



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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4th/5th APRIL 2009 – PALM SUNDAY

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 4th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 5th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Maria RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Florence Ojong (Intentions)

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Holy Saturday from 10am – 12 noon and on Saturday 18th April from 12 – 1pm.

Please note this newsletter is for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday also.

See inside for details of Holy Week and Easter Services.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1262.69p inc gift-aid. Thank you. This Sunday there will be a collection after all Masses for Easter flowers to decorate our churches.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Envelopes for your Easter Offerings (for those who do not have them already) are now available in all churches. They are marked 'Clergy Offering'. All the collections at Masses on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday will be for Father Peter and form part of his living allowance for the year. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Pope John Paul II established this feast to be celebrated by the whole Church on the first Sunday after Easter. Fr Peter will lead a service for the Solent Pastoral Area in St Mary's Church on Sun 19th April at 3pm. There will be Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. Everyone welcome.

As we prepare to begin the most important celebration of our faith let us cherish the graces and blessings that God in his mercy and love will bestow upon each of us during Holy Week and Easter. We wish all parishioners and visitors alike, a Peaceful, Holy and Happy celebration of our faith, and offer heartfelt thanks to everyone for making our celebrations possible. *Fr Peter, Parish Priest; Doug, Administrator*

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 14th April** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Anna Oliver. The following week the duty minister will be Honora Power. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). Also at St Mary's on **Sat 18th April** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Emmi Cliffe & Neil Shaw 10 -11am; Pat Miles & Terry Mathews 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Ella Arendse 12 – 1pm.

PARISH MAY FAYRE: on **Sat 2nd May** in St Mary's Hall from 10am to 2pm in order to raise money for a 'Parish Youth Fund'. Helpers are needed so please contact Sandy Cameron on 07729 929549 or Mary Rogers on 07952 505620 if you would like to be involved. **Help from some of our younger parishioners will be especially welcome but we also need help from some of our more senior parishioners!** Donated good quality items of bric-a-brac and nearly new jumble as well as, toys, **craft items, bottles, cakes, tins, plants** and tools (no knives or electrical items) etc will be much appreciated as will **raffle prizes.** **Raffle tickets will be on sale in all churches shortly.** However, please note, items must only be delivered to St Mary's Hall at the set times which will be advertised in this newsletter. The next of these are **Thu 16th April from 6 – 7pm and Wed 22nd April from 5 – 6pm**. Please do not bring items to the churches or the Parish Office. Thank you.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN – BAKE WITH MUM/NAN: why not get together with Mum or Nan to bake a cake for the May Fayre for delivery to St Mary's Hall on **Fri 1st May after 4pm.** Rosettes will be presented for the best cakes in the under 11 age group (fairy cakes) and 11 upwards (larger cakes). Make sure you put a note with your cake saying who you are with Mum/Nan's contact details. Good luck!

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 6th April** after 10am Mass. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. It will be nice to see some of our younger parishioners helping. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

HELP NEEDED: Phil and Mary O'Brien do a superb job of maintaining the grounds at St Joseph's Church. On **Wed 15th April** they would very much appreciate some help to fill a large skip with piles of garden waste etc. If you can help please be at St Joseph's for about 10.30am. Younger parishioners will be welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS: The flower arrangers will be in St Mary's Church from 1pm on **Holy Saturday (11th April)** to prepare the Church for the Easter celebrations. If you wish to donate any yellow flowers in remembrance of a loved one please bring them to St Mary's on Holy Saturday between 1 and 2pm. Labels will be available at the back of the church. Helpers to assist the flower arrangers will be most welcome.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please make a special effort to attend these services, especially the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil/Sunday). This is the most important celebration of our faith.

Mon 6 th April	No service	
Tues 7 th April	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
	7.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross St Columba's, Bridgemary
Wed 8 th April	6.30pm	Rosary at St Mary's
	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary's – Maurice Walsh RIP
Holy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's Father Peter's Intentions
Good Friday	11.15am 3pm	Ecumenical Witness outside St Mary's Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary's
Holy Saturday	9.45am	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	10am to 12 noon	Confession at St Mary's
	12.15pm	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	8pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil at St Mary's – People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	9.15am	Mass at St Columba's – People of the Parish
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary's – People of the Parish

Please note, with only one priest ministering to our parish it is difficult to ensure that everyone's needs are catered for. The services are timetabled to ensure that this happens to the best of our ability. Father Peter looks forward to welcoming parishioners and visitors alike to all of the above services and especially to the Easter Triduum. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 13th – 17th APRIL

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Easter Week	No service		
Tue	Easter Week	Peter Johns RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Easter Week	Rosary Mass of Our Lady Max Bischoff RIP	6.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Easter Week	No service		
Fri	Easter Week	No service		

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Mon 20th April	7.30pm	Upper Room
Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 21st April	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 25th April	9-11am	St Joseph's
Celebration Service	Sun 26th April	9am	St Joseph's

PARISH BOOK CLUB: will meet at Honora Power's home: 21 St Andrew's Road, Gosport (tel: 023 92 345 732) on **Wed 8th April** at 7.30pm. We will review 'The Memory Game' by Nicci French. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for April will be 'The Secret Life of Bees' by Sue Monkidd.

'FRANCIS': a compelling new drama which will be performed at Park Place, Wickham on **7th/8th/9th May**. Details and booking forms can be found in all churches or telephone Park Place on 01329 833043.

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 Doug in the Parish Office. The nearest training sessions are as follows: Child Protection Awareness – St Colman's Church Hall, Cosham on **Wed 29th April** from 6.30 – 9pm); 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.