



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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6th/7th MARCH 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 6th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 7th	9.15am	St. Mary's	Mollie Collingborn RIP (20 th anniversary)
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Bill Cliffe RIP

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 13th Mar.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 8th – 12th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of week 3 Lent	No service		
Tue	of week 3 Lent	Thanksgiving (Tressie Heather)	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of week 3 Lent	Rosary Irene Mayhew RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of week 3 Lent	Maria RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of week 3 Lent	Stations of the Cross No Intention	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £ 1064.80p inc gift-aid and the Lent Fast Day total collected for Cafod was £653.06p. Thank you once again for your generosity particularly after such a magnificent response to the *Living Our Faith* campaign and the recent *Haiti appeal*.

Next weekend there will be an obligatory second collection after all Masses for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy at any of the Masses this weekend as the 9.15am Mass is also a children's celebration.

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 names on the front sheet.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: At St Mary's on **Tue 9th March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Theresa Fleming. The following week the duty Minister will be Norman Haskell. At St Columba's on **Thu 11th March** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 13th March** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 - 11am; Christine Dawson & Pat Miles 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

LENT REFLECTION GROUP: in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 12th March** and continuing each Friday during Lent, from 11am until 12.15pm. All welcome. Please bring a bible and note book.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: in St Columba's Church every Saturday at 5.20pm and St Mary's Church every Friday at 6.30pm. Also in St Mary's every Tuesday at 11am in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

MEMORIAL BOOK: we will shortly be placing a Parish Memorial Book on permanent display in the Divine Mercy Chapel of St Mary's Church. The book will be open at each page of the year displaying the names of those from our communities who have passed away on that date, and for whom prayers may be offered. During Lent you are invited to give names for inclusion in the book to Doug in the Parish Office. Please print clearly and remember to include the date of passing away. Thank you.

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

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH: Catechists' meeting on **Tue 16th March** in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall at 7.30pm.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: Meeting and Initiation of a new Brother in the Iona Hall, Bridgemarky on **Mon 8th March** at 8pm. Word & Communion in St Columba's at 7.30pm.

HOME VISITS: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like a visit from Fr Peter during Lent for Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing, please give the details to Doug in the Parish Office. Visits should take place on **Thu 25th March**. Thank you.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St Philip Howard, Fareham	Tue 16 th March	7.30pm
St John's, Lee	Wed 17 th March	2pm
St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	Sun 21 st March	3pm
St Mary's, Gosport	Thu 25th March	7.30pm

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.

'A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS' (Sir Thomas More): A play by Robert Bolt at the New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth from **17th – 20th March**. Tickets from the box office on 023 92 649000. More details available from Antony Cruddas on 023 92 503364.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL: Do please keep an eye on the notice boards in St Mary's Church for details of events being held at the Bible School in Nutbourne. The school is an invaluable resource and as well as holding study days and retreats it also hosts spiritual events including Adoration and Healing Masses.

FAIRTRADE: We are a Fairtrade Parish! This means that we are expected by the Diocese to hold an event to mark Fairtrade Fortnight (**Feb 22 to Mar 7 this year**). Sandy Cameron will be selling Fairtrade products in St Mary's Hall on **Sun 7th March** after the 11am Mass. We shall also be asking you to consider taking part in the Big Swap – i.e exchanging a usual purchase (tea, coffee, t-shirts or whatever) for a Fairtrade product.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S: we urgently need more volunteers to help with the children's Liturgy during the 11am Mass at St Mary's. If you are interested please see Fr Peter, talk to Tricia Stevenson after Mass, or contact Doug in the Parish Office.

WINTERSHALL: all places have now been filled. Tickets will be given out on the day of travel. Please give your payment to Doug in the Parish Office as soon as you can remembering to make cheques payable to *PRCDTR-Gosport*. Total cost per adult including travel is £23 and per child/youth including travel is £5.

LIVING OUR FAITH – COMMITMENT SUNDAY & CELEBRATION: The Living Our Faith campaign in our parish is drawing to a close as we celebrate Commitment Sunday today, when anyone who has not yet pledged and would like to, may do so. After the 11am Mass this **Sun 7th March** everyone is invited to a celebration in St Mary's Hall in recognition of what has already been a remarkable effort by our parish. The prayerful and financial support of the campaign has been tremendous. Please do come along. **Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier!** Tea, coffee, light refreshments and a glass or two of wine will be provided.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: The new heating system has now been installed and is up and running. We have some redecorating to do which should be completed by the end of this week. The church will need a thoroughly good clean before re-opening on **Fri 26th March**. We propose to have a cleaning day on **Wed 24th March** from 10am. Do come along and lend a hand if you can. Volunteers from all three churches will be most welcome and refreshments will be provided.

COULD YOU BE A CAFOD MP CORRESPONDENT? – Are you passionate about global issues? Could you make sure they stay at the top of the political agenda? Cafod is looking for MP Correspondents to contact their MPs regularly (about 3 times a year) via letter/email or face to face. Training and support provided. For more information please contact the Cafod Portsmouth Office: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385.

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.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2010: On **Sat 12th June** there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2010. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th anniversary during 2010, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let Doug know in the Parish Office as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send an invitation. Attendance will be by ticket only and numbers are limited.

RETURN TO ROMANCE PRESENTS 'STROLLING' AT THE KINGS THEATRE: Join us in a glittering gala celebration at the Kings Theatre, Southsea on **Sun 28th March** at 7.30pm as 'Strolling' recreates the walk from Gosport to Rome undertaken by Nigel Hearnden in 2008. This is to celebrate the life of his wife Anne and to raise valuable funds in support of four charities she supported including our own Mbetta appeal. One of the acts appearing is Bella Nicholas who sings in the choir at St Mary's and who was the runner up in a recent regional singing competition, the Y Factor. Tickets for the evening priced at £12 and £15 are available from Doug in the Parish Office. Please let him know if you would like transport to the theatre.