. His disciples now ask Him to teach them how to do this. He gives them 'words' but notice how intimate and simple they are. The first words hint at the nearness of God, the second bring them to an immediate return of the same love. Jesus teaches them about the already present communion they have with His Abba. This 'hallowing' of God's Name brings the disciples into intercession for the one thing necessary - the coming of God's Kingdom. Complete dedication to doing what we see the Father doing, cloaking ourselves in the garments of forgiveness, creates a new humanity and a new reality. And should the person who prays this way become alienated, rejected or attacked for becoming the prayer, they must not be tempted to violence. Only love must be returned. This is the test. Revenge must never be foolishly courted.

Then Jesus uses two stories to take them deeper. In the first, the disciples are asked to see themselves asking for something. In the second, someone is asking them for something. The point being that the intercessor opens the self to what is already there. Asking for the Spirit is like asking for the ignition key that will start the adventure of being a disciple.



It is true that we learn how to say prayers. We can rattle them off at high speed and without pondering them so much. But from time to time it is vital that we make them truly our own. Slowing down enough to let the words renew us. You might want to look at St. Luke's version of the Our Father when doing this. He potently joins the magnificent themes of pouring and self-giving. He clearly expects the unending love of God to flow into the empty cup of our hearts. When this happens, the cup overflows.

Once upon a time, a bishop visited three hermits who lived on an island in his diocese. He asked them how they prayed and was shocked to hear they didn't know The Lord's Prayer. So he taught it to them and left. A few years later, as he was passing he called in to see how they were doing and discovered them glowing with light. The bishop was astonished and delighted when they told him that they had forgotten the words but not what they meant.

## St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow



### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Helen Considine†
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Jan Olchowik†
		10.30am	Mass	Edith de Souza†
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		

### STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Nolan†
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Doris Emily Breadmore†
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Frank Norton†

### ST MARTHA

Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Dorcas Innes Garner
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bereavement Service	

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Alice and Paddy Egan†
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Socorro Barretto†
		10.30am	Mass	John and Mary Smith†

## DATES AND NEWS

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

**CHURCH SHOP** – The Church Shop will be closed throughout August. You are welcome to see and buy our many beautiful items and cards that you may want for family and friends, or to take on holiday.

**FR JAYA APPEAL** - Thanks to all who have sponsored an orphan for £150 a year. There will be a basket in the porch this weekend and next, for his work among the very poorest in India. Every penny goes directly to feed, clothe and educate. Please visit <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/father-jaya.html> If you are a taxpayer the parish can add the reclaimed tax.

**OVER 50'S KEEP FIT CLUB DAYTRIP** - A daytrip by coach has been organized to visit the sea-side town of Weston-super-Mare on **Wednesday 27th July 2016**. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip which will depart from the Church car park at 0830. The application list/further details are on the Church noticeboard - or for more information please phone Graham, 01344 425040.

**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 at <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/> The closing date for applications is **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.

**SCHOOL'S SUMMER RECESS** – This week the summer recess of our two schools has begun. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all our Governors, Teaching Staff, all other support staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to give our children a first class Catholic education.

**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.

**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 come and support this endeavour.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – **Sunday 21 August 2016** at 2.30pm

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

**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.

**BRACKNELL FOODBANK STORE** – Are desperately in need of volunteers to help on Fridays. If you are interested in this Ministry please contact Carole Mayes email [jcmayes@ntlworld.com](mailto:jcmayes@ntlworld.com)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION** – On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **20<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.



**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**  
There will be a special weekend at the Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted. The time will be a mixture of the teaching, discussion, praying, reflections and opportunity for Confession and Adoration. Starts at 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and finishes at 3.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at 75 Qualitas.

**BABY CHANGING FACILITY** – The new baby changing facility is available alongside the ladies' toilet near the hall. We are catching up with the rest of the world.

**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 meeting **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**, then **10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

**KEEP FIT CLUB** – No sessions through July and August until further notice.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** – **Thank you.** Total amount £1477.52. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



To everyone who have given so generously to help Fr Jaya's parish during the severe drought and to help the children in the orphanage.