



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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7th/8th MARCH 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Lent week 2

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 7th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Hennie & Joe McGillivray RIP
SUNDAY 8th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Dec'd of the Tabone Family
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Mamie O'Kane RIP

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's next Saturday.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 9th – 13th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Lent wk 2	No service		
Tue	Lent wk 2	Gerry Miles RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Lent wk 2	Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Mass of Our Lady	7.00pm	St Mary's
		People of the Parish		
Thu	Lent wk 2	Nuala Fellows RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Lent wk 2	No intention	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1342.70p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

There will be a collection after all Masses this weekend for Cafod. Thank you for your Lenten Fast Day offerings.

Healing Service for the Solent pastoral Area to be led by Fr Peter Glas at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington on Fri 13th March at 7.30pm. Everyone is 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 10th March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Libby Beasley. The following week the duty minister will be Theresa Fleming. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 12th March** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 14th March** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Bill Allen & Eddie Watson 10 -11am; Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will be at 5.20pm in St Columba's Church every Saturday and at 6.30pm in St Mary's on Fridays. Please note, however, on the First Fridays Stations will be in St Mary's at 3pm only and there will be no stations on **Fri 13th March** due to the Healing Service in Stubbington. (See below)

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: We are 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 the next one is on **Thu 12th March** continuing each Thursday up to and including Thursday **2nd April**.

SPIRIT ALIVE: A reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the life of the Church and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. There will be six one hour presentations based on the Archdiocese of Westminster's Lenten Course, 'Lord, Giver of Life', to be led by Richard Pearce (recently retired Head of Theology, Stonyhurst College). The sessions will be held each Monday from **2nd March** up to **6th April** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington at 10.15am (for those not working) and again at 7.30pm (for those working). Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Richard Pearce on 023 92 553 788 or email 2pearces@talktalk.net

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: will meet in the Iona Hall, Bridgemary this **Mon 9th March** at 8pm. The meeting will be preceded by a service of 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 or talk to Fr Peter. Thank you.

MUSIC FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING: A concert given by the Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia on **Sat 21st March** at St Mary the Virgin, Rowner starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £8 (concessions £5) include a donation to Naomi House Children's Hospice and are available on the door.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING AND REFRESHER SESSIONS: Fr Peter invites those parishioners who have put their names forward to be ministers (and who are completing CRB forms) to three training sessions in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on the following Fridays: **20th & 27th March and 3rd April respectively at 7.45pm.** These sessions are mandatory for new ministers but are also open to existing ministers who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this ministry. New ministers will be commissioned during the Maundy Thursday Mass.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Upper Room	Tue 10 th March	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (First Communion)	St Mary's Hall	Tue 17 th March	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Confirmation)	St Mary's Hall	Tue 17 th March	8.30pm
Children's Session	St Joseph's	Sat 21 st March	9-11am
Celebration Service	ST MARY'S	Sun 22 nd March	11am

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Father Peter invites all parishioners to a Parish Day in St Mary's Hall on **Sun 15th March** beginning at 12 noon. This is to be the first of what we hope will be an annual event for parishioners and is an opportunity for our 3 worshipping communities to come together and share ideas, give feedback, as well as to discuss hopes and aspirations for the future in an informal setting over a buffet lunch. Everyone is welcome including children and young people of all ages. We hope to have a team of people on hand to look after some of the smaller children. The buffet is to take the form of an American Supper where those who wish to can contribute something to the meal. To this end lists have been placed in all churches. Please write your name alongside what you intend bringing. The parish will supply the liquid refreshments!! Do keep this date free and come along if you can. It is not often we are able to gather together in this way so it will be a wonderful opportunity for us and for Fr Peter to get to know each other better after Fr Peter's first 6 months in Gosport.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: The meetings are held on every second Wednesday in the month. **Note:** Our next meeting will be at the home of Mary Heaps: 8 Broderick Avenue (tel: 02392 584 137) on **Wed 11th March** at 7.30pm. At the February meeting it was decided to replace the library selection with 'The Shack' by W P Young and this is the book we will review. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for March will be 'The Memory Game' by Nicci French.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: At Park Place on **Fri 13th March** at 7.30pm. Activities will include dancing, story telling and traditional singing. Please bring your own food and drink. Details from Anthony Cruddas at St Joseph's Church or via Doug in the Parish Office.

THANK YOU: to George Watson and his team of volunteers who, over a number of weeks, have transformed the Sacristy at St Mary's Church. We now have a newly refurbished, clean and tidy Sacristy. Their dedication and hard work is very much appreciated by everyone.

FLAT TO LET: The larger one of our two flats adjacent to St Columba's Church, Bridgemary will soon be vacant. It is a very spacious two bedroom property available to rent on an assured shorthold tenancy agreement. Tenants have shared use of a large garage for storage purposes as well as a very large garden. This property will suit a single person, couple or small family. It is unfurnished. Please talk to Doug in the Parish Office for more information.

ANXIETY

Healing Promise: “Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee” (Ps. 55:22).

Healing Prayer: Almighty God, thank you for your personal invitation for me to cast all my cares upon you. I do so now, fully believing that you care for me,¹ and knowing that you will sustain me.² Father, as I pour out my heart before you I realize that you are my refuge and my safe place.³ Thank you for being my great burden-bearer.⁴

You are my peace.⁵ As I keep my mind stayed upon you, I experience your perfect peace.⁶ Therefore, I will not let my heart be troubled any longer, and neither will I be afraid, because Jesus has given me His peace.⁷ Thank you, Father.

Your love removes all fear from my life.⁸ I experience your love as I pray, and I thank you for the peace it gives to me. Because I know you are helping me, dear God, I will no longer be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication I will always let my requests be made unto you.⁹

Thank you, loving Father for giving me such an effective way out of anxiety, a way that leads me to know fully your peace which surpasses all understanding. I am so grateful that your peace will guard my heart and mind through Christ Jesus.¹⁰ In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.¹¹

References: 1) *1 Peter 5:7*; 2) *Psalms 55:22*; 3) *Psalms 62:8*; 4) *Psalms 55:22*; 5) *Eph 2:14*; 6) *Is 26:3*; 7) *Jn 14:27*; 8) *1 Jn 4:18*; 9) *Ph 4:6*; 10) *Ph 4:7*; 11) *Jn 16:23*.

TWO TALKS BY FATHER LAURENCE FREEMAN: on **Sat 28th March**. Talk 1 will be at St John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth from 2.00 – 4.30pm and is entitled *Finding Balance in Life through Meditation*. Talk 2 will be at the United Church, Jewry St, Winchester from 7.00 – 9.00pm and is entitled *Meditation – Direct path to a Deeper Self*. There is no need to book for either talk and the suggested donation for each is £5 - £10 payable on the door. All are welcome.