



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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

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

<b>SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Evelyn Marie Vivian RIP
<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Edward Doherty RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Bridget Sheppard RIP

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

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> JAN**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	Word & Communion	<b>10am</b>	St Mary's
Tue	of the day	Ernest Grant RIP	<b>10am</b>	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Rosary	<b>6.30pm</b>	St Mary's
		Mass of Our Lady	<b>7.00pm</b>	St Mary's
		Sheila Shellcott RIP		
Thu	of the day		No service	
Fri	of the day		No service	

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please note the new time for Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Church is 9.15am.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** after all Masses this weekend in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Please do take one of the SPUC cards home with you.

Next weekend we celebrate Peace Sunday and there will be a collection after all Masses on behalf of *Pax Christi*, the International Catholic Movement for Peace. Envelopes are available in all churches.

**PARISH OFFERINGS:** last weekend amounted to £1200.76p 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 13<sup>th</sup> Jan** 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). Also at St Mary's on **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan** from 10am until 1pm when the duty Supervisors will be: Bill Allen & Liam Morrissey, Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers, Anthonia Nwokora & Eddie Watson.

**Next Sunday marks the start of a week of prayer for Christian unity. Please remember this intention in your prayers.**

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

### JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH MEETINGS

<i>Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)</i>	<b><i>Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</i></b>	<i>St Mary's Hall</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>Parents' Meeting (Reconciliation)</i>	<b><i>Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</i></b>	<i>St Mary's Hall</i>	<i>8.30pm</i>
<i>Children's Session</i>	<b><i>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</i></b>	<i>St Joseph's Church</i>	<i>9-11am</i>
<i>Celebration Service</i>	<b><i>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</i></b>	<i>St Joseph's Church</i>	<i>9.15am</i>

**PARISH BOOK CLUB:** The meetings are held on every second Wednesday in the month. Our next meeting will be at Sylvia & Norman's home 14 Alvara Road (tel: 02392-601-416) on Wednesday 14 January 2009 at 19.30. We will review 'A Long Way Down' by Nick Hornby which we have been reading during November/December 2008. If you would like to come along you will be welcome whether you have read the book or not. Our book for January will be 'If This is a Man' by Levi Primo. 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.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** will meet in the Iona Hall, Bridgemary on **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** at 8pm. The meeting will be preceded by a service of Word & Communion in St Columba's Church at 7.30pm.

**MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS REQUIRED:** Fr Peter invites parishioners who would like to be considered for this ministry to give their names to Doug in the Parish Office. He is particularly keen to appoint ministers who will be able to take Holy Communion out to some of our elderly and/or sick parishioners. Once we know numbers a training date will be set and this will coincide with a refresher day for existing ministers. The lower age limit for ministers is sixteen years.

**COME TO ME – DAY RETREAT:** Sister Maria Natella, OP will lead this retreat for all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharist Ministers on **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham from 9.30am (for 10am start) until 4pm. The day will consist of catechesis, silent/guided adoration, Mass, Rosary and Benediction.

**THANK YOU:** to all those who cleaned our churches and decorated them so beautifully with Christmas flowers. Thank you also to those who helped the Flower Arrangers and kindly donated flowers and greenery. We shall be clearing away the flowers from St. Mary's Church on **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan** from 2pm onwards. If you can help please do come along.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2009:** On **25<sup>th</sup> April 2009** there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2009. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2009, or any anniversary over 60 years, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for Bishop Crispian to send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** at Gosport War Memorial Hospital to help patients to and from the Sunday service and to sit with patients during the service. The service is at 4.15pm every Sunday afternoon and volunteers are needed from 3.35pm until 5.15pm. If you can offer at least one Sunday per month please contact Revd James Hair on 023 92 524611 or email him at [James.Hair@hantspt-se.nhs.uk](mailto:James.Hair@hantspt-se.nhs.uk)

**COFFEE IN ST MARY'S HALL:** after 11am Mass on **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**. All welcome.

**BIBLE PRAYER GROUP:** will meet at 14 Alvara Road, Alverstoke on **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** at 11am. For more information please contact Sylvia Haskell on 023 92 601416. The group will be continuing to look at St Paul's letter to the Romans.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The area behind the font in St Mary's Church is to be dedicated as a chapel to the Divine Mercy. A short service of dedication will be held at the end of Mass on **Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan** when there will be a special blessing. The Divine Mercy picture has come from Westminster Diocese courtesy of Frank Frankland and another friend of our parish. Thank you very much to them for their generosity.

## TRUSTING GOD

**Healing Promise:** *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths”* (Prov. 3:5-6).

**Healing Prayer:** Healing Father, thank you for all the wonderful promises of your Word. They lead me to trust in you with all my heart and not lean on my own understanding. Help me acknowledge you in all my ways, and keep on leading me and directing my paths.<sup>1</sup> Through your grace, I shall walk in trust from this day forward.

As I put my complete and unswerving trust in you, Father, I rejoice and shout for joy,<sup>2</sup> for you are my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer. You are my God and my strength, and I will always trust in you.<sup>3</sup> Though some may trust in horses and chariots and other personal resources and abilities, I will remember your name, Lord God, and trust in you alone.

Father, you tell me in your Word that as I trust in you, I am assured of dwelling in a good land and being fed. Moreover, as I commit my way to you and trust in you, you will bring to pass the desires you have put in my heart and the life purpose for which I was created. Trusting you is so wonderful, Father.

It gives me great joy and peace to commit my way unto you as I trust in you. Trusting you, Father, puts me in a state of blessedness. Thank you so much for your great love and grace, which make this possible for me. In you, O God, I have placed my trust; therefore, I have no reason to fear. Trusting in you makes me completely happy.

I will trust in you forever, Lord God, for you are my everlasting strength. Thank you for loving me and knowing me, as I place all my trust in you. Take my hand, as I walk in trust minute by minute and day by day. In Jesus' matchless name I pray, Amen.

**Scripture references:** 1) Proverbs 3:5-6; 2) Psalms 5:11; 3) Psalms 18:2; 4) Psalms 20:7; 5) Psalms 37:3-5; 6) Psalms 37:3-5; 7) Psalms 40:4; 8) Psalms 56:4; 9) Proverbs 16:20; 10) Isaiah 26:4; 11) Nahum 1:7; 12) John 16:23-24.