

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8TH May 2016 - Psalter Week 3

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From time to time, symbols, images, gestures and stories have a way of getting to the heart of something when words fail.

For example, Sky becomes an image of Heaven, King an image of God, and Ascension here might look like an ascent where Jesus is seen as a sort of vice-president of a global industry. But are these images enough? Do they hold all of the story of Jesus, as told by Jesus and His first disciples?

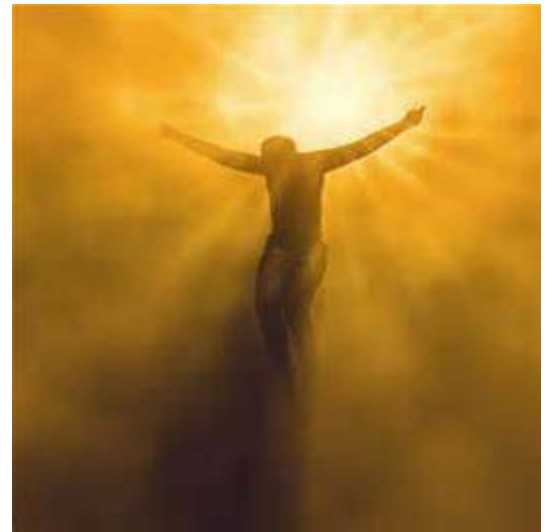
In the second part of his trilogy, John Shea, offers another way of looking at this feast.

Then a tree without leaves
And nails against a carpenter
And cracked lips of gall
And the devil turned legion
His voice splintered into 1000 thorns
'If you are the Son of God
Climb down from that cross;
And dance in the Temple air,
Or bake rocks into bread, or step on the neck of the world,
Or escape into the desert and starve yourself into heaven'.

But Jesus held fast to the life he was losing.
It was the centurion of many crucifixions
Who saw in the man on the edge of the world
The Son of God of everlasting embrace.

'Truly, this is the Son of Love'.
Then he ran his lance into the side of the man
who would not come down.

The blood of Jesus and the water of the Jordan flowed as one stream
Down the cross, soaking through the earth
With the determination of a journey
Carrying the Son
To the unmoving centre of the universe.



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Saturday	7 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Rita McGovern†
Sunday	8 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Pierrie Bales
		10.30am	Mass	Ricky Dagdag
Monday	9 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	10 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Erwin Phelan†
Wednesday	11 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Hayest†
Thursday	12 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Noreen Patterson
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	13 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Eillen Larkin†

ST MATTHIAS - Feast

Saturday	14 th	12.00noon	First Holy Communion Mass	
			No Confessions	

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	

**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

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS OFFERING – All Masses Ascension Sunday. Ascension Sunday has been designated by the Catholic Church as Communications Sunday when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and a second offering taken to fund the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN).

SERVICE OF HEALING CANCELLED – The Service on **Sunday 8th May 2016** is now cancelled and will be re-arranged to a future date. Please advise anyone you know who may be planning to attend.

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

CAKE BREAK DAY FOR MS SOCIETY – Friday 13 May 2016 at 7 Letcombe Square, Harmans Water, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 9JU. All are welcome to come and buy some lovely home-made cakes and a cup of tea/coffee. There will also be a raffle with lovely prizes which have all been donated. Looking forward to seeing you, all donations welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL - Sat 14th May 2016 - Fr Mark Hogan would like to invite you to take part in a Diocesan day of prayer for the New Evangelisation (Sharing the Joy of the Gospel) from 10am to 4pm on **Saturday 14th May**. There is no need to sign up.

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

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 rillie@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.

FOODBANK – All donations are very much appreciated.

SVP REQUEST FOR HELP – Do you have a set of good quality pots and pans that you no longer need? If so, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society on 07731 862349.

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	£622.10
Envelopes & Cheques	£337.18
Direct Debits	£510.00
Total amount:	£1469.28

Thank You

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES

PAYABLE TO:

PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO
UNSELFISHLY GIVE THEIR TIME
TO THE NEEDS OF THE PARISH