



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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7th/8th FEB 2009 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Week 1

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 7th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	John Shaw RIP
SUNDAY 8th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Alan White RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Annie McCormick RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's next Saturday 12 – 1pm

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 9th – 13th FEB

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	Word & Communion	10am	St Mary's
Tue	St Scholastica	Mark Palmer RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Our Lady of Lourdes	Rosary For the people of the parish	6.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	No Intention	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of the day	No Intention	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1176.02 inc gift-aid. Thank you. Please remember our average weekly target is £1400.

This weekend there will be an obligatory collection after all Masses for the Catholic Education Service.

Children's Liturgy at St Mary's begins this Sunday at the 11am Mass. See inside for details.

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL: Tom Bailey, Bill Cliffe, Raymond Clowes, Carmel Collins, Con Condon, Jim Connell, Linda Corby, Elsie Fleming, Eileen Forde, Gwenne Gammon, Gwen Hobley, Joan Johns, Taff Keegan, Stuart King, Sarah Mitchell, Fr Lawrence Nwokora, Adeline Pearcey, and Mary Smith. 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, especially Laurie Benson and Arthur Depree, 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 10th Feb** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Anna Oliver. The following week the duty minister will be Honora Power. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 12th Feb** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 14th Feb** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Bill Allen & Liam Morrissey 10 – 11am; Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers 11am – 12 noon; Anthonia Nwokora & Eddie Watson 12 – 1pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S: A new Children's Liturgy Group will start at St Mary's this **Sun 8th Feb**. The group will meet in Maryhouse and Fr Peter will invite the children to join the Liturgists and Helpers at the beginning of Mass. Children from 5 to 11 years are welcome on their own. Those under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

HEALING MASS: The Mass in St Mary's Church on **Wed 18th Feb** at 7pm (after the Rosary) will be the first Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Peter in our parish. This will include prayer for healing and laying on of hands but not the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please pray about this Healing Mass and do come along if you can. Everyone is welcome. Fasting is recommended on the day of the Mass for this prayer intention.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: We will be running a six week course during Lent to help us get to know St Paul's wonderful teachings a little better. It is open to everyone regardless of how familiar or otherwise you might be with the Letters of St Paul. The sessions will be held in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall from 11am to 1pm and will begin on **Thu 26th Feb** continuing each Thursday up to and including **2nd April**. To reserve a place please call Libby Beasley on 023 92 589188 or contact the Parish Office on 023 92 580119.

APOLOGIES: that there was no tea and coffee available after 11am Mass last weekend. We hope to make it available after the 11am Mass on **Sun 1st March**.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 9th Feb** after the 10am service of Word and Communion. Do lend a hand if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: to be led by Fr Peter in June 2009. A few places are left. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet this **Mon 9th Feb** at 2pm in the meeting room at St Columba's. All mothers are welcome.

WORKING TOGETHER MORE EFFECTIVELY: Br. Loughlan Sofield ST has accepted an invitation from our diocese to come and lead three workshops towards the end of March. Loughlan is an internationally known speaker and writer, particularly on the subjects of leadership, collaborative ministry and human development. Details of the workshops (Skills for Collaborative Ministry, Unwrapping your Gifts & Discerning your Call, and Obstacles to Working Together), as well as booking forms are available from the Parish Office. Early booking is recommended.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: where you will have the opportunity to renew your marriage vows will be held this **Sun 8th Feb** at 4.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. This is a good opportunity to go along with your family and celebrate your marriage with others from the Solent Pastoral Area.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: The meetings are held on every second Wednesday in the month. Our next meeting will be at Pat Miles' home, 89 Village Road (tel: 02392-526-160) on **Wed 11th Feb** at 7.30pm. We will review 'If This is a Man' by Levi Primo which we have been reading during January. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for February will be 'Armageddon' by Max Hastings. Note: We have now moved onto a book list provided by the Public Library and this is the book they have for us this month.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The AGM which was scheduled to take place last Wednesday was postponed due to the uncertain weather conditions. The meeting will now take place this coming **Wed 11th Feb** at 2pm in Maryhouse. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come along.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS & HELPERS: who are completing Criminal Records Bureau applications are asked to bring **all the completed forms**, together with **all relevant ID documents**, to the Parish Office on **Sat 7th March between 10am and 12 noon**. Our Parish Co-ordinator for children and vulnerable adults, Fran Read, will need to see each individual and Doug will be on hand to assist. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: will meet this **Mon 9th Feb** at 8pm in the Iona Hall, Bridgemary. The meeting will be preceded by a service of Word & Communion in St Columba's Church at 7.30pm.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE – STUDY DAY: At St Joseph's, Tilehurst on **Sat 28th Feb** from 10am until 3.30pm. The speaker will be Sr Ann-Teresa from the Medaille Trust. Cost is £5. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Bernadette Foster on 01329 510524 by **Sat 21st Feb** to reserve a place.

JESUS YOUTH: has organised a day of prayer and activities for young Catholics in South East England aged 11 to 35 years. It will be held at the St Vincent de Paul Church, Aldermore, Southampton SO16 5ST on **Sat 28th Feb**. For more information and to arrange a lift please contact our parishioners Mr Toji on 07877 547025 or Mr Sushanth on 07590 728605. Fr Peter will be celebrating Mass on the day.

WISDOM

Healing Promise: *'If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him' (James 1:5).*

Healing Prayer: Wonderfully wise Father, I come to you to seek wisdom for my life. Thank you for reminding me that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, which are hidden in my Saviour, Jesus Christ, are not hidden from me, but for me, as a believer.¹

As I seek your wisdom, I happily remember that Jesus is made wisdom unto me,² and that you are a rewarder of those who diligently seek you.³

Thank you for your promise that you want to give wisdom to me liberally and without reproach.⁴ I receive your promises of wisdom now, as I pray in faith, nothing wavering.⁵ It will be my privilege, Lord God, to partake of and walk in your wisdom from this day forward.

Your wisdom in my life is truly invaluable, Father.⁶ Teach me to number my days, that I may always apply my heart to wisdom.⁷ You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the Father of lights, who does not change.⁸

I reverence you, Father.⁹ Thank you for giving your wisdom to me.¹⁰ I listen for the knowledge and understanding which always proceed from your mouth.¹¹

Your wisdom gives me great happiness, Lord God.¹² All the things I desire cannot be compared with your matchless wisdom.¹³ As I walk in your wisdom, Father, I find pleasantness for my life, and peace.¹⁴ Your wisdom is a tree of life to me.¹⁵ I will not forsake your wisdom, because I know it will preserve me and keep me.¹⁶ Thank you for your wisdom, Father. In the blessed name of Jesus I pray, Amen.¹⁷

References: 1) Col 2:2-3; 2) 1 Cor 1:30; 3) Heb 11:6; 4) James 1:5; 5) James 1:6; 6) Job 28:18; 7) Psalms 90:12; 8) James 1:17; 9) Psalms 111:10; 10) Prov 2:6; 11) Prov 2:6; 12) Prov 3:13; 13) Prov 3:15; 14) Prov 3:17; 15) Prov 3:18; 16) Prov 4:6; 17) John 15:16.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL, NUTBOURNE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sat 28th Feb	Who wrote the Gospels?	A study day led by Bishop Kieran Conry of Arundel & Brighton
Sat 14th March	Knowing our inheritance (Ephesians 1:18)	A study day led by Jenny Baker
Sat 28th March	Getting to know & love St Paul	A study day led by Fr Nicholas King SJ

Study days run from 10am to 3.30pm. prior booking is helpful though not essential - tel: 01243 371766. Suggested donation payable on the day is £15.

