

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

SEIZING SECOND CHANCES

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In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus is always making His way to Jerusalem. It will be in Jerusalem that the steady strength of Sacred Love will cast deeper shadows on a loveless and ungrateful world. The story of the healing of the ten lepers prepares us for this. The steady strength of Sacred Love will show itself as mercy for the afflicted. But few, even of the afflicted, will see clearly enough to fall in adoration at His feet.

The story unfolds in what could be called 'no-man's land' which Jesus transfigures it into everyone's land. Focus less on the geography and more on the place where Sacred encounter is possible. Illness has brought these 'ten' to this place, but Jesus has come to reveal the face of His Abba. To sing the Divine Compassion to what is lost.

Ten lepers are cured. But the one who returns (remember the lost sheep and the missing coin) tells the story of a God who is relentlessly pursuing human hearts who relentlessly run away.



In the end, this is really a story about seizing or not seizing second chances. Being cured 'on the way' to the priestly gatekeepers forces them to choose. What is more important - Re-entry into the established Jewish community, or entry into the company of those who understand who Jesus is?

When the Samaritan falls prostrate at the feet of Jesus, it is much more than an expression of gratitude. It speaks more of his commitment to the teaching of Jesus and of his desire to follow the way of life that Jesus advocates. And so, Jesus instructs him to 'get up and go'. He is not to return to the old ways, but to find a new way, grounded in his gratefulness that God has been so gracious to him. As he walks this path, he will go beyond cure and into healing.

The second chance slumbers in every minute of every life. The real question is, will we seize it?

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	8 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Clyne Family, RIP
Sunday	9 th	8.30am	Mass	Mary Luckose, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Hand Family, Living and Deceased
Monday	10 th	NO MASS		

ST JOHN XXIII, Pope

Tuesday	11 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Mass
Wednesday	12 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Mass

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Thursday	13 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Mass Irena Wasowicz, RIP
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers
Friday	14 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)
		12.10pm	Mass Jurgens Family (Foundation)

ST TERESA OF AVILA, Foundress, Doctor

Saturday	15 th	9.30am	Rosary
		10.00am	Mass
		10.45am	Confessions

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	15 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	16 th	8.30am	Mass Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass Deceased Family & Friends of Graham & Martha Block

**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, 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, Eddie Walsh

DATES AND NEWS

WELCOME BACK – A warm welcome back to Fr Danny, who we hope you enjoyed a well deserved relaxing and peaceful holiday.

2nd OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER –PRISONER'S SUNDAY/WEEK: 9th to 15th October 2016, since 1898, The Catholic Prisoners' Aid Society, now called Pact, has sought to minimise the harm caused by a prison sentence on the offender and their family outside, envelopes in the porch or donate on prisonadvise.org.uk or call 020 7735 9535, visit www.prisonweek.org. **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** – Please return your envelope this weekend. If you've forgotten you can still donate by text to "Harv16 £amount".

Foreign Missions: Weekend 22nd & 23rd October 2016.

CHURCH KEYS – If you have been provided with any of the church keys can you please come to the parish office as soon as possible to sign for them.

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 – Volunteers to join the teams of: **OFFERING VERIFIERS** who meet at the parish office every Monday morning from 9.30am to approximately 11.00am to verify the offering count. This will be on a rota basis. If you can spare 90 minutes on a 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.

ALTAR CLOTH LAUNDRY – We need 4 volunteers to launder the altar cloths, this would be on a quarterly rota basis, please contact the parish office if you wish to join this important team.

ASCOT & BRACKNELL ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY - Should we need some item in particular we will request it via the noticeboard. To donate items please call **07731 862349** as the parish office cannot accept any items on our behalf.

RCIA, AN INVITATION – We welcomed this week 7 new Candidates/Catechumens into our weekly RCIA sessions every Thursday 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Hall. Please keep them in your prayers. Urgent. Please could you offer to become a Godparent/Sponsor for one of our new RCIA group? Please give your details to the Parish Office.

VACANCY – LAY CHAPLAIN - at St Joseph's College Reading for Jan 2017, 24hrs per week. The successful applicant must be a committed practising Catholic, willing to work with pupils & staff. Closing date 12 noon **Tuesday 11 October 2016**. Details from www.sjcr.org.uk or Mrs Gravenor 0118 966 1000.

CLOTHES BANK - ClothesBank giveaway on **Wednesday 12th October**. The ClothesBank need donations of good quality used children's clothing ages 4 to 18 yrs, boys and girls; children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2; women's clothing sizes 8 to 12 and men's clothing - all sizes. Some clothes cannot be passed on and pyjamas, underwear and socks for example must be new. Please put donations in the ClothesBank container in the porch at all weekend Masses **1st & 2nd October** and **8th & 9th October 2016**. Help required on **Wednesday 12th October** from 9am-9.30am in our church car park unloading clothes boxes into the Hall and again from 12.30pm-1pm reloading from the hall. If you feel able to donate your time, please contact the Parish Office or turn up on the day.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE DAY FOR CATECHISTS WITH BISHOP PHILIP – At Portsmouth Cathedral on **Saturday 15 October 2016**, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, for Catechists with Bishop Philip Egan. The day will include: Pilgrimage through the Holy Door; keynote speech by Bishop Philip; Mass of thanksgiving for catechists celebrated by Bishop Philip; lunch provided; practical workshops to discover and help the work of catechesis; time for sharing and discussion. To book please contact: 01590 681874 or register online www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation fim@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD CONCERT – “Any Colour You Like” will be performing the music of Pink Floyd at a concert in aid of CAFOD on **Saturday 15 October 2016** at Windlesham Club, Windlesham Surrey, GU20 6AA. Tickets are £14 in advance and available from www.eventim.co.uk for more information contact www.julianlewrymusic.com doors open at 7pm concert starts at 8pm.

CHILD PROTECTION & VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – Held on **Saturday 15 October 2016**. Child Protection training from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Vulnerable Adults training from 1.30pm to 4.00pm at St Joseph’s, 171a St Michael’s Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. Trainer – Jo Hopkins. To register and book a place contact Soraya Ciccarone soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 02392 836511.

BRACKNELL/WOKINGHAM MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY SUPPORT GROUP - Celebrates 35 years in existence this month. There will be a celebration in our Church Hall on **Saturday 22 October 2016** at 2pm and an opportunity to say thank you to Nicky Bevan who has been President of the Support Group since it was founded 35 years ago. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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.

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

HOLY LAND, 8 DAY PILGRIMAGE - From Reading, **Wed, 19th April - Wed, 26th April 2017**. Follow The footsteps of Jesus. Led by Fr John O’ Shea **ONLY FIVE PLACES LEFT**. Apply to St James Church Reading on tel: 0118 957 4171 or email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2017 – Fr. Marcin Drabik is organising a Pilgrimage to Fatima from **15th - 22nd May 2017** for 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at a cost of £725 per person. For more information including registration forms contact Fr. Marcin Drabik by email mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone: 07479 503813.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Meeting is on **Monday 10 October 2016**, 7.45pm at 75 Qualitas, Bracknell. 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.

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 **12 and 26 October 2016**.

KEEP FIT OVER 50’s CLUB – Every Tuesday in the hall 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Next Bi-annual group meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th October 2016**.

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

SOUP & ROLL – After 12.10pm Mass every Friday during term time.

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING – *Thank you*. Total amount £1615.30. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



To all our Ministers of the Eucharistic and Ministers of the Word, both new and existing for their service and dedication to these important Ministries.