

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

CHECKMATING THE KING

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Luke's Gospel speaks clearly about and to those who live their life in a twisted way. These are people who only trust in themselves (self-righteous) and who need to hold others in contempt to bolster their own fragile egos. Today's Parable suggest another way of living.



The Pharisee at prayer is a wonder to behold. His prayer separates him from everyone else and creates fertile conditions for his contempt. The tax collector, on the other hand, takes the opposite way - hoping to touch and feel Gods Mercy. Both need it, but only one has the wisdom to ask for it.

Thomas Merton puts it beautifully in his 'Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander' p.156-157' "In Louisville, at the corner of fourth and walnut, in the centre of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed by the realisation that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I was theirs It is a glorious thing to be a member of the human race, though it is a race dedicated to many absurdities and one which makes terrible mistakes; yet, with all that, God Himself gloried in becoming a member of the human race. A member of the human race!

Once we know that *we are absurd and that we make terrible mistakes*, a door opens that remains closed to the ones who don't know. We must be poor enough in spirit to receive the gift. God pours herself into empty vessels. Divine, unconditional love is unleashed the moment we stop trying to save ourselves. This might be why dying is so vital to the journey.

But it was Teresa of Avila who captured this beautifully, when in 'Divine Sparks' (p.206) she wrote, "Humility is the Queen without whom none can checkmate the divine King."

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Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Michael Arnopp, RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Wills, RIP
Monday	24 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Patricia McGuire, RIP
Wednesday	26 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Liz Fisher's Intentions
Thursday	27 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	

Ss SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles

Friday	28 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	David Hancock, RIP
Saturday	29 th	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	John Hayes, RIP
		10.45am	Confessions	

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	29 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Gerry Berry, RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Fred Abbott, 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

DATES AND NEWS

PLEASE PRAY – For the repose of the soul of Eddie McGrath, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on **Tuesday 8 November 2016** at 11.15am. Also, for the repose of the souls of Patricia McGuire, Alexander Elkington and Sue Beasley. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

2nd OFFERINGS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER – Foreign Missions Sunday: Weekend 22nd & 23rd October 2016. On this day the whole Church unites in an act of universal solidarity in prayer for its missionary activity and in collecting funds to support the Mission of the Church worldwide. Thank you for your support.
Bamenda: Weekend 5th and 6th November 2016.

CHURCH KEYS – Thank you to everyone who has responded so well to this request.

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION, ALL SAINTS – **Tuesday 1 November 2016**, Masses 12.00 noon and 7.00pm.

ALL SOULS' DAY, WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2016 – Tea, coffee and cakes served in the Hall after Mass courtesy of the Bereavement Support Group.

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.

“WE'RE ALL EQUAL' CAMPAIGN - A group run by people with disabilities, their families and supporters who wish to support Lord Shinkwin's bill to remove abortion on the grounds of disability from the 1967 Abortion Act. Lord Shinkwin, a peer with a disability, has introduced a Bill into the House of Lords that proposes to remove section 1(1)(d) from the Abortion Act which allows abortion on the grounds of disability, right up to birth. The second reading of Lord Shinkwin's Bill will take place this **Friday 21st October 2016**. Our aim is to call on the Government to give the Bill enough time to proceed to the House of Commons and be voted on by MPs, whilst raising public awareness as to the discrimination that exists against people with disabilities, before and after birth. We encourage supporters to visit our website: <http://allequal.org.uk/> where they can email their MPs to ask Theresa May to give the Bill time.



THE PARISH NEEDS – OFFERING VERIFIERS - We need 2 more male volunteers to join the team who meet at the parish office every Monday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am to verify the offering count. This will be on a rota basis. If you can spare 2 hours on Monday morning to join this very important team we will be delighted to welcome you, training will be provided.

WELCOMING TEAMS - We need people of all ages to join the **Welcoming Team** at the 6.00pm, 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Mass. Welcomer's greet and assist those arriving for Mass, give out books and newsletters, check off Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and assist with 2nd Offerings. 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.

ALTAR CLOTH LAUNDRY – A huge thank you to the 4 ladies who have volunteered to complete this Ministry, we are most grateful.

AN INSIGHT INTO HUMAN SLAVERY IN THE UK by the Medaille Trust – Thursday 27 October 2016 in the Parish Hall of St Francis de Sales, Warren Road, Newbury, Berkshire. RG14 6NH. Talk from 8pm preceded by Mass at 7pm.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE TRUST - A small charity making a big difference in the world. Working in Jordan, South Sudan, Thailand and Uganda, IRT help some of the poorest and most vulnerable refugees and families to have a better life. In South Sudan, IRT is helping to support the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters helping vulnerable families during the crisis. Steve Smith C.E.O will speak at all Masses **Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October 2016** to tell of their work and to ask for support.

DAY FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Saturday 12th November 2016
9.30am to 3.00pm on at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG 24 9DX. Register online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DIOCESAN CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME CONFERENCE – Saturday 12 November 2016, 9.30am for 10.00am until 3.30pm, at Winchester Discovery Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester. Bishop Philip Egan will chair the conference. Refreshments and Lunch will be provided. Register providing your name by email to: laudatosi12nov@gmail.com

THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY - Sunday 13th November 2016, Bishop Philip Egan will be saying a special Mass in the early afternoon at St. Edmund's Abingdon to close the Holy Door. After the Mass, there will be reception and a short talk from Abbot Geoffrey Scott about St. Edmund followed by Veneration of the Relics, Eucharistic Benediction and the re-dedication of our Diocese. It promises to be an historic occasion and Bishop Philip invites all of us, clergy and people from across the Diocese, to join him.

BRACKNELL FOREST FAITH & BELIEF FORUM – Wednesday 16 November 2016, 7.00pm to 9.15pm in the Church Hall. Interfaith Week event, theme is "Sharing the earth's resources". All welcome.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE – On Saturday 19 November 2016, 4.45pm at St Mary's, Belle Vue Road, Aldershot GU12 4RX. Also at St Joseph's, Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JB on **Sunday 20 November 2016** at 10.30am. Regular weekend Masses of the parish. Our Book of Remembrance will be part of the offertory procession and prayers offered in memory of all CAFOD supporters who have passed away. If you would like the name of a loved one to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please let us know via portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385 by **14 November 2016**.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – Sunday 20 November 2016 at 2.30pm

PEW PACKS - In order to keep this excellent service going we are desperate for help to service these packs after the 6.00pm & 10.30am masses. If you can help please either contact Sarah Birch ([07516 433633](tel:07516433633)) or Theresa McDougall ([07851 200987](tel:07851200987)) Thank you

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Meeting on Monday 24 October 2016, 7.45pm at 9 Anneford Place. We are an informal, friendly group who meet to reflect on the Sunday Gospels and their relevance in our daily lives. All are welcome to join us.

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

RELATIVE & TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday in the hall 9.30am to 11.30am during term time.

PRAYER GROUPS -The Evening Prayer Group 7.45pm - 9.30pm 1st/3rd Tuesday Church Hall. Daytime group 10.30am - 11.30a.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. Next meetings 26 October and 9th & 23rd November 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 £1518.66. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".



Grace Ampomoh and Alex Barreto for all their dedication and hard work making the Church and the grounds beautiful.