

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

WEARING DOWN INJUSTICE

16 October 2016 - Psalter Week 4 – Missal Page 152

Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy

***Parish Office: Stanley Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1HA
Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm***

Telephone: 01344 425729 Email: stj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative: Marion McGuire 07712048695

If anyone tells you this parable is just a teaching about prayer - don't believe them! To understand it, we must ponder it in its fullness. It is a teaching about 'praying always' to God and not 'losing heart' when it comes to wearing down injustice. It is about not losing the holy ground in our quest to right what is wrong.

The first thing we notice is that in this Parable is that God is not the unjust judge, but the widow. In Hebrew, the word 'widow' translates as 'one who has no voice'. But her voice is all she has. The odds are stacked against her. Persistence is her only strategy. God always comes knocking on the door asking why there is injustice!

The unjust Judge has only one area of vulnerability that she can work on - his need not to be exposed for who he really is. This is what he fears most and what eventually drives him to give her justice.

Personal spirituality and social justice are two sides of the same coin. Praying to God is for the purpose of effecting social justice. God answers the prayer by pouring a passion for justice into the heart of the one who prays. The widow has no resources of her own. If she manages to wear down a hard-as-nails judge, we assume she has had some help.

Finally there is the fascinating invitation to 'pray always and not lose heart'. This means much more than not giving up on the quest for justice. Rather it is about coming forward with love and being faithful to the ways of peace. The temptation, when trying to erode injustice, is that we might become more unjust and more violent than the ones we are challenging. When we put our hearts at the level of his Sacred heart, we recognise Him as the relentless widow who prays always until His heart becomes the Heart of God.



ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

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

Monday 17th **NO MASS**

ST LUKE, Feast

Tuesday	18 th	9.30am	Communion Service with Morning Prayer
Wednesday	19 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Mass Jim McElhill, RIP
Thursday	20 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	Mass Michael Breen O'Grady, RIP
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers
Friday	21 st	10.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)
		11.00pm	Mass

ST JOHN PAUL II, Pope

Saturday	22 nd	9.30am	Rosary
		10.00am	Mass
		10.45am	Confessions

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Michael Arnopp, RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducass, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Wills, 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, 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 McGrath

DATES AND NEWS

WELCOME – We welcome back Fr Adrian Walker for our 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on **Sunday 16 October 2016** as Fr Danny is away.

2nd OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER – **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.

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016 – Please note the change of service times on **Friday 21 October 2016**. Exposition will be at 10.00am and Mass at 11.00am. We are celebrating the wedding of Shaun Kitzinger and Hayley Mowatt at 1.00pm, we wish them many blessings.

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 – OFFERING VERIFIERS - We need 2 more 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 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.

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.

CLOTHESBANK, AMAZING GIVEAWAY- This was the busiest Giveaway to date, where we helped clothe 110 clients in total, 45 adults and 65 children! It's a privilege to be able to help so many people in need with clothing and a bit of support through a cuppa and a chat as well. Many thanks to those today who were able to help clients in this way.

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 to help some of the most vulnerable families during the recent crisis. Steve Smith the Chief Executive will be with us on the weekend **Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October 2016** to tell of their work and to ask for support.

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.

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. These will be the regular weekend Masses of the parish. Our Book of Remembrance will be part of the offertory procession and prayers will be 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

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 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. 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.

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 £1520.82. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.



For your most generous support of our two 2nd Offerings of CAFOD and Prisoners’ Sunday. Your gifts are: CAFOD £740.85 so far and Prisoners’ Sunday £171.58.