

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

LIVING IN THE PRESENT

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He was in the hospital wing in the prison - a good person who had been lured by the vampire of addiction. He said to me, "I will give you an image for my life, Father. I'm driving at 100mph down the motorway and I can't take my eyes off the rear view mirror". Great image for those who can't enjoy what is in front of them because they can only live in the past.

And then, some of us might worry so much about the future that we barricade our minds and our hearts against anything creative or new. Worst still, who among us is immune to the odd glance at our stars, or the odd trip to the fortune teller, fortune cookie types who tell us what we think we will need to get an edge on what is to come.

The true Prophet may have an insight into the future. But only because they are so present to the present moment. I think that Jesus is trying, in today's Gospel, to help us to understand the meaning of our suffering. His disciples must endure the violence and the death throes of a way of thinking and acting which relies on violence. Jesus asks us to trust Him as these are brought to the morning of a new day. A time of reconciliation and of Peace.



In these days of transition, we are asked to witness and to cling to the Love that is our life. The Love that holds us through death. The Love that loves to breaking point. The Love that loves without regret and without end.

Whatever has happened to us, and whatever will happen, there is no one better experienced, or qualified to teach this lesson than Jesus.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	5 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	6 th	8.30am	Mass	Cesar and Maxima Camba, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Austin Pimenta, RIP
Monday	7 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	8 th	11.15am	Requiem Mass	Edward McGrath, RIP

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – Feast

Wednesday	9 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	David Gunn, RIP

ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope

Thursday	10 th	12.30pm	Requiem Mass	Alexander Elkington, RIP
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ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop

Friday	11 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Sr. Jenny Coyne

ST JOSAPHAT, Bishop

Saturday	12 th	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	David Gunn, RIP
		10.45am	Confessions	

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Saturday	12 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Patrick Walsh, RIP
Sunday	13 th	8.30am	Mass	Sylvia Miranda, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Philomena Boyle, 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 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 **Thursday 10 November 2016** at 12.30pm and Sue Beasley's funeral will take place at Easthampstead Park Cemetery 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.

2nd OFFERINGS NOVEMBER – 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.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE TRUST - Steve Smith who spoke at each Mass last weekend writes "Thank you so much for allowing me to speak! Let me just say how grateful I am that you gave IRT a platform. It was so heart-warming and uplifting to see how the congregation responded – not just in terms of donations, but also in how they engaged emotionally with the difficult subject of South Sudan. The sum collected is really quite staggering, and, as I said during the Mass, every single penny will go directly to supporting the people of South Sudan. It really will go a long way!" More leaflets are available in the porch.

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. Welcomers 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 Holy Cross, 53 Leigh Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9DF. 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 at 1.30pm 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**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Will resume at all weekend Masses on the weekend of **26th and 27th November 2016**. Thank you for your patience while we review procedures following the recent Health & Safety and Safeguarding assessment.

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.

CAFOD RETREAT - PROCLAIMING THE MERCY OF GOD - Saturday 3 December 2016. As this Year of Mercy draws to a close, join CAFOD for a special retreat at St Mary's parish hall, 59 Normandy Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 1DN from 10am to 4pm where we will explore how each of us can continue to live out Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses of mercy" in our families, communities and in our world. The day will allow you to take time out from everyday life to reflect on your own faith journey, explore the Scriptures and Church teaching and be inspired by stories from CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas. Booking is essential via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

CHRISTMAS BELLS - Thames Voyces Chamber Choir invite you to an evening of Christmas carols and readings with them. Interval drinks and mince pies available and we hope that you will join in with the audience carols! The concert is on **Saturday 10 December 2016** at 7.30pm (after 6.00pm Mass). Tickets £12 or £10 (concessions) U16's free, available on the door or our website www.thamesvoyces.org.uk

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.

TODDLER GROUP – **Cancelled for Tuesday 8 November 2016**, will resume on **Tuesday 15 November**.

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 £1509.52. IRT £1500 2nd Offering £1500.00 thank you for your generosity. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".



To our generous community who contributed so well for the I R T appeal . Please see the "thank you" from Steve Smith on the previous page. We sent them £150. Wonderful!