



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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28th FEB / 1st MARCH 2009 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Lent week 1

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 28th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Kathleen Shaw RIP
SUNDAY 1st	9.15am	St. Joseph's	William & Sadie Munro RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	For the people of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's next Saturday 12 – 1pm

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 2nd – 6th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Lent wk 1	No service		
Tue	Lent wk 1	Norbert Power RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Lent wk 1	Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Mass of Our Lady	7.00pm	St Mary's
		Mary Coman RIP		
Thu	Lent wk 1	Alfred Denis Poore	F/M 10am	St Columba's
Fri	Lent wk 1	Dec'd of the Barker	12 noon	St Mary's
		Family.		
		Stations of the Cross	3.00pm	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1226.14p inc gift-aid. The total collected for the Cabrini Children's Society was £273.17p. Thank you.

Please remember next Friday is 'Lenten Family Fast Day'. Michael Heaps will say a few words after each Mass this weekend about its significance for Cafod. Cafod envelopes are available in all churches and there will be a collection after all Masses next weekend on behalf of Cafod.

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL: All sick parishioners are prayed for at Mass. However, to include a person in this bulletin please contact Doug in the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: please pray for those who have died recently, , and all who are being remembered at this time: *see the names on the front sheet.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: at St Mary's on **Tue 3rd March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Joe Barrett. The following week the duty minister will be Libby Beasley. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 5th March** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 7th March** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Tressie Heather & Juanita White 10 -11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Theresa Fleming & Anna Oliver 12 – 1pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will be at 5.20pm in St Columba's Church every Saturday and at 6.30pm in St Mary's on Fridays. Please note, however, on the First Fridays Stations will be in St Mary's at 3pm only and there will be no stations on **Fri 13th March** due to the Healing Service in Stubbington. (See below)

HEALING SERVICE FOR THE SOLENT PASTORAL AREA

To be led by Fr Peter Glas at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington on **Fri 13th March** at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: We are running a six week course during Lent to help us get to know St Paul's wonderful teachings a little better. It is open to everyone regardless of how familiar or otherwise you might be with the Letters of St Paul. The sessions will be held in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall from 11am to 1pm and the next one is on **Thu 5th March** continuing each Thursday up to and including Thursday **2nd April**.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: led by Fr Peter Glas in St Mary's Church, High St on **Fri 6th March** from 10.30am until 3.30pm including Mass at 12 noon and Stations of the Cross at 3pm. (Tea/coffee in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall from 10 – 10.30am). Please bring a packed lunch.

SPIRIT ALIVE: A reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the life of the Church and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. There will be six one hour presentations based on the Archdiocese of Westminster's Lenten Course, 'Lord, Giver of Life', to be led by Richard Pearce (recently retired Head of Theology, Stonyhurst College). The sessions will be held each Monday from **2nd March** up to **6th April** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington at 10.15am (for those not working) and again at 7.30pm (for those working). Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Richard Pearce on 023 92 553 788 or email 2pearces@talktalk.net

COFFEE AND TRADICRAFT SALE IN ST MARY'S HALL: after the 11am Mass this **Sun 1st March**. Traidcraft sale will include craft items. Everyone welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: with the Catholic Association will be from **21st to 28th August 2009**. Details and booking forms are available from the Parish Office

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS & HELPERS: who are completing Criminal Records Bureau applications are asked to bring **all the completed forms**, together with **all relevant ID documents**, to the Parish Office on **Sat 7th March between 10am and 12 noon**. Our Parish Co-ordinator for children and vulnerable adults, Fran Read, will need to see each individual and Doug will be on hand to assist. Thank you.

TWO TALKS BY FATHER LAURENCE FREEMAN: on **Sat 28th March**. Talk 1 will be at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth from 2.00 – 4.30pm and is entitled *Finding Balance in Life through Meditation*. Talk 2 will be at the United Church, Jewry St, Winchester from 7.00 – 9.00pm and is entitled *Meditation – Direct path to a Deeper Self*. There is no need to book for either talk and the suggested donation for each is £5 - £10 payable on the door. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: will be celebrated on **Fri 6th March** using a service prepared by the Christian Women of Papua New Guinea. Services are as follows: Stoke Road Baptist Church 10.30am; St Matthew's Church, Bridgemary 4.00pm; St Thomas' Church, Elson 7.00pm. Everybody welcome.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: At Park Place on **Fri 13th March** at 7.30pm. Activities will include dancing, story telling and traditional singing. Please bring your own food and drink. Details from Anthony Cruddas at St Joseph's Church or via Doug in the Parish Office.

WORD & COMMUNION: We will no longer be having a service of Word & Communion on Mondays as we now have extra opportunities for Mass and Devotions throughout the week. Joe Barrett has faithfully led our weekday services of Word & Communion since taking over from the late Laurie Benson in Fr Foley's time. Although Joe is taking a well earned rest he will continue to take Holy Communion to some of our poorly parishioners. A big thank you to Joe from Fr Peter and the whole parish whom he continues to serve so well not only in his Eucharistic ministry but as our Parish A.P.F. Missions Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: on **Tue 3rd March** in Maryhouse at 11.45am.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING AND REFRESHER SESSIONS: Fr Peter invites those parishioners who have put their names forward to be ministers (and who are completing CRB forms) to three training sessions in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on the following Fridays: **20th & 27th March and 3rd April respectively at 7.45pm**. These sessions are mandatory for new ministers but are also open to existing ministers who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this ministry. New ministers will be commissioned during the Maundy Thursday Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: will meet on **Wed 4th March** in Maryhouse at 2pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PEACE OF MIND

Healing Promise: “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You” (Isa. 26:3).

Healing Prayer: Dear Father, I thank you for your promise to keep me in perfect peace, as I keep my mind stayed on you and trust in you.¹ With your help, I will trust in you with all my heart, leaning not upon my own understanding. In all my ways I will acknowledge you, and I know you will bless me by directing my paths.² This certainty gives me great peace of mind, Father. Thank you so much.

You have told me to seek and pursue peace, Father,³ and this I will do through your grace. I love your truth and peace.⁴ Thank you for the peace that Jesus imparts to me.⁵ His is a peace that the world cannot give and the world cannot take away.⁶ In fact, He is my peace.⁷ These truths from your Word, Father, give me great peace of mind. How I thank you for your peace!

Realizing these truths you have shown me, I will let your peace rule in my heart.⁸ Trusting in you, I will not allow myself to be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, I will always let my requests be made known unto you, Father.⁹ As I obey you in this, I believe I will always experience your peace – a peace which passes all understanding – and your peace will always guard my heart and mind through Christ Jesus.¹⁰ thank you, Father.

Therefore, dear God, I will endeavour always to think on things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.¹¹ This will enable me to experience peace of mind at all times. I will meditate on your Word, for I know that those who love your Word have great peace, and nothing shall cause them to be offended or stumble.¹²

Thank you for the mental peace you give to me, dear Father. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.¹³

References: 1) Isa 26:3; 2) Prov 3:5-6; 3) Ps 34:14; 4) Zech 8:19; 5) Jn 14:27; 6) Jn 14:27; 7) Eph 2:14; 8) Col 3:15; 9) Phil 4:6; 10) Phil 4:7; 11) Phil 4:8; 12) Ps 119;165; 13) Jn 16:23.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Father Peter invites all parishioners to a Parish Day in St Mary’s Hall on **Sun 15th March** beginning at 12 noon. This is to be the first of what we hope will be an annual event for parishioners and is an opportunity for our 3 worshipping communities to come together and share ideas, give feedback, as well as to discuss hopes and aspirations for the future in an informal setting over a buffet lunch. Everyone is welcome including children and young people of all ages. We hope to have a team of people on hand to look after some of the smaller children. The buffet is to take the form of an American Supper where those who wish to can contribute something to the meal. To this end lists have been placed in all churches. Please write your name alongside what you intend bringing. The parish will supply the liquid refreshments!! Do keep this date free and come along if you can. It is not often we are able to gather together in this way so it will be a wonderful opportunity for us and for Fr Peter to get to know each other better after Fr Peter’s first 6 months in Gosport.