

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

GOING THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR

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

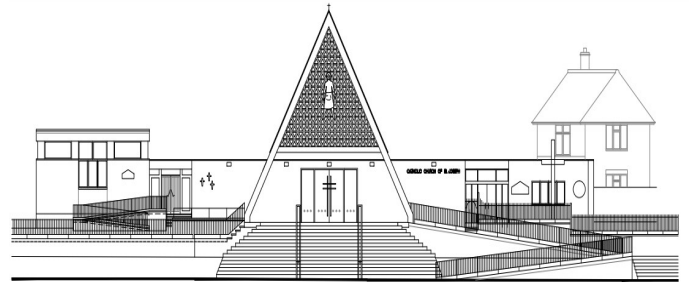
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Someone asks a question about salvation. This is religious talk for health and wellbeing. Jesus tells them that there is a door, in the age to come, where God is hosting a banquet. Everyone is trying to get in and the owner solves the log jam problem by rising from the dead and shutting the door!

The people outside beg to be allowed in. But the Lord answers that He does not know them. It seems that relying on vague contact with Jesus is not enough. Jesus does not join in the man's quest for numbers but invites him to put all of himself behind the quest. So many are trying to be saved the wrong way. They think that 'who you know' rather than 'who you are' is what matters. But notice that the door does not open to the well connected.



Jesus only recognises His own. He knows us if we are like Him. Jesus speaks from a heart set on God alone and works with the Spirit to transfigure His heart into one which loves all people. This is not easy. It is a lifetime's work.

There will always be people who want Salvation on their own terms. They want to stride into the feast adorned in titles and lists of who they know. And then there are those who struggle for community and for the mighty love. These will learn the great lesson of Grace - that all who strive to love must die, and surrender all to the One who has the power to save them. They are considered by the first group to be the last because they do not compete in the world of ego. But in the Kingdom they are first because they have found in their heart what Jesus knew in His Heart - the divine love that makes us one. When we know this, the narrow door widens to become the widest of doors.

Someone once asked Fritz Perls if he was saved. He answered, 'I'm trying to figure out how to be spent!'

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Saturday	20 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Tony Brown, RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Sydney Burles, RIP
Monday	22 nd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	23 rd	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	John O'Sullivan, RIP

ST BARTHOLOMEW, Feast

Wednesday	24 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Sister Josephine O'Grady
Thursday	25 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	26 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Stuart Hart & Melissa Bilous

ST MONICA

Saturday	27 th	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	
		10.45am	Confessions	

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Tommy Robinson, RIP
Sunday	28 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Catenians Mass to Pray for Vocations

**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, Brian Mecklenburg, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, David McCann, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper,

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.

DATES AND NEWS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – Please note, the Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 2 September 2016 to Friday 16 September 2016 inclusive**. Emails and voicemails will be attended to on an ad hoc basis.

NEWSLETTER - There will be no Newsletter for weeks commencing **Saturday 10 September 2016** and **Saturday 17 September 2016**.

LIFTS TO MASS NEEDED – Can you help? A parishioner who lives in Tawfield needs a lift to 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017 - To all parents of children entering Year 3 or above in September 2016: if you are practising your faith and coming to Mass regularly please register your child on-line through the parish website <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc-2017-registration-form.html> The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 31 August 2016**. Applications after this date will not be accepted, no exceptions.

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.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD – Thank you to all who signed SPUC cards about midwives and abortion. We have sent these off. Please also sign the on-line petition at <http://www.citizengo.org/en/lf/33266-dont-screen-us-out-halt-discrimination-against-people-with-downs-syndrome>

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - The first Saturday of each month we will be offering the 10.00am Mass for the intention of Pro Life movements.



THE PARISH NEEDS A HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER – The Bishop has asked every parish to designate someone to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Parishioners and visitors to the Church. If you are skilled in Health & Safety, Compliance, Fire Marshall, etc, we would welcome a volunteer for this important role, training will be arranged with the Diocese. Please contact the Parish Office with your details.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 21 August, 2016** now cancelled, next Chaplet is on **Sunday 18 September 2016** at 2.30pm

PARISH DAY OUT TO PORTSMOUTH – To join our **Parish Day Out to Portsmouth on Saturday 3 September, 2016** please contact the parish office or use the sign up sheet on the noticeboard. Suggested donation towards transport costs: Adult £10, children free.

DEATH CAFÉ – **Monday 5 September 2016**, 7.00pm at Beatons Tearooms & Bookshop, 241 High Street, Crowthorne, RG45 7AH. We are a group of people sitting together and talking around the theme of death and dying. The idea is to make it easier to communicate about death and increase awareness of death, dying and making the most out of life. Book your place at deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING - **Saturday 10 September 2016** from 10.00am to 12.30pm at St Bede's, Popley Way, Popley, Basingstoke RG24 9DX . Trainer - Maureen Wiltshire. To register and book a place contact Soraya Ciccarone soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 02392 836511.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION – On **Saturday 10 September 2016** at Marist Senior School, Sunninghill. Cost £12.00 include buffet lunch, teas and coffees.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING – **Saturday 10 September 2016** 10am to 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. To book call 01252 329385.

PRAYER GROUP MUSIC MORNING MASS - Every 2nd Saturday of the month commencing **Saturday 10 September 2016** at 10.00am, dedicated to the Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Our Parish community are urgently in need of new Ministers of the Word and of the Holy Eucharist. Please come forward to serve in this small way, contact the parish office for more details.

TO ALL EXISTING AND NEWLY VOLUNTEERED EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A session of Reflection and Training will take place on **Saturday 17 September 2016** starting from 10.00am to 12.30pm with the celebration of Mass.

CONFESSIONS – Please note, there will be no Confessions on **Saturday 17 September 2016**.

ASCOT & BRACKNELL ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY - Will be holding their **Annual Fundraiser** on **Saturday 24 September 2016** in our parish hall. If you have any unwanted items of toiletries, bottles of wine etc, we would be very grateful to receive them. A basket will be left in the porch during all weekend Masses for any unwanted items you may wish to donate. Further information on our fundraiser to follow. **Thank you.**

CELEBRATE 2016 - Saturday 24 September 2016 Southampton Celebrate Weekend at St. George Catholic College bookings are now being taken. Full details and booking forms are available on www.celebrateconference.org Early booking is recommended as places are limited, especially for families with children.

JOURNEY OF FAITH RCIA, NEW TEAM – Help is needed for those who feel drawn to our Catholic faith. There is no need to be an “expert”, just an understanding of our faith that can be gently passed on. If you are interested in this Ministry please contact the parish office.

CALLED & GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1 & 2 OCTOBER 2016 At Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury. Starts at 11am on the **1 October** and finishes at 3.30pm on the **2 October**. There is a cost of £70 to cover the accommodation and meal costs. Limited places so please book promptly, by contacting csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING – Saturday 8 October 2016 at St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT 10.00am to 12.30pm. To register and book a place contact Soraya Ciccarone soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 02392 836511.

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.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT WEEKEND AT DOUAI ABBEY - **Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October 2016**. led by Fr. Thomas Crean O.P. Are you 18-40, want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Book soon as places are limited! To book go to www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm. Prices start from £12.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – The next meeting is on Monday 22 August 2016 at 27 Ardingly.

PRAYER GROUPS -The Evening Prayer Group 7.45pm - 9.30p.m. on 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 **14 and 28 September, 2016**.

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING – *Thank you.* Total amount £1311.62. Please make cheques payable to “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.