



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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3rd/4th OCTOBER 2009 – TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Week 3

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 3rd	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Maria RIP
SUNDAY 4th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parish
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Harry & Marie Flanagan RIP Harry Flanagan jnr RIP Jeanette Reed RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 10th Oct 12 – 1pm

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 5th – 9th OCT

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	No service		
Tue	of the day	Rachel Sadler (Intentions)	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Our Lady of the Rosary	Rosary Healing Mass Hugh Smyth RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	Requiem Mass for Sarah Mitchell RIP	12.30am	St Mary's
Fri	of the day	Michael (Health)	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass counts will be held in all churches this weekend and every weekend in October. Please ensure these are carried out as accurately as possible. Thank you.

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend on behalf of Cafod. Thank you for your Fast Day offerings.

HEALING MASS AT ST MARY'S ON WED 7th OCT AT 7PM. ALL WELCOME.

The 11am Mass on Sun 11th Oct will be the children's celebration. Everyone 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 6th Oct** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Lesley Taylor. The following week the duty Minister will be Jean Watson. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 10th Oct** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 -11am; Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Archie McCormick 12 – 1pm.

PORTSMOUTH AREA PRAYER GROUP: on **Thu 8th Oct** at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester beginning at 7.30pm and preceded by the Rosary at 7.15pm. Everyone welcome to come and share an evening of prayer.

ROSARY AT ST COLUMBA'S: every Saturday in October (from 10th) at 5.30pm.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: Scripture Scholar, Fr Denis McBride, will lead a study day on Luke's Gospel at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham on **Tue 17th Nov** from 10.30am to 3pm. Cost is £15 per person. Please take a packed lunch. To book a place please complete one of the booking forms which can be found in all churches.

THE SALESIAN CO-OPERATORS: will recite the Rosary and prayers each Wednesday during October at St John Bosco House, 39 Western Way, Alverstoke beginning at 10.30am. Everyone welcome to come along.

SOLEMN HIGH MASS IN THE TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE: Latin Mass using the classical 'Tridentine' liturgy with Haydn's *Missa Brevis St Johannes de Deo*, on **Sun 4th Oct** in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth at 3.30pm. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Will meet on **Wed 7th Oct** at 2pm in Maryhouse. A warm welcome awaits all ladies of the parish.

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO GLASTONBURY: on **Sat 24th Oct.** £15 per person. Just a few places remain on the coach. Please contact Rebecca on 023 92 381 802 to book a place. The coach will leave St Mary's Church, Gosport at 7am and pick up at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham and Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 6th Oct	Upper Room	7.30pm
Children's Session	Sat 10th Oct	St Joseph's Church	9-11am
Celebration Service	Sun 11th Oct	St Mary's Church	11am

PRAYER AND PIZZA: Calling all young people between 12 and 30 years of age! Come and join Fr Peter for Prayer and Pizza with an opportunity to talk about a future programme, in St Mary's Church on **Fri 16th Oct** at 6.30pm. If you would like to come please complete one of the booking forms which can be found in all churches.

THE CHRIST WE ARE, THE CHRIST WE SHARE – BOURNEMOUTH 22nd – 24th JANUARY 2010: An opportunity for people involved in church ministry to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others. The theme will be explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection, and liturgy. For more information please see posters in all churches. Booking forms available from Doug in the Parish Office. Deadline for bookings is **20th October**.

PRAYING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: An opportunity for youth leaders and catechists to explore how we can introduce young people to prayer and different ways of praying. The evening will also be an opportunity to meet with other youth leaders and to share good practice. This will be on **Tue 17th Nov** from 7.30pm to 9pm (refreshments from 7pm) at Wisdom House, Romsey (next to Romsey Abbey). To book a place please contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or at estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PLANT SALE FOR MBETTA: Thank you to Libby and Peter Beasley, their helpers, and everyone who supported the Plant Sale. They raised a total of £255 for our sister parish in Mbetta. Another fantastic effort!

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION: Are you a doctor, social worker or police officer with current or recent experience of safeguarding adults or children? Would you like to offer your skills and experience to the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission? If interested please contact Angela McGrory, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, for an informal chat on 023 92 816 396 or 07554 427064. This is a voluntary role that is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced CRB Disclosure.

HYDROTHERAPY POOL: Our parishioner, Jan Macnally, will be speaking at a Public Meeting in Gosport Town Hall on **Tue 6th Oct** at 6pm, to lobby for a much needed Hydro Pool to be included in the proposed new development at the Holbrook Leisure Centre. Why not go along and give Jan some moral support?

THANK YOU FROM FATHER TONY DAY: to everyone for your kindness, prayers and generosity during my recent time with you all. I appreciate your very warm welcome and assure you of my prayers and Mass intentions. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO CHRIS COULSTON: who has been busy polishing many of the brass candle stands in St Mary's Church. His hard work is very much appreciated.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet this **Mon 5th Oct** at 2pm in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's. All mums are welcome to come along.

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

THANK YOU: to Pam Connell for a very generous donation in memory of her late husband Jim. Pam has kindly agreed for us to use this donation to pay for the refurbishment of the Divine Mercy Chapel in St Mary's Church.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting will be at Sylvia and Norman's home 14 Alvara Rd, Alverstoke (tel: 023 92 601 416) on **Wed 14th Oct** at 7.30pm. We will review 'Birds Without Wings' by Louis de Bernieres. Everyone welcome.

JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY EVENING: On **Thu 22nd Oct** at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stubbington starting at 7pm. The theme of the evening is '**Hungry for One World**'. Everyone welcome.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC FOR FAIRTRADE: Hosted by Gosport Fairtrade Action at the Discovery Centre (Library) on **Thu 29th Oct** from 7.30 – 9.30pm. The evening will present an exciting mix of music from classical guitar to barbershop and jazz. Tickets at £4 per person are available from the Discovery Centre. For more information please contact Nuisha on 023 92 545280.

DAY AWAY FOR CARERS: The Catholic Disability Fellowship has organised a Day for Carers at Wisdom House, Romsey (next to Romsey Abbey) on **Sat 17th Oct** from 10am to 4pm. The day is aimed at those who care for a disabled child, parent, friend or partner to have time to themselves. There will be opportunities for prayer and quiet reflection, talking and walking, as well as gentle massage. Enrolment forms are available from Doug in the Parish Office. Kathryn Turner will lead the day. Lunch and tea will be provided. Subsidised cost is £15 per person.

MARRIAGE REFRESHER: A day for married couples at the Church of Our Lady, Fleet on **Sat 24th Oct**. Please see poster in all churches for further details.

BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD: Thank you to Jean Watson and her team, and everyone one who supported this event. A total of £450 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Research. A fantastic effort!