

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

FINDING OUR TRUE SELF

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If we could have a conversation with Zaccheus, he would remind us that conversion doesn't have to be gloom, doom and a hard slog. In today's Gospel, we see both him and Jesus at play and the changes this can bring.

In his trilogy, John Shea writes the story beautifully.

Another time, when Jesus was on His way from Jericho to Jerusalem,
A dwarf of a tax collector, Zaccheus by name,
whose eyes were as tarnished as two Roman coins,
and whose hands were no bigger than a stolen purse,
climbed a tree to spy Jesus.
But Jesus spied him and said,
Zaccheus, hurry down, I will eat with you tonight.

Now, who is the host and who is the guest
when the one invited in turn invites?
And what can happen at such a meal?
Can more than bread be shared?
Can more than wine be drunk?

The story says that later the same day Zaccheus reached into the centre of his soul and found a rusty key which he used to unlock the strongboxes that held the wealth of his people. Later that day, a taller Zaccheus returned what the smaller one had stolen.



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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday 29th 6.00pm Vigil Mass Gerry Berry, RIP

Sunday 30th 8.30am Mass Bill Docherty, RIP

10.30am Mass Fred Abbott, RIP

Monday 31st **NO MASS**

ALL SAINTS, Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday 1st 12.00noon Mass Ann O'Sullivan - Thanksgiving

7.00pm Mass

ALL SOULS

Wednesday 2nd 9.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass Miss Smyth, RIP (Foundation)

12.00noon Mass

7.00pm Mass

Thursday 3rd 9.30am Communion Service with Morning Prayer

10.15am Mother's Prayers

Friday 4th 11.00am Exposition (until 12.00noon)

12.10pm Mass Mary and Ken Pickett, RIP

Saturday 5th 9.30am Rosary

10.00am Mass Pro-Life

10.45am Confessions

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday 5th 6.00pm Vigil Mass David Gunn, RIP

Sunday 6th 8.30am Mass Cesar and Maxima Camba, RIP

10.30am Mass Austin Pimenta, 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, Tom Corridan

DATES AND NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR FR DANNY AND A WARM WELCOME – Fr Danny is presently very ill, please pray for him. Please give a warm welcome to: Fr Liam Cummins from Mill Hill Missionaries in Maidenhead who will be saying the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday 29 October 2016** and Fr Richard Maniak who will be saying the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on **Sunday 30 October 2016**.

PLEASE PRAY – For the repose of the souls of: Eddie McGrath's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on **Tuesday 8 November 2016** at 11.15am. Alexander Elkington's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on **Friday 10 November 2016** at 12.30pm and Sue Beasley's funeral will take place at Easthampstead Park Cemetary and Crematorium on **Friday 18 November 2016** at 1.30pm. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUSPENDED – For the next few weeks while we review processes and procedures in light of the recent Health, Safety and Safeguarding review.

2nd OFFERINGS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER – INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE TRUST - 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. 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.

Bamenda: Weekend 5th and 6th November 2016. Newly formed Friends of Bamenda would like to invite those interested in the activities of Portsmouth Bamenda to contact us. The main aim is to increase awareness across the parish. On Bamenda Sunday one of our own Trevor Keeling will be talking to us. If you would like to understand more please contact Chris White gochukr@hotmail.com.

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

ALL SOULS' DAY, WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2016 – Masses 9.30am, 12 noon and 7.00pm 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.



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.

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**.

DEATH CAFÉ, CROWTHORNE - After 2 successful Death Cafe Crowthorne events where more than 50 people have now experienced Death Cafe - another one looms on the horizon. **Tuesday 29th November** at Beaton's Tea Rooms. I do hope that you or someone you know might be interested in attending. It is an opportunity to talk about Death and Dying and all matters around the subject of LIVING. Deathcafe.com is an international movement "to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 20 November 2016** at 2.30pm

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Meeting on **Monday 14 November 2016**, 7.45pm at 27 Ardingly. 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 **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 £1621.72. Foreign Missions 2nd Offering £327.58 thank you for your generosity. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".



To Fr Liam Cummins and Fr Richard Maniak for saying our Masses so beautifully this weekend.