



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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2nd/3rd MAY 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Easter 4

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 2nd	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Mary McCallum RIP
SUNDAY 3rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Frederick Morrow RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Florence Ojong & Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's Sat 9th May 12 – 1pm.

Please note this newsletter is for the weekends of 2/3 May and 9/10 May.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 4th – 8th MAY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	The English Martyrs			
		No service		
Tue	Easter wk 4	Mary Smith RIP (June Miles' sister)	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Easter wk 4	Rosary Stan Reidy F/M	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Easter wk 4	People of the Parish	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Easter wk 4	Ania Chinebin (Health)	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: This weekend, 2/3 May, there will be an obligatory collection after all Masses for the Clergy Training Fund.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1139.05p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

New and existing Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned/re-commissioned during the 11am Mass at St Mary's this Sun 3rd May. This only applies to those who did not make it to Mass on Holy Thursday. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall after 11am Mass.

HEALING MASS WITH LAYING OF HANDS: in St Mary's Church on Wed 13th May (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) at 7pm after the Rosary. This Mass is for the Solent Pastoral Area. All are welcome.

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 5th May** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Joe Barrett. The following week the duty minister will be Libby Beasley. At St Columba's after 10am Mass until mid-day. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 9th May** 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.

CONCERT: Hymn writer and musician Fr John Glynn and his band 'Aquila' will be performing at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester on **Sun 10th May** at 7.30pm. There will be two sessions of 45 minutes each with a break in the middle of approx 20 minutes. Refreshments will be provided. For more details please contact Rebecca on 023 92 381802.

SOLENT PASTORAL AREA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: From **Sat 5th to Sat 12th September 2009.** Fr John Humphreys will lead the pilgrimage. Cost is £450 per person (a deposit of £50 is payable when booking). Cheques should be made payable to 'Pilgrimage Options'. There will be a meeting at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stubbington after the 9.30am Mass on **Fri 1st May.** For further details please contact Liz Chidlow on 01329 664627; Joan Baker on 01329 664798; or Stubbington Parish Office on 01329 664260 between 10am and 1pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday only. **Please note travel is by coach.**

STUDY DAY AT THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL, NUTBOURNE: 'When Israel came out of Egypt' (Exodus) to be led by Fr Laurence O'Keffe OSB on **Sat 9th May** from 10am to 3.30pm. Prior booking is helpful though not essential. Tel 01243 371766. Suggested donation payable on the day is £15 per person.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet on **Mon 4th May** at 2pm in St Columba's Church, Bridgemary to pray the Rosary. This will be followed by a meeting in the Parish Rooms. All mothers are welcome.

ROSARY RALLY: at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Sat 16th May** starting with Mass at 12.15pm. Everyone welcome.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: meets every second Wednesday in the month. Next meeting **Wed 13th May** at Sylvia & Norman's home 14 Alvara Road, Alverstoke (tel: 02392 - 601-416). We will review 'The Secret Life of Bees' by Sue Monk Kidd. Our book for May will be 'Lions and Liquorice' by Kate Fenton. All are welcome.

DOUG ON HOLIDAY: please note Doug will be away on holiday from **Mon 4th May** and return on **Mon 11th May.** Do please keep calls and visits to the Parish Office to a minimum if at all possible. Thank you.

YOUTH WEEKEND: Fr Peter invites the youth of the parish to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination with an outdoor Mass followed by a barbecue on **Sat 16th May** at 6.30pm at Sr Ann's home. If you have not received your invitation please see Jean Watson after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

Sun 17th May is the Diocesan Youth Day at Oaklands Catholic School. During the morning there will be many activities and workshops to suit all ages – teenage through to young adults. The Archbishop of Bamenda will celebrate Mass followed by a barbecue. There will be a charge of £5 for this day. If you are interested please contact Fr Peter, Doug in the Parish Office or Jean Watson.

VULNERABLE ADULT AND CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING SESSIONS: Diocesan policy is that all parishioners who engage with children and/or vulnerable adults on behalf of the Church are strongly encouraged to attend one or both of these training sessions, for the protection of all parties. If you have been CRB checked you should attend. **To book a place (no charge) please contact Soraya in the Diocesan Office on 023 92 825430.**

The nearest training sessions are as follows: Child Protection Awareness – St Margaret Mary, Park Gate on **Thu 14th May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville on **Wed 20th May** from 6.30 – 9pm.

Vulnerable Adult Awareness – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville on **Wed 6th May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate on **Thu 7th May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park on **Thu 11th June** from 6.30 – 9pm.

We will do our best to arrange lifts for all those attending.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 5th May	7.30pm	Upper Room
Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 12th May	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 16th May	9-11am	St Joseph's
Celebration Service	Sun 17th May	9am	St Mary's

RETURN TO ROMANCE: Following his successful walk to Rome and other fundraising events, Nigel Hearnden has raised a total of £15000 for the four charities he is supporting. Nigel recently presented a cheque for £3700 to the Mbeta project fund.

Due to the economic climate and his recent ill health, the charities and Nigel have decided to postpone the walk from Gosport to the North East of England until 2010. He still intends to go ahead with the other fundraising events planned for this year starting in June with 'climbing' the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge – definitely a challenge when you don't have a head for heights.

Nigel hopes that parishioners will be able to support his bridge climb and after each Mass over the weekend of **9/10 May** Nigel will have sponsorship forms at the ready for those who would like to support him on his venture.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: will meet on **Wed 6th May** in Maryhouse at 2pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: on **Thu 7th May** in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall at 7pm.

9th/10th MAY 2009 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 9th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Leigh Family (Thanksgiving)
SUNDAY 10th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Eileen Hallett RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's Sat 16th May 12 – 1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 11th - 15th MAY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Easter wk 5		No service	
Tue	Easter wk 5	Jim Connell RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Easter wk 5	Rosary For Maria RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St Matthias	No intention	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Easter wk 5	For Maria RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: On the weekend of 16/17 May all Masses will be celebrated by a Xaverian Missionary Priest and there will be a second collection on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries. Thank you.

There will be an obligatory second collection for World Communications at all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 May.