



The Catholic Church in Gosport

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Regd Charity No: 246871/2



St Columba's, Nobes Avenue; St Mary's, High Street; St Joseph's, Anns Hill Rd

Parish Priest: Peter Glas Parish Administrator: Doug Savege
Maryhouse, 32 High Street Gosport PO12 1DF. Tel: Gosport (023) 92580119
Parish Website: www.gosportcatholics.org.uk
Email: ccig@btinternet.com

6th/7th FEBRUARY 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 1

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 6th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	John Shaw RIP
SUNDAY 7th	9.15am	St. Mary's	Tressie Heather (Health)
	11.00am	St. Mary's	David Lewis RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 13th Feb 12 – 1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 8th – 12th FEB

<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	For restless souls	10am	St Mary's
Wed	St Scholastica	Rosary Anne-Marie Hillhouse RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Our Lady of Lourdes	John Pearson RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of the day	Requiem Mass for Vera Langridge RIP	1pm	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We will resume taking Holy Communion under both kinds this weekend.
Eucharistic Ministers should please make themselves available.**

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1257.16p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

Tea and coffee in St Mary's Hall after 11am Mass. All are 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 9th Feb** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Lesley Taylor. The following week the duty Minister will be Jean Watson. At St Columba's on **Thu 11th Feb** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 13th Feb** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 - 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

LENT REFLECTION GROUP: Beginning on **Fri 19th Feb** and continuing each Friday during Lent, from 11am until 12.15pm. Venue to be confirmed. All welcome. Please bring a bible and note book.

'PRAISE THE LORD': our monthly Malayalam and English prayer meeting will be in St Mary's Church, on **Sat 13th Feb** from 2 – 7pm. The section in English (praise & worship plus sharing the Word of God) will be from 4 – 5pm. Fr Peter will be available for prayer and blessings and everyone is welcome. Do come along and rejoice in the Lord.

'LIVING OUR FAITH': Thank you to those parishioners who spoke about this campaign at last weekend's Masses and to everyone who has supported the campaign either spiritually or financially. This is a very important initiative for our three worshipping communities, our pastoral area, and our diocese. Your response has been magnificent! Since last Sunday parishioners have pledged a further £5254.67p inc gift-aid towards our target of £95000, taking our total inc gift-aid to £81791.67p. Remember we stand to receive £23750 back in our parish if we achieve our target, and a further 80% of all money pledged if we exceed it. Do remember to gift-aid your pledges if you are a UK tax payer. Once again thank you.

FAITH & LIGHT: The annual celebration for Candlemas will be this **Sun 7th Feb** at 3pm in St Philip Howard Church, Fareham. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Pat Madden and will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and support those with special needs.

‘JUNG AND PRAYER’: A study day on **Tue 9th Feb** at the Wisdom Centre, Romsey from 10am until 4pm. Suggested offering for the day is £15 which includes refreshments and a simple lunch. To find out more or to book a place please call 01794 830206 or email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: on **Sun 14th Feb** in Sacred Heart Church, Fareham at 4.30pm. During the service there will be an opportunity to renew marriage vows. Everyone is welcome to come along.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: A ten day pilgrimage is arranged for the **7th to 17th June 2010**. Fr Peter Glas will lead the pilgrimage as Spiritual Director. Shared accommodation (half-board) and coach transfers in Dubrovnik will cost 290 euros per person. Transport to and from Gatwick airport and travel insurance **are not** included.

Pilgrims are asked to book their own flights (over the internet is normally cheaper) as soon as possible, and the earlier flights are booked the lower the fares are likely to be. The flights we will be using are as follows:

7th June BA 2882 London Gatwick depart 09.50 arrive Dubrovnik 13.35

17th June BA 2883 Dubrovnik depart 14.30 arrive London Gatwick 16.20

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more information and a booking form.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: will meet this **Wed 10th Feb** at 11am in Maryhouse.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY’S: this **Mon 8th Feb** at 10am. Do please come along and lend a hand if you can.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting has been deferred by one week and will now be on **Tue 23rd Feb** at 7pm in Maryhouse.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: will meet on **Mon 8th Feb** in the Iona Hall, Bridgemarket at 8pm. The meeting will be preceded by a service of Word & Communion in St Columba’s at 7.30pm.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: will meet at Pat Miles’ home, 89 Village Road, Alverstoke on **Wed 10th Feb** at 7.30pm. We will review ‘The Bookseller of Kabul’ by Asne Seierstad. Everyone welcome whether you have read the book or not.

WINTERSHALL - THE LIFE OF CHRIST: Each year a cast of over 300 actors and helpers perform the 'Life of Christ' in the beautiful surroundings of the Wintershall Estate near Guildford. We have secured 57 tickets and arranged a coach for the performance on **Sat 3rd July**. The cost including coach travel is £23 (adult) and £5 (youth, 11-18 years). **Tickets for the youth are subsidised and cost only £5 each for those who are in the Parish Youth Group or who are actively involved in the parish in some other way e.g. altar servers, helpers etc.** The venue is not suitable for wheelchairs and does include some uphill walking. The coach park is approximately a 10 minute walk from where the play begins. You should bring a packed lunch and a light, easy to carry chair if you do not want to stand throughout. The performance begins at 10am, is in three acts, and includes a lunchtime interval. It should finish at 4pm. We have 37 tickets for adults and 20 for youth. To book a place, please contact Doug in the Parish Office.

CD'S FOR SALE: Jan Macnally will be available after all Masses next weekend to sell CD recordings of the Newport Male Voice Choir and guests, at £5 each, to raise money for the Sudden Adult Death Trust. This charitable trust exists to save lives and support individuals and their families who are predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities.

RETURN TO ROMANCE PRESENTS 'STROLLING' AT THE KINGS THEATRE

In 2008, Nigel Hearnden walked to Rome to celebrate the life of his wife Anne and to raise valuable funds on behalf of four charities/causes she supported, including our sister parish of Mbetta in Cameroon. In addition to his walk, Nigel has undertaken a variety of other events and has succeeded in raising several thousand pounds for each of the charities. This has been wonderful for our community as we are committed to sending £2000 a year to Mbetta to help meet the educational needs of many of the local children.

Join us in a glittering gala celebration at the Kings Theatre, Southsea on **Sunday 28th March** at 7.30pm as 'Strolling' recreates this amazing journey in song and dance. **Tickets priced at £15 and £12 are available from the booking office at the Kings or via Doug in the parish office.** There will be an auction and raffle on the night.

Nigel has received an outline offer of one or two large minibuses and drivers. If you require transport please give your name to Doug and once Nigel receives confirmation of the offer further details will be provided regarding pick-up points.

Whilst Nigel intends to carry on with his annual charity golf days and an evening at a top local restaurant, 'Strolling' marks the end of his formal fundraising project. Let us show our appreciation for his tremendous efforts and enjoy a family evening out at the same time.