



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2010 –FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 1

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY**

<b>SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Winifred Maria Evans <b>F/M</b>
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Mary McMahon RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Peter Johns RIP

**There will no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Liturgy</u></b>	<b><u>Intention</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Ss Philip &amp; James</b>	No service		
<b>Tue</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	Jim Connell RIP	10am	St Mary's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Easter Wk 5</b>	Rosary Patricia RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Easter Wk 5</b>	Larry Lane RIP	10am	St Columba's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Easter Wk 5</b>	Stan Reidy <b>F/M</b>	12 noon	St Mary's

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There will be tea, coffee and cakes in St Mary's Hall after the 11am Mass this Sunday. Everyone welcome.**

**The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1016.82p inc gift-aid. Thank you.**

## 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 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 names on the front sheet.*

**PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** At St Mary's on **Tue 4<sup>th</sup> May** after 10am Mass until 12.30pm. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Joe Barrett. The following week the duty Minister will be Libby Beasley. At St Columba's on **Thu 6<sup>th</sup> May** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 - 11am; Margaret Farnworth & Terry Mathews 11am – 12pm; Anna Oliver & Chris Beevers 12 – 1pm.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:** in St Mary's Church on **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 10.30am (tea and coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). The theme is: 'Mary, Queen of Heaven'. There will also be special prayer intentions as requested by the Bishops' Conference. (Please see item on Special Times of Prayer in this newsletter). Everyone welcome.

### JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St Mary's Hall	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Confirmation)	<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St Mary's Hall	8.30pm
Children's Session	<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St Joseph's	9 – 11am
Celebration Service	<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St Joseph's	9am

**AN EVENING OF PRAYER:** led by Fr James Boyle (former Parish Priest of Park Gate) on **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May** at the church of Our Lady of Walsingham, Portchester from 7 to 9pm. The evening will include some teaching on the theme of the 'Holy Spirit' in preparation for Pentecost. Everybody welcome.

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY:** will hold its annual Rosary Rally in St John's Cathedral on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May**, beginning with Mass at 12.15pm. The focus of the Rally this year will be an authorised visit of a uniquely blessed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Everyone welcome!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage with Bishop Crispian takes place from **20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August this year.** Travel by Euro-star (via Paris), coach or plane (Stansted) direct to Lourdes. Brochures, application forms, and medical forms available from Mgr Vincent Harvey, St Edmund's Presbytery, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, Hants SO15 2EQ; or from [vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk](mailto:vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk) or the diocesan web site. The overall leader of the pilgrimage this year will be Bishop Doyle of Northampton.

**INVOCATION 2010 – a national vocations discernment weekend for young adults:** to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from **2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010.** This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16 -35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God's will for their lives and at least be open to the possibility of priesthood or consecrated life. To find out more please talk to Fr Peter and go to [www.invocation.org.uk](http://www.invocation.org.uk) where more information and a booking form are available.

**CELEBRATE WEEKEND – FAITH AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:** At St Mary's College, Bitterne Park on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> and Sun 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010.** For more information and a booking form go to [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) (click on Southampton). Alternatively contact Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058 or email: [peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk)

**SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER:** at the invitation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we are to join in a special time of prayer of reparation and atonement for all those affected by child abuse in the Catholic Church. The four Fridays in May will be set aside as special days of prayer. On each of these days there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 10am until 9pm. Between 8 and 9pm there will be Evening Prayer before ending with Benediction. In addition, all Rosary evenings and periods of Exposition in St Mary's and St Columba's Churches during May will be offered for the same intentions of reparation and atonement. During the month of May, Tuesday Exposition will be extended by one hour to 12.30pm.

We are all invited to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We are to pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. We pray also for Pope Benedict, whose wise and courageous leadership is so important for the Church at this time.

Please do make every effort to come before the Lord during these special times of prayer. I know you will also keep these intentions firmly in mind during your private prayer time.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** will meet in Maryhouse on **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May** at 2pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come along. The Diocesan A.G.M. will be held on **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May** in the Cathedral Hall, Edinburgh Rd, Portsmouth at 10.15am. Mass will be celebrated at 12.15pm by Bishop Crispian who will also be attending the meeting. Please bring a packed lunch.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE – JUNE 2010:** Fr Peter will hold a meeting in Maryhouse on **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am for those travelling to Medjugorje. In the meantime, will all pilgrims please ensure that their passports are in date and that they have taken out adequate travel insurance in the event of delays, lost luggage, accidents, sickness etc.

**FISH & CHIP SUPPER:** and social evening on **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May** in St Mary's Hall from 7 – 10.30pm. Tickets at £4 each (inc meal) are available from the Parish Office or from Sandy at St Joseph's (tel 07729 929549). There will be a quiz (not as hard as last time) and beetle drive with prizes. On the night you will need to present your ticket to obtain your meal which must be ordered when you purchase your ticket. Everyone welcome.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** on **Tue 4<sup>th</sup> May** in Maryhouse at 11.45am.

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE:** the latest edition of our free diocesan magazine is now available in all churches. Please do take a copy home with you.

**NEWS FROM FR FOMANKA:** Fr David Fomanka has been in touch and sends his best wishes to us all. He hopes to visit Rome at the end of June to join the celebrations marking the end of the 'Year for Priests'. If his Bishop permits we might well get a visit from Fr David soon after. Further good news, coming just after Vocations Sunday, is that Fr David recently took part in the ordination service of twenty two young men to the Priesthood in Cameroon. Please continue to pray for vocations and give thanks to God for all those who have accepted the invitation to the Priesthood and Consecrated life.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – QUIZ AID:** at Bridgemaury Methodist Church, Gregson Avenue on **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 6pm. Refreshments, raffle and lots of fun. Cost is £3 per person. Everone welcome – just turn up on the evening!

**MBETTA:** we will shortly be sending a payment to our sister parish of Mbetta in Cameroon. This will be in line with our commitment to help fund the educational needs of primary and secondary school children there. Thank you to all those who contribute to this very important initiative. If you would like to make a donation to Mbetta at any time, please see Doug in the Parish Office. Please also keep all our brothers and sisters from Mbetta in your prayers. I know they pray for us constantly.