



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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5th/6th SEPTEMBER 2009 – TWENTY THIRD 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 5th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 6th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	John & Phil Corby (Family Intentions)
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Mary Critchell RIP

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

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 7th – 11th SEP

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	No service		
Tue	The Nativity of Our Lady	Linda Corby RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Rosary Linda Corby RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	Maria RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of the day	No intention	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1103.74p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

Doug will be going away on holiday for two weeks from Mon 14th Sep. He will print one newsletter to cover the weekends of 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27 Sep. If you have any items for inclusion please let him know by Fri 11th Sep at the latest. 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 8th Sep** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Norman Haskell. The following week the duty Minister will be Pat Miles. At St Columba's on **Thu 10th Sep** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 12th Sep** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 -11am; Christine Dawson & Eddie Watson 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

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 **16th/17th Sep** when St Therese's relics will be in the cathedral. Fr Peter proposes to lead a mini parish pilgrimage to visit the relics at 5pm on **Wed 16th 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 17th**. 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 16th Sep** and no Mass or Exposition in St Columba's on **Thu 17th Sep**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S: will resume this **Sun 6th Sep**. If anyone would be interested in helping with the children's liturgy, perhaps once a month, please talk to Doug in the Parish Office or contact Tricia Stevenson on triciatullibody@googlemail.com

PRAYER GROUP MEETING: the next meeting of the Prayer Group for people across the Solent Pastoral and Portsmouth Areas will be on **Thu 10th Sep** in Our lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come and pray together even if you did not attend previous prayer meetings.

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE NEW: A study day given by Kathleen O'Gorman (Senior Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies at St Mary's College, Twickenham) on **Sat 19th Sep** at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne, from 10am to 3.30pm. Prior booking is helpful on 01243 371766. Suggested donation is £15, payable on the day. All are welcome.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY AND CLIMATE JUSTICE MASS: At St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX on **Sat 12th Sep** 10.30am until 3.30pm. All Cafod supporters are welcome to come along and hear about Cafod's work in Bangladesh and Ethiopia and about upcoming plans for Harvest Fast Day. To book a place please email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

DAY OF PRAYER: Fr John Edwards SJ from Farm Street in London will lead a day of prayer on **Sat 26th Sep** from 9.30am until 4.30pm, at the home of Yvette Harrington, Heath Lodge, Trampers Lane, North Boarhunt. Programme includes talks, quiet time, Mass and Confessions. Cost is £12 and includes a ploughman's lunch. Advance booking is essential. Please call Yvette on 01329 832781 to reserve a place. Everyone is welcome.

RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH: A half day for Confirmation Catechists on **Sat 19th Sep** at St Peter's School, Winchester from 9.30am – 1pm. This is a chance to look at the new resources for Confirmation produced by Cafod. To book a place please contact Eileen Stephenson at Park Place on 01329 835583 or estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGY AND PRAYER FOR LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT: on **Sat 19th Sep** at St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate from 10am until 3pm. The day will benefit anyone dealing with people who need support in loss and bereavement e.g. clergy and laity working in chaplaincy and bereavement support, ministers of Word & Communion, visitors to the sick and housebound, catechists and pastoral council members. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. No charge for the day. For more information or to book a place please contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP: will meet on **Fri 18th Sep** at 11am in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall. We will be looking at the psalms that Jesus quoted. Everyone welcome.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 15th Sep	Upper Room, St Mary's Hall	7.30pm
Initial Parents' Meeting	Tue 29th Sep	St Mary's Hall	7.30pm
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

ADULT FAITH GROUP MEETING: will be on **Sat 19th Sep** in Maryhouse at 10am. This is for those parishioners who are practising Christians (i.e. baptised) and who wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, enabling them to receive the sacraments.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet on **Tue 8th Sep** at 2pm in the Meeting Room at St Columba's Church, Bridgemary. All mums are welcome.

COFFEE IN ST MARY'S HALL: After 11am Mass this **Sun 6th Sep.** Everyone welcome.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: Meetings are held on every second Wednesday in the month. Our next meeting will be at the home of **Michael & Mary Heaps: 8 Brodrick Avenue, Gosport (tel: 02392 584 137) on Wed 9th Sep** at 7.30pm. We will review 'Queen of Silks' by Venora Bennett which we have been reading during August. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for September will be 'The Kindness of Strangers' by Kate Adie.

Please note the change of venue as hi-lighted above.

RETURN TO ROMANCE: Do you fancy a round of golf and/or an evening meal? As part of his fundraising project (of which 25% comes to Mbetta) Nigel Hearnden is hosting his annual charity golf event on **Thu 24th Sep** at Lee-on-the Solent Golf Club. The cost of the golf is £25 or £40 including the evening meal. Perhaps you just fancy an evening out – the cost is £20 for the 3 course meal. There will also be a raffle. Full details can be obtained from Nigel on 07779 083429 or by email at ret2rom@aol.com before 6th September.

'THE BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD': in aid of the Macmillan Trust for cancer research will be on **Fri 25th Sep** in St Mary's Hall. A meeting will be held at 11am on **Tue 8th Sep** in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall for all those who would like to help with this event.

HELP NEEDED: Retired couple (Barry & Frances) would like to find a B & B locally for a couple of nights every six weeks to visit their family grave. Both are non-smokers and worship at St Mary's during their short visits. If any parishioner can help them they would be very happy to pay. Please phone them on 0208 390 7859 at Surbiton, Surrey.

VACANCY FOR PARENT FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL:

Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who are parents of children currently registered at the school. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the Governing Body, the Foundation Governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church and giving clear witness, as individuals, and as a team, to the Gospel message and to the Church's teaching. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church. Application packs are available from the Parish Priest, the School Office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA.

Closing date for receipt of applications: **24 SEPTEMBER 2009**