



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> August 2009 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Week 3

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY**

<b>SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Stan Finkle RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Margaret 'Peg' Sumner RIP

**There will be no Confessions on Saturdays at St Mary's during August. However, Fr Tony Day will be available after weekday Masses to hear Confessions if required.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Liturgy</u></b>	<b><u>Intention</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>St Laurence</b>	Requiem Mass for Linda Corby RIP	1.30pm	St Mary's
<b>Tue</b>	<b>St Clare</b>	Word & Communion	10am	St Mary's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>of the day</b>	Rosary Daniel Crowley <b>F/M</b>	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
<b>Thu</b>	<b>of the day</b>	Doreen Hobbs RIP	10am	St Columba's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b>	No service		

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Sunday we welcome Derek Fry who will be playing the organ at the 11am Mass in the absence of our music group. Derek will also be with us next Sunday.**

**Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY.**

**The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1189.17p inc gift-aid. Thank you.**

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> Aug** after 10am service until 11am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Honora Power. The following week the duty Minister will be Joe Barrett. At St Columba's on **Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Aug** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 -11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Archie McCormick 12 – 1pm.

**ST THÉRÈSE'S RELICS AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL:** A small leaflet detailing the significance of relics for Catholics is available in all churches. Please do take one home with you. The back of the leaflet details the order of services for **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Sep** when St Therese's relics will be in the cathedral. As things stand, we have been asked to invite four parishioners to represent our parish at the 2pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep**. Only one person from each parish will be anointed. If you would like to be a parish representative please give your name to Doug in the Parish Office as soon as you can and by no later than **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Aug**.

Fr Peter proposes to lead a mini parish pilgrimage to visit the relics at 5pm on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** which will include the Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Crispian at 7.30pm. Fr Peter will come back to Gosport after the Mass before returning to the cathedral in time to lead our pastoral area liturgy at **3am** on **Thu 17<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to join him for one or both events. Please note, there will be no Rosary or Mass in St Mary's on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sep** and no Mass or Exposition in St Columba's on **Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Sep**.

**CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON – FAITH AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:** At St Mary's College, Bitterne Park on the weekend of **26/27 September**. Guest Speakers include: David Payne, John Vaughan-Neil, Steve Murray and David Matthews. Drama from Steve Murray and various local youth groups. Variety of workshops and seminars as well as a full programme of activities for children and young adults. For more information visit [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or telephone Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058.

**FANNING THE FLAME:** A Summer Camp for 10 – 25 year olds in the New Forest from **17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August**. For further details please contact Sr Maria Natella O.P. on 01590 681 874 or visit [www.ftfcm.com](http://www.ftfcm.com)

**MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:** I will soon be away leading a youth pilgrimage to Medjugorje, followed by a private retreat and then my summer holiday. During my absence our Parish Administrator, Doug Savege, will be in charge of things. As on previous occasions, Fr Tony Day has kindly agreed to celebrate all Masses and will be available for spiritual and sacramental needs. Please help them to ensure that parish life continues as normal in all areas. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** to our church cleaning teams who work so hard to keep our three churches looking spic-and-span. We can always do with more helpers especially at St Joseph's. There is always much to do so do please think about helping when you can.

*Special thanks to Ashleigh Bambrough for all her help in the Parish Office this week.*

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** will meet this **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Aug** in the Iona Hall, Bridgemark at 8pm. The meeting will be preceded by a service of Word & Communion in St Columba's Church at 7.30pm.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE NEW:** A study day given by Kathleen O'Gorman (Senior Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies at St Mary's College, Twickenham) on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sep** at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne, from 10am to 3.30pm. Prior booking is helpful on 01243 371766. Suggested donation is £15, payable on the day. All are welcome.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Cafod Supporters Day &amp; Climate Justice Mass – Basingstoke</i>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Visit of relics of St Therese of Lisieux - Cathedral</i>
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Cafod's Renew the Face of the Earth – A half day for Confirmation Catechists – Winchester</i>
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<i>Day of Prayer - Heath Lodge, Trampers Lane, Nth Boarhunt</i>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<i>Celebrate Southampton - Faith &amp; Fun for the whole family (See above)</i>

## THE GOD OF GENTLENESS

Once again we have the theme of prophecy and the suffering of the prophet, the providence of God and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit at work within the community. For many of us the gifts of the Holy Spirit are things we think of in relation to sacraments of initiation. But sacraments are not only events which take place once within history, or at specific intervals. They are also experiences which unfold as we live them. On a specific day we begin to be baptized, married, ordained and so on. This is a vocation which develops within everyday lived reality. So the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their fruit emerge through our response to God, our daily encounters with the need to show and experience love, joy, peace, patience, self-control etc.

The scene with Elijah is the prelude to that wonderful passage where God appears in the still, small voice, the sound of a gentle breeze where Elijah had been looking and asking for earthquake, wind and fire. Elijah wants a God who leaves us in no uncertainty about where divine power lies. But God's homely provision of Elijah's physical wants mirrors God's appearance 'like dew in April that falleth on the grass'. This is the God whose presence is not heralded by noise and disturbance but by a gentle, almost imperceptible reassurance at the level of faith and of the heart.

Paul takes up this theme of the God of gentleness, though there is nothing weak or feeble about being willing to forgive and receive forgiveness. These are tough demands which require great moral strength and courage. We see also the power of Jesus, who repudiates grandiose shows of divine power, forcing others to believe, but instead offers us partnership in the poverty of the incarnation.

(From the Pastoral Review by Gemma Simmonds CJ, Lecturer in Ecclesiology and Spirituality at Heythrop College, University of London.)