



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Week 2

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

<b>SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Maria RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Emma Cecilia Lane <b>F/M</b>

**There will be no Confessions on Saturdays at St Mary's during August. However, Fr Tony Day will be available before weekday Masses to hear Confessions if required.**

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

<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>of the day</b>		No service	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>St John Vianney</b>	Maria RIP	10am	St Mary's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>of the day</b>	Rosary No intention	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	No intention	10am	St Columba's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>of the day</b>		No service	

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This weekend we welcome Fr Tony Day who will be celebrating all Masses for us whilst Fr Peter is away.**

**The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1178.21p 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Anna Oliver. The following week the duty Minister will be Honora Power. At St Columba's on **Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Aug** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Aug** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Libby Beasley 10 -11am; Christine Dawson & Pat Miles 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Eddie Watson 12 – 1pm.

**HOLY WATER:** is available at the back of St Mary's Church for anyone who wishes to take some home. Please fill your own container. Water is a symbol of life and Holy Water has been used for centuries to bless and for spiritual protection.

**FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST:** Please note there will be no First Friday devotions at St Mary's in August as Fr Peter will be away.

**ST THÉRÈSE'S RELICS AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL:** A small leaflet detailing the significance of relics for Catholics is available in all churches. Please do take one home with you. The back of the leaflet details the order of services for **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Sep** when St Therese's relics will be in the cathedral. As things stand, we have been asked to invite four parishioners to represent our parish at the 2pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep**. Only one person from each parish will be anointed. If you would like to be a parish representative please give your name to Doug in the Parish Office as soon as you can and by no later than **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Aug**.

Fr Peter proposes to lead a mini parish pilgrimage to visit the relics at 5pm on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** which will include the Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Crispian at 7.30pm. Fr Peter will come back to Gosport after the Mass before returning to the cathedral in time to lead our pastoral area liturgy at **3am** on **Thu 17<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to join him for one or both events. Please note, there will be no Rosary or Mass in St Mary's on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** and no Mass or Exposition in St Columba's on **Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Sep**.

**CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON – FAITH AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:** At St Mary's College, Bitterne Park on the weekend of **26/27 September**. Guest Speakers include: David Payne, John Vaughan-Neil, Steve Murray and David Matthews. Drama from Steve Murray and various local youth groups. Variety of workshops and seminars as well as a full programme of activities for children and young adults. For more information visit [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or telephone Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058.

**FANNING THE FLAME:** A Summer Camp for 10 – 25 year olds in the New Forest from **17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August**. For further details please contact Sr Maria Natella O.P. on 01590 681 874 or visit [www.ftfcm.com](http://www.ftfcm.com)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** will hold a Coffee Morning at the home of Eileen Grant (4 St Mathew's Court, off Mumby Rd) on **Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** from 10.30am. There will be a *bring and buy sale* as well as a *raffle*. All are welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S:** on **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug** at 10am. Everyone is welcome. Please do lend a hand if you can.

**OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL – STAFF VACANCIES:** The school currently has vacancies for the following members of staff for September 2009: Two **Learning Support Assistants** – temporary posts for one year, term time only. **Evening Cleaners** – permanent posts. **Catering Assistant** to work in the canteen, permanent part-time post. **Business Manager**, permanent full time post. For further details about these vacancies please see the school website at [www.oaklands.hants.sch.uk](http://www.oaklands.hants.sch.uk) or contact the school on 023 9225 9214.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS:** Fr Peter and Doug wish all parishioners a happy summer holiday season and a safe journey to all those who are travelling. We welcome all visitors to Gosport. Have a lovely rest from your normal routine but remember your Christian duties continue because there is no holiday from God! God blesses us all.

**MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:** I will soon be away leading a youth pilgrimage to Medjugorje, followed by a private retreat and then my summer holiday. During my absence our Parish Administrator, Doug Savege, will be in charge of things. As on previous occasions, Fr Tony Day has kindly agreed to celebrate all Masses and will be available for spiritual and sacramental needs. Please help them to ensure that parish life continues as normal in all areas. Thank you.

**TEA AND COFFEE IN ST MARY'S HALL:** this Sunday after 11am Mass. All are welcome.

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE:** the summer edition of our free diocesan newspaper, Portsmouth People, is available in all churches. Please do take a copy home with you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Cafod Supporters Day &amp; Climate Justice Mass – Basingstoke</i>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Visit of relics of St Therese of Lisieux - Cathedral</i>
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Cafod's Renew the Face of the Earth – A half day for Confirmation Catechists – Winchester</i>
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Day of Prayer - Heath Lodge, Trampers Lane, Nth Boarhunt</i>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<i>Celebrate Southampton - Faith &amp; Fun for the whole family (See above)</i>

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## DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

### CATHOLIC CHURCH REGULATIONS: SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC

During the current swine flu epidemic, in keeping with the latest guidelines that I have received, I recommend that the following measures be implemented in Catholic Churches throughout the diocese from this weekend:

- 1) The Sign of Peace during Mass: instead of a handshake each member of the congregation is asked to hold their hands as in prayer, turn to their immediate neighbours, bowing slightly and saying “Peace be with you”.
- 2) Holy Communion is to be given only on the hand, not on the tongue or from the chalice.
- 3) Ministers of the Sacred Host are asked to ensure their hands are washed with sanitizers (provided) before and after ministering communion.

These regulations will remain in place until further notice. It is hoped that the reasons for this temporary policy will be understood and appreciated. They have been made out of particular pastoral concern for the vulnerable, namely, the elderly, children and those with underlying health problems.

*Bishop Crispian Hollis*

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**RETURN TO ROMANCE:** Please give Doug any outstanding sponsorship money for Nigel's Sydney Harbour Bridge climb as soon as possible. Many thanks.