



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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8th/9th MAY 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 8th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Ellenor Cockcroft RIP
SUNDAY 9th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	James Packman RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Margaret Hyde RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 15th May from 12 -1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 10th – 14th MAY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Easter Wk 6	No service		
Tue	Easter Wk 6	Dec'd of the Fitzgerald Family	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Easter Wk 6	Rosary Ojong Family intentions	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Easter Wk 6	For the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations	10am	St Columba's
Fri	St Matthias	People of the Parish	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Children's Liturgy at St Mary's this Sunday due to the Children's Mass at St Joseph's.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1088.24p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

There will be an obligatory secondary collection after all Masses next weekend for World Communications.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated next weekend.

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 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 11th May** after 10am Mass until 12.30pm. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Libby Beasley. The following week the duty Minister will be Theresa Fleming. At St Columba's on **Thu 13th May** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 15th May** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Theresa Fleming & Neil Shaw 10 - 11am; Christine Dawson & Joe Henderson 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

<p>FR PETER'S PRAYER GROUP: will meet on Thu 13th May at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester from 7.30pm. All are welcome.</p>
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AN EVENING OF PRAYER: led by Fr James Boyle (former Parish Priest of Park Gate) on **Mon 17th May** at the church of Our Lady of Walsingham, Portchester from 7 to 9pm. The evening will include some teaching on the theme of the 'Holy Spirit' in preparation for Pentecost. Everybody welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage with Bishop Crispian takes place from **20th – 27th August this year**. Travel by Euro-star (via Paris), coach or plane (Stansted) direct to Lourdes. Brochures, application forms, and medical forms available from Mgr Vincent Harvey, St Edmund's Presbytery, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, Hants SO15 2EQ; or from vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk or the diocesan web site. The overall leader of the pilgrimage this year will be Bishop Doyle of Northampton.

INVOCATION 2010 – a national vocations discernment weekend for young adults: to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from **2nd – 4th July 2010**. This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16 -35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God's will for their lives and at least be open to the possibility of priesthood or consecrated life. To find out more please talk to Fr Peter and go to www.invocation.org.uk where more information and a booking form are available.

SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER: at the invitation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we are to join in a special time of prayer of reparation and atonement for all those affected by child abuse in the Catholic Church. The four Fridays in May will be set aside as special days of prayer. On each of these days there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 10am until 9pm. Between 8 and 9pm there will be Evening Prayer before ending with Benediction. In addition, all Rosary evenings and periods of Exposition in St Mary's and St Columba's Churches during May will be offered for the same intentions of reparation and atonement. During the month of May, Tuesday Exposition will be extended by one hour to 12.30pm.

We are all invited to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We are to pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. We pray also for Pope Benedict, whose wise and courageous leadership is so important for the Church at this time.

Please do make every effort to come before the Lord during these special times of prayer. I know you will also keep these intentions firmly in mind during your private prayer time.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND – FAITH AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

At St Mary's College, Bitterne Park on **Sat 9th and Sun 10th October 2010**. For more information and a booking form go to www.celebrateconference.org (click on Southampton). Alternatively contact Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058 or email: peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE – JUNE 2010: Fr Peter will hold a meeting in Maryhouse on **Sat 15th May** at 10.30am for those travelling to Medjugorje. In the meantime, will all pilgrims please ensure that their passports are in date and that they have taken out adequate travel insurance in the event of delays, lost luggage, accidents, sickness etc.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT: on **Sat 29th May** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 9.30am until 4pm. The day includes two talks on the Eucharist as well as Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass at 12.15pm, Healing Service at 3pm, and Benediction at 3.45pm. Also a photographic exhibition of a selection of Eucharistic miracles. You are asked to contribute to a shared lunch. Please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more details.

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL AT THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL, NUTBOURNE: to await Pentecost and to pray for our families, communities, churches and country. From 8.30pm on **Sat 22nd May** until 6.30am Mass on **Sun 23rd May**, followed by breakfast.

All are welcome to come along and join us for this special night of prayer, music and reflection. **Fr Peter will be celebrating the Mass.**

FISH & CHIP SUPPER: and social evening on **Fri 21st May** in St Mary's Hall from 7 – 10.30pm. Tickets at £4 each (inc meal) are available from the Parish Office or from Sandy at St Joseph's (tel 07729 929549). There will be a quiz (not as hard as last time) and beetle drive with prizes. On the night you will need to present your ticket to obtain your meal which must be ordered when you purchase your ticket. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – QUIZ AID: at Bridgemaury Methodist Church, Gregson Avenue on **Fri 14th May** at 6pm. Refreshments, raffle and lots of fun. Cost is £3 per person. Everyone welcome – just turn up on the evening!

RED MISSION BOXES: The total collected from the boxes for the first half of this year is £1736. This is a wonderful effort once again. Thank you to Joe Barrett and his team of Promoters for all their hard work and thank you also to all box-holders. If your box has not been emptied this time or you would like to become a box-holder please contact Joe Barrett on 023 92 587339 or Doug in the Parish Office. This is a very practical and important way to help take the Gospel to other parts of the world and to encourage vocations. We only have to look to parts of Africa, Asia and South America where vocations are flourishing.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will now be at Sylvia and Norman Haskell's home 14 Alvara Road, Alverstoke (tel: 023 92 601416) on **Wed 12 May** at 7.30pm. We will review 'The Flood' by Maggie Gee which we have been reading during April. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. The book we will read for May is 'The Sea' by J Banville.

CHURCH CLEANING: at St Mary's on **Mon 17th May** at 10am. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. Some new faces will be very welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection after all Masses on **22/23 May (Pentecost)** to help cover expenses for the Papal Visit in September. Please do give what you can.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: will meet **this Mon 10th May** in **St Mary's Hall** at 8pm.