

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

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

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

*FOLLOWING LOVE INTO MYSTERY: THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY*

**22<sup>ND</sup> May 2016 - Psalter Week 4**

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All three Persons of the Blessed Trinity intertwine in the last will and testament of Jesus. The Father is the transcendent wellspring of Love. The Son the concrete embodiment of that Love. The Spirit the comforting ongoing presence of that Love who leads us to an ever greater understanding of the Mystery we follow.

Many of the things we believe are solid and sure. Many of the things we believe are tentative and lightly held. This helps us understand Jesus' frank words about the 'many other things' He is holding back until we are ready to receive them. I find this comforting and liberating because it gives us permission to feel our way towards the Truth and to allow ourselves time to grow in faith, hope and love.

My understanding of the Most Holy Trinity has changed and grown over the years. My present understanding is powerfully shaped by one of the guiding principles of Catholic Social Teaching, namely the Dignity of the Human Person. This principle means that our starting point is the infinite preciousness of the person from conception to a natural death. It means that everyone is worthy of our respect, regardless of their physical or social status and this not up for grabs. It raises the question, 'What must we do so that Human Dignity is honoured in action?'



This principle of unshakeable human dignity, is, from a Catholic point of view, grounded in the belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God. And when we think about that at the same time we contemplate the Trinity, our preciousness and dignity may be more than we ever imagined it to be. It means that our preciousness comes from our being embedded in relationships, that we are essentially never alone. There is something beautiful and exciting about this vision.

Maybe we need to recognise more that we can never be truly closed in on ourselves. We are not facing it all alone, and we are not in a competition or at our best when we compare ourselves negatively with others.

Human dignity is ours, not mine. Our preciousness is guaranteed by the fact that we belong to each other and find ourselves most in the flow of love we create with each other before God.

The opening prayer of the contemplatives is always, "Me as I am, before You as You are."

# ***St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow***

## ***THE MOST HOLY TRINITY***

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Molly & Christy Campbell†
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse†
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget & Francis Robinson
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John Baptist Robertson†
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Communion Service	

## ***ST PHILIP NERI – Feast***

Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Erwin Phelan†
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	

## ***ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY - Feast***

Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Robert Bartlett
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	John Hayes†
		10.45am	Confessions	

## ***MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – Corpus Christi***

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Janet Salisbury†
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty†

## **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

**AFTER MASS TEA & COFFEE** – Cancelled for Sunday 22 May 2016 Masses due to First Holy Communion children's breakfast.

**WORLD YOUTH EVENT IN POLAND 2016** – CAKE SALES after all Masses weekend **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016** fund-raising for the World Youth event in Poland in July. Donations of cakes, cupcakes/cookies much appreciated please leave in hall or the porch before Mass. Please return filled smarties tubes next weekend too. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

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

**ANTI-ABORTION CAMPAIGN** - The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) is campaigning for abortion up until birth for any reason. Please sign the petition against this at [www.citizenngo.org/en/lf/34595-royal-college-of-midwives-campaigns-for-abortion-up-until-birth-for-any-reason](http://www.citizenngo.org/en/lf/34595-royal-college-of-midwives-campaigns-for-abortion-up-until-birth-for-any-reason). Please also sign <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/119229> to stop the NHS funding abortions from your tax money.

**BRACKNELL FAITH AND BELIEF FORUM'S AGM** – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016** at 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Bracknell Forest Homes, Berkshire Court, Western Road, Bracknell, RG12 1RE

**A DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS** – **Saturday 11 June 2016** at St Edmund's Catholic School, Arundel Street, Portsmouth, PO1 1RX from 10.00am to 3.00pm. A brilliant opportunity for young Altar Servers and potential Altar Servers to gather, make new friends, fun team games, formation, lunch and Eucharistic procession from School to the Cathedral for Mass. Suggested donation £5. Please contact Raymond Savage on [pam8spam2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pam8spam2@yahoo.co.uk) by **Sunday 29 May 2016**.

**ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL 40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY/SUMMER FAYRE** – **Saturday 18 June 2016** from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. All former staff, pupils, parents, governors and parishioners 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 that you would share with us please contact the School Office on 01344 424030. Raffle tickets on sale at Masses **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. Thank you for supporting us in this event.

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

**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. 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:rlillie@cafod.org.uk)

**HOLY DOOR YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGES** – Abingdon on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016** and the Portsmouth Cathedral on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The main role of the Governing Body is to provide the strategic direction for the school, to hold the head teacher to account and to ensure that the school budget is well spent. Nominations forms must be received by **Monday 21st September, 4.00pm** to the school marked for the attention of the Returning Officer. No nomination will be accepted after that date and time. For more information [www.stjosephs.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/governors](http://www.stjosephs.bracknell-forest.sch.uk/governors)

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY** – A total of £430 was made at the Charity Cake Break Day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at Dorothy James' house. It was a wonderful day of tea and cakes. Dorothy would like to thank those who came and everyone who generously supported them, especially the stores in Bracknell and Wokingham for the wonderful raffle prizes.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – The next meeting is on **Monday 23<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at 57 Ardingly, Bracknell. For further information please contact Ann on 01344 451847.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Total amount: £1436.33

**Thank You**

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHEQUES

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PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph



To Mary McNab and all her wonderful team preparing the the children for their First Holy Communion