



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

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

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| <b>SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | 6.00pm  | St. Columba's | Blodwen Tregonning RIP   |
| <b>SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.15am  | St. Joseph's  | Albert Hide RIP<br>and dec'd of the Hide<br>& Noller families. |
|                                | 11.00am | St. Mary's    | Dec'd of the<br>Aylward Family                                 |

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

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> JAN**

| <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>     | Word & Communion            | <b>10am</b>        | St Mary's            |
| <b>Tue</b>        | <b>of the day</b>     | Private Intention           | <b>10am</b>        | St Mary's            |
| <b>Wed</b>        | <b>of the day</b>     | Rosary                      | <b>6.30pm</b>      | St Mary's            |
|                   |                       | Mass of Our Lady            | <b>7.00pm</b>      | St Mary's            |
|                   |                       | Max Bischoff RIP            |                    |                      |
| <b>Thu</b>        | <b>of the day</b>     | R.E.M. Taff Morgan RIP      | <b>10am</b>        | St Columba's         |
| <b>Fri</b>        | <b>of the day</b>     | For the people of<br>parish | <b>9.15am</b>      | St Joseph's          |

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Thank you to everyone for your prayers, good wishes, cards, gifts and generous offerings during the Christmas season. Your kindness is very much appreciated. I wish you every blessing during 2009. *Fr Peter*

**NEW MASS TIME:** Please note the new time for Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Church is 9.15am.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** after all Masses on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Jan in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**PARISH OFFERINGS:** The amounts collected on the weekends of 20/21 Dec and 27/28 Dec were £1431.60p and £1216.93p respectively. These totals include standing orders and gift-aid elements which will be reclaimed in the next quarter. 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 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** 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). Also at St Mary's on **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** from 10am until 1pm when the duty Supervisors will be: Tressie Heather & Agnes Slattery, Joe & Jean Barrett, and Juanita White & Anna Oliver.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** to be led by Fr Peter in June 2009. A few places are left. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

**DAY FOR READERS:** 10 for 10.30am – 3.00pm on **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Jan** at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stubbington. The day will be led by Paul Inwood. All readers are encouraged to attend. **Please give your name to Doug in the Parish Office if you are able to go.**

### JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH MEETINGS

|  |                                |                                     |               |
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| <i>Catechists' Meeting</i>               | <b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  | <i>Upper Room of St Mary's Hall</i> | <i>7.30pm</i> |
| <i>Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)</i>    | <b>Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> | <i>Upper Room of St Mary's Hall</i> | <i>7.30pm</i> |
| <i>Parents' Meeting (Reconciliation)</i> | <b>Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> | <i>Upper Room of St Mary's Hall</i> | <i>8.30pm</i> |
| <i>Children's Session</i>                | <b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> | <i>St Joseph's Church</i>           | <i>9-11am</i> |
| <i>Celebration Service</i>               | <b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> | <i>St Joseph's Church</i>           | <i>9.15am</i> |

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** will meet on **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** at 2pm in Maryhouse. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** will meet in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** at 2pm.

**CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP (Previously the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship):** Thank you from Tressie Heather for your support in purchasing cards and calendars – proceeds to help those with special needs and those with learning difficulties who are unable to raise funds themselves. A happy and a healthy New Year to all.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB:** The meetings are held on every second Wednesday in the month. Our next meeting will be at Sylvia & Norman's home 14 Alvara Road (tel: 02392-601-416) on Wednesday 14 January 2009 at 19.30. We will review 'A Long Way Down' by Nick Hornby which we have been reading during November/December 2008. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for January will be 'If This is a Man' by Levi Primo. Note: We have now moved onto a book list provided by the Public Library and this is the book they have for us this month.

**MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS REQUIRED:** Fr Peter invites parishioners who would like to be considered for this ministry to give their names to Doug in the Parish Office. He is particularly keen to appoint ministers who will be able to take Holy Communion out to some of our elderly and/or sick parishioners. Once we know numbers a training date will be set and this will coincide with a refresher day for existing ministers. The lower age limit for ministers is sixteen years.

**THANK YOU:** to all those who cleaned our churches and decorated them so beautifully with Christmas flowers. Thank you also to those who helped the Flower Arrangers and kindly donated flowers and greenery. We shall be clearing away the flowers from St. Mary's Church on **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** from 2pm onwards. If you can help please do come along.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2009:** On **25<sup>th</sup> April 2009** there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2009. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2009, or any anniversary over 60 years, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for Bishop Crispian to send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited.

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** As you will be aware, the Government's new Equality legislation has presented significant challenges for Catholic Adoption Agencies. In consultation with the Bishops of Arundel & Brighton, Southwark, and Portsmouth, our own diocesan agency has taken the decision to comply with the legislation in order to safeguard its wide range of services to children, young people and families. In order to do this the Catholic Children's Society will, with immediate effect, be working under the new name of Cabrini Children's Society. All monies collected for Cabrini through schools and parishes will be placed in a 'Communities Fund' which will go towards supporting non-adoption related services including: personalised catechetical programmes for children and young adults with learning and physical disabilities, providing flexible, affordable and accessible support and services to a diverse range of communities through long standing neighbourhood projects, supporting Catholic schools by providing counselling for students as well as training for teachers, and providing a home-for-life and day centre for adults with learning difficulties.

## **GOOD NIGHT, O LORD**

Before I go to sleep, O Lord,  
I want to say this prayer,  
that You will always keep me  
in Your kind and loving care;  
that You will let my body rest,  
and let my mind relax,  
and fill my dreams with holy thoughts  
instead of worldly facts.  
I ask that You forgive me  
for my failures of today,  
and give me all the grace I need  
to live a better way.  
Watch over me tonight, O Lord,  
and in my heart instil  
the fervour and the constancy  
to do Your holy will.  
I want to follow You and grow  
more worthy in Your sight.  
O Lord, please listen to my prayer  
and hear me say good night.

Amen.

## **PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother  
Hold me firmly lest I fall;  
I am nervous when I'm walking,  
And to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me when I'm on the stairs  
let me know you are beside me,  
Listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination  
Safely every single day;  
Help me with each undertaking,  
As the hours pass away.

And when evening falls upon us,  
And I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
Once again, and lead me home.