

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW
THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

CHOOSING TO BE CHOSEN

5th June 2016 - Psalter Week 2 – Missal Page 93

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The main characters in today's Gospel Story are a widow and Jesus. Her dead and risen son stands between them. Jesus' compassion for her is an amazing reversal of the great Beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn". But a careful consideration of the 'miracle' which has no real fireworks to make our jaw drop, reveals something amazing.



Jesus compassion extends well beyond the fact that this woman has lost her son. She is also a widow who has lost a husband, making her an unprotected person. In the society and culture of the time, she is completely vulnerable. She does not 'belong' to the house of any man and so she is without shelter or food. She is weeping for many losses when Jesus speaks to her. Jesus has encountered a burial procession for two. This is a story of how culture and society abandon women without men.

Let's try looking for the revelation hidden in the miracle. In reality, this story takes us into the oceanic compassion of God for the poor and the vulnerable. Once the compassion of God for the poor and the vulnerable is seen, understood and taken to heart, the story invites us to make a critique of any society or culture which attack, kill or abandon the most vulnerable. The healings and exorcisms of Jesus are as much social critique as they are stunning miracles.

The miracles of Jesus reveal fathomless divine compassion and love and, at the same time, unmask the hidden assumptions and beliefs that allow the scandal of poverty, cruelty and misery to flourish unchallenged.

If we haven't quite grown up, we might just want a Jesus who does miracles. But to allow Him to unhide the strange social engines that shape deprivation and death. That might meet more than a little resistance. But really. Really. Too much is at stake to let that happen.

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Robert Buchanan†
Sunday	5 th	8.30am	Mass	Maria Veronica Quijalvo
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
Monday	6 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	7 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Augustus Heffernan†	
Wednesday	8 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Eugene O'Connell†
Thursday	9 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Serafina Delmundo
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	10 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Kathleen Casey†

ST BARNABAS, Apostle

Saturday	11 th	10.00am	Mass	Julie and Ted Turner†
		10.45am	Confessions	

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	11 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Stan McLaran†
Sunday	12 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis†
		3.00pm	Confirmation Mass	

**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

PLEASE PRAY FOR – The young people of our parish who are making their Confirmation on **Sunday 12 June 2016** at 3.00pm.

WORLD YOUTH EVENT IN POLAND 2016 – We are very grateful to everyone for their continued support. We really appreciate all you have done in helping us to raise money for 6 of us to go to Poland with Bishop Philip and other young people from our Diocese this summer. Thank you for your donations, buying our cakes and cookies, coming to our Bingo Evening and supporting our raffle. We have raised just over £5000 thank you and, hopefully, with 2 more cake sales to go, our target will be reached. We intend to make available a book for prayer requests for anyone who wishes us to pray for them while we are in Poland. Please watch the newsletter for more information. **The Youth Fundraising Group**

THANK YOU – Our heartfelt thanks to John and Chris Cole and Alex Barreto. After many years of service, Chris has decided to retire as our Parish Secretary and John has stepped down with her from voluntary roles. Alex has resigned from the Finance Committee and we thank him for the great contribution he made to the team.

MASTERCLASS IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – A series of eight reflections (on CD) by Dr James Finley on Thomas Merton second session on **Thursday 9th June 2016** at 7.00pm in the parish hall. If you feel drawn to this Masterclass, please contact 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.

CAFOD VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Jo Lewry and Lynda Mussell will speak at all Masses **4th and 5th June 2016** about the work overseas and how parishioners can become volunteers.

RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION – Will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to the 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 8th June 2016**.

OVER 50'S KEEP FIT CLUB – A daytrip has been organised by coach to visit Weymouth on Wednesday 15th June 2016. All parishioners are invited to join club members for this trip, leaving the Church car park at 8.30am. See the noticeboard or contact Graham Block on 01344 425040.

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION – Every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks on the Essentials of the Faith at St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead from **14th June to 19th July 2016** 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY/SUMMER FAYRE – **Saturday 18 June 2016** from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. All are invited to come and help us celebrate this special occasion. We are hoping to display photographs through the years since 1976. If you have any photos please contact the School Office on 01344 424030. Raffle tickets on sale at Masses **4th, 5th, 11th and 12th June 2016**. Thank you for supporting us in this event.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 19 June 2016** at 2.30pm

PEW PACKS – We are delighted that after a year, the Pew Packs are actively used and enjoyed by young families. Many thanks to all the parents who encourage and share the packs with the children. To maintain the quality of the packs, we ask you to kindly return the packs, with all their contents, to the porch at the end of each Mass. A few items are missing: one each jigsaw and book, two rosary beads. If anyone finds these items, please hand them into the Parish Office.

CLOTHES BANK - The next ClothesBank giveaway will be on **Wednesday 22nd June 2016**. The ClothesBank will appreciate donations of good quality used clothes for children of all ages plus trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks for example need to be new. JymJam's June is an appeal for new adults' and children's pyjamas. Please leave donations in the ClothesBank container in the porch at all Masses.

Help needed on **Wednesday 22nd June** from 9am-9.30am in our church car park unloading boxes of clothes and taking them into the Hall and again from 12.30pm-1pm taking the boxes from the hall and reloading them. If you feel able to donate your time, please contact the Parish Office or turn up on the day.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 25th June 2016 11.00-4.00. All are welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL. Reservations not needed and no charge. For more information telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747 or visit www.altonrenewal.com or.

DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE – Saturday 2nd July 2016 10.00am to 2.00pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please book your place via caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK (NJPN) – Please sign up to the e-Newsletter for information on very important issues which affect all our lives www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk

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. For more information/application form please contact Roger Lillie on 07729 368195 or email rlillie@cafod.org.uk

SERVICE OF HEALING – Everyone is welcome to the Service of Healing on **Sunday 10 July 2016** at 3.00pm. If you are willing to offer a lift to/from the Service or make cakes/sandwiches for the afternoon tea, there will be sign-up sheets in the porch nearer this time.

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

ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL : PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES – There are currently 2 Parent Governor vacancies at the school. Nomination forms closing **Monday 21st September, 4.00pm** to the school attention of the Returning Officer. No nomination accepted after that date and time. For more information www.stjosephs.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/governors

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on **Monday 13 June 2016** at 22 Pond Moor,

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

CRAFT GROUP – The Craft Group meets in the hall 11.00am to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Total amount: £1952.82

Thank You

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To the Flower Ladies

for the beautiful displays