

ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

HAVING THE IDENTITY OF A ROCK

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Jesus does not offer the fantasy of a cosy life. If we decide to follow Him there is no room for competing loyalties. Jesus is walking towards Jerusalem and we fall in line behind Him, forgetting to say goodbye to a 'normal' life.

If Jesus is the centre of our life, the cross is the way. The cross is the symbol of living for peace in a violent world. This is not a life that avoids difficulty - it is a life of stepping on snakes and scorpions. It is a life of moving to where Gods presence has been driven out to replant His Kingdom. To follow Jesus is to use Him as a rock to stand on while we put our shoulder to the wheel of the world. Carrying our cross means taking on the healing of the earth in a radical way.

Notice vet carefully though that following Jesus should not be mindless. Disciples must think about what He is asking. It's like building a tower between heaven and earth. What will it take to finish the job? It's like taking on larger forces with lesser forces, risking battle when overmatched. How will this mountain be climbed? It is not advisable to sign up with any secret pursuit other than the project of the Cross. Deciding to say "Yes" to Jesus needs the practical wisdom of a good builder and of a battle hardened King!



In the late 1980's a volunteer offered to work for Sanctuary, an organisation serving refugees from Central America in the U.S.A. Sanctuary's leader said, 'Before you decide to join, let me pose some questions: Are you ready to have your telephone tapped by the Government? Are you prepared to have your neighbours shun you? Are you strong enough to have your children ridiculed and harassed at school? Are you ready to be arrested and tried, with full media coverage? If you are not prepared for these things, you may not be ready to join. For when push comes to shove, if you fear these things, you will not be ready to do what needs to be done for refugees'. The person decided to think things over. (David Rhoads, 'Reading Mark, Engaging the Gospels' p.53)

ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	3 rd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, RIP
Sunday	4 th	8.30am	Mass	Bridget Horgan, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Maura Holt
Monday	5 th	NO MASS		
Tuesday	6 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	James & Johanna Moriarty, RIP
Wednesday	7 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast

Thursday	8 th	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	9 th	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	
Saturday	10 th	9.30am	Rosary	
		10.00am	Mass	Prayer Group Music Mass
		10.45am	Confessions	

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Saturday	10 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Stephen Lanigan, RIP
Sunday	11 th	8.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Margaret Carey

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, Veronica Jastrzebski

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**. Please see Mass times and intentions in the wall cabinet outside the church doors.

2nd OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER – There will be 2nd Offerings at all weekends Masses in September as follows: **10/11 September – Home Missions**, enables new projects and partnerships to be developed to support Church growth and the work of outreach in England and Wales. **17/18 September – The Cathedral**, for the upkeep and improvement of our beautiful Cathedral.

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.

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.



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.

"LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER TERESA" - An all-day online-TV celebration of the life of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be held on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September 2016** from 9.00am to 11.00pm - featuring her life and work and love for the poor, sick and less fortunate. The cameras will be in over 8 different Catholic Parish locations throughout the UK and Eire. The day will be filled with live Masses, choirs, concerts, and guest speakers including charities such as Aid to the Church in Need, Caritas, Mary's Meals, Apostleship of the Sea and Let the Children Live and others: all carrying on the legacy of Mother Teresa. Watch the celebration live on www.heavensroadfm.com/mtc

THE BIBLE LIVE – The most influential book in the world is being read aloud from beginning to end throughout the day and night at St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Warfield, RG42 6EE from **10.00am on Wednesday 7th to 5.00pm on Saturday 10th September 2016**. Please see poster in the porch for more details.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – **Sunday 18 September 2016** at 2.30pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Resumes at the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 4 September 2016**.

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.

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP – Resumes **Tuesday 6 September, 2016** in the hall 9.30am to 11.30am during term time.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS & EVENTS IN BRACKNELL FOREST – Commencing **Thursday 8 September 2016**, pen days of historic churches and buildings, please see poster in the porch for details.

SOUP & ROLL – Will resume on **Friday 9 September 2016** after 12.10pm Mass and every Friday during term time.

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.

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** in the hall starting from 10.00am to 12.30pm with the celebration of Mass. To book for this session please register your details on <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org> or contact the parish office.

CONFESSIONS – Please note, there will be no Confessions on **Saturday 17 & 24 September 2016** and **Saturday 1 October 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.**

RCIA, AN INVITATION – Are you thinking of exploring the Catholic faith? Would you like to become a Catholic? We will hold an introductory meeting in the church hall on Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm to answer your questions and explain the way forward. Or maybe you know someone who would be interested in finding out more about our beliefs. If so, feel free to bring them along to the meeting. For more information 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.

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 £1453.18. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".



To all those who care for sick relatives and friends, may they find strength to continue their dedication.