



The Catholic Church in Gosport

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Regd Charity No: 246871/2



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5th/6th DECEMBER 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 2

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 5th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Paddy Doran RIP
SUNDAY 6th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Mary Ann & Carmelo Dalli RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	John Donohoe RIP

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

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 7th – 11th DEC

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	St Ambrose	No service		
Tue	Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Rene Wainwright RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Wk 2 Advent	Rosary Ellen Woods RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Wk 2 Advent	Florence Osborn F/M	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Wk 2 Advent	Roland Bigot RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £1096.14p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend for Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEXT SATURDAY

DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS. PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THIS PARISH EVENT!

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 Dec** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Jean Watson. The following week the duty Minister will be Joe Barrett. At St Columba's on **Thu 10th Dec** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 12th Dec** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Bill Allen & Liam Morrisey 10 -11am; Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Ella Arendse 12 – 1pm.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Children's Session	Sun 6th Dec	St Mary's Hall	2 – 4pm
Nativity & Carol Service	Sun 6th Dec	St Mary's Church	4pm

followed by mince pies & mulled wine.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: At St Joseph's Church, Ann's Hill on **Tue 15th Dec** at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

HOME VISITS: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like a visit from Fr Peter during Advent for Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing, please give the details to Doug in the Parish Office or talk to Fr Peter. Thank you.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Tue 8th Dec**, including Mass at 12.15pm, Rosary Procession, Prayers and Benediction. Everyone welcome.

VACANCY FOR PARENT FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: If you are a parent of a child at the school and would like to learn more about this voluntary position, information is available from Doug in the Parish Office or the School Office on 02392 583 979.

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: on **Tue 15th Dec** at 7.30pm. A family service which celebrates the Christmas story followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SAT 12TH DEC: We will continue collecting donations for the Fayre on **Wed 9th Dec**. Please bring your items to St Mary's Hall between **6 and 7pm only**. Please do not bring your donations to the parish Office or any of the churches. Donations of good quality items including bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, preserves, bottles etc will be gratefully received. Cakes should be brought to the hall on the morning of the fayre from 8am. Unfortunately we cannot accept electrical items. **Joe & Jean Barrett and Amanda Field have kindly volunteered to collect donations from parishioners who really can't make the Wednesday evening drop off times. Joe & Jean can be contacted on 023 92 587339 and Amanda on 023 92 529020. Thank you.**

SOLENT PASTORAL AREA: Notices are posted in all churches detailing the Advent and Christmas services across our pastoral area.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Any Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Children's Liturgists who have not attended the appropriate training for working with children or vulnerable adults should sign up for one or both of the following:

Child Protection training at St Jude's School Hall, Fareham on **Sat 16th Jan 2010** from 10am to 12.30pm.

Vulnerable Adult training at St Jude's School Hall, Fareham on **Sat 16th Jan 2010** from 1.30pm to 4pm. You must reserve a place by calling Soraya Ciccarone at the Diocesan Office on 023 9281 6396.

CHRISTMAS INDIAN MEAL: at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham on **Sun 20th Dec** at 12.30pm, in support of the renovation work at the centre. Cost is £15 for adults and £8 for children under 10 years. Booking forms are available in all churches or contact Sr Judith at Park Place on 01329 833043.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: will meet at Michael & Mary heaps home: 8 Broderick Avenue, Alverstoke (tel: 02392 584 137) on **Wed 9th Dec** at 7.30pm. We will review 'The Boleyn Inheritance' by Beryl Bainbridge which we have been reading during November. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for December will be 'The Bookseller of Kabul' by Asne Seierstad. Please remember to bring a little wrapped present costing no more than £2 to the meeting. These will be put in a pile and each of us will take one - hopefully not our own!

SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL: Volunteers are required to become panel members for schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth. These panels enable parents to exercise their right to appeal when their application for a school place for their child has been turned down. Panel members must have no connection with the school for which appeals are being heard. Training will be over two days on **Mon 25th Jan** and **Fri 5th Feb**. For further information and to enrol please contact: Admin Officer, Dpt for Schools at Park Place on 01329 835363 or email:

schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TRAIDCRAFT: Christmas stock is now available from Sandy on the Traidcraft Stall at St Joseph's Church. There are lots of gift ideas at very reasonable prices. Please do support Traidcraft and remember you will be helping producers in less developed parts of the world to earn a fair wage, as well as supporting our twin parish of Mbetta in Cameroon.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: the latest edition of our free diocesan magazine is available in all churches. Please do take a copy home with you.

ADVENT LUNCH: on **Sun 13th Dec** at the Church of Our Lady of Walsingham in Portchester, 12.30pm for 1pm. Come and join us for lunch with a quiz and seasonal music provided by some of the children of the community. Please bring a dish and your own drink. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided. Entrance is £2.50 per person. Children free (up to 13 years).

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET: will be held in the Inner Close of Winchester Cathedral from **27th Nov** until **20th Dec**. One of the stalls will be selling icons, crucifixes, other church items, and souvenirs made in the Convent of St Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus. Proceeds from this stall will help the poor, the homeless, and the orphaned in that part of the world as well as those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

LIVING OUR FAITH: some parishioners will have heard of the 'Living Our Faith' campaign which is in its early phase in our parish. This campaign has come out of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 'Go Out and Bear Fruit' and is being, or soon to be, implemented in all of the parishes and pastoral areas in our diocese. At this very early stage I have asked some parishioners to assist me in getting the word out to as many as possible in the parish as we begin this programme. They have been very generous in offering their support and time in this early stage. You may receive a letter from me asking you to see one of them. Please welcome them as they seek an opportunity to tell you more about 'Living Our Faith'. *Fr Peter*

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: Copies are available in all churches or from the Parish Office priced at £3.50p. The directory contains lots of useful information relating to all parishes, Catholic groups and departments in Portsmouth Diocese.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 14th Dec** at 10am. Please do come along and lend a hand so that we can have the church looking nice for Christmas. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

THANK YOU: to everyone who worked so hard to arrange the 'Filipino Evening' last week and to everyone who supported the event. You will be pleased to learn that £250 was raised to help fund the Junior Journey In Faith Programme.

TELEPHONE LINE PROBLEMS: Apologies if you tried contacting the Parish Office on Friday or Saturday morning just gone. At the time of writing the newsletter the BT engineer is repairing the line.