



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009 –FIFTEENTH 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 11<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Mr & Mrs Gilchrist RIP
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parish
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Derry O'Connor RIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July 12 – 1pm.**

## **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> JULY**

<u><b>Day</b></u>	<u><b>Liturgy</b></u>	<u><b>Intention</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Church</b></u>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>of the day</b>	No service		
<b>Tue</b>	<b>of the day</b>	John Fitzgerald RIP	10am	St Mary's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>St Swithun</b>	Requiem Mass for Grace Barrett RIP	10am	St Mary's
		Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Doreen Hobbs RIP	7pm	St Mary's
<b>Thu</b>	<b>of the day</b>	Margaret Farnworth, Rachel & Elisabeth Sadler (Thanksgiving)	10am	St Columba's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Bonaventure</b>	Robert Bond RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1242.30p inc gift-aid. Thank you. Remember our weekly target is £1400.**

**This Sunday is Sea Sunday and there will be an obligatory second collection at all Masses for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> July** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Theresa Fleming. The following week the duty Minister will be Norman Haskell. At St Columba's on **Thu 16<sup>th</sup> July** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Libby Beasley 10 -11am; Bill & Mo Feltham 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Archie McCormick 12 – 1pm.

**FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST:** Please note there will be no First Friday devotions at St Mary's in August as Fr Peter will be away.

**BIBLE PRAYER GROUP:** Will meet in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** at 11am. They will be reading some of the Psalms. All are welcome.

**NEW PRAYER GROUP:** The first meeting of the Prayer Group went very well on Thursday with some sixty people in attendance from across the Solent Pastoral and Portsmouth Areas. The second meeting will be on **Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> July** in Our lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester at 7.30pm. There will then be a break for the summer before resuming in September. All are welcome to come and pray together even if you missed the first meeting.

**AMAZING OPPORTUNITY:** Father Peter will be holding an initial meeting for those adult parishioners who are practising Christians (i.e. baptised) and who wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, enabling them to receive the Sacraments. The meeting will be in Maryhouse on **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July** after 7pm Mass. Please leave your name with Doug in the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** will meet this **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July** at 2pm in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's Church, Bridgemary. All mums are welcome.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**ANNUAL MISSION MASS:** Fr Frank Thompson MHM invites APF – Mill Hill members, and anyone interested, to the Mission Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Tue 21<sup>st</sup> July** at 7.30pm. There will be a short mission film after the Mass focusing on Papua New Guinea.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S:** This week's Children's Liturgy will be the last at St Mary's until after the summer break. We will resume on **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Sep.**

### JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Children's Session	St Joseph's Church	<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9 – 11am
Celebration Service	St Joseph's Church	<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.15am

**FISH AND CHIP SUPPER:** in St Mary's Hall on **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July** at 7.00pm in support of the Parish Youth Fund. Tickets are available from the Parish Office or from Sandy Cameron and Mary Rogers at St Joseph's Church and cost £6 per person. Just order your meal when you buy a ticket! Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be included but please bring your own alcohol. A variation on bingo plus quiz and raffle will be held. Maximum of 8 persons per quiz team. Please do support this event and the youth of our parish.

**JAZZ AT PARK PLACE:** The renowned jazz pianist and composer, Frank Campbell, will give a concert of improvisations on the music of Duke Ellington, JS Bach, Errol Garner, Chopin and others on **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm in the Park Place Chapel. Tickets cost £10 each and include a glass of wine at the interval. For tickets and information please call Sister Imma at Park Place on 01329 833043. Frank will be playing the famous 'Baldwin' grand piano that was brought to London from the USA for Leonard Bernstein.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help tidy the garden of the former presbytery at St Columba's, Bridgemary. Many of the shrubs, trees and bushes need pruning. If you know what to do and are available then please come along on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July** from 10am with your own gloves and secateurs. We will also need some strong younger people to help shift and carry etc. Refreshments will be provided. Please do help if you can.

## **WHY DO WE LIGHT VOTIVE CANDLES?**

Light and fire are rich symbols in sacred scripture and in Church life. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer, showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered, and a sign of God's presence among us. In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the light of the World." In burning candles our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for a saint's intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors. The lighting of candles has been observed in the Church since the time of the early martyrs.

With all this in mind a selection of votive candles is now available in St Mary's Church for people to light throughout the week. In addition to the two hour votives, four hour votives are available in the Divine Mercy Chapel, and twenty four hour votives adjacent to the Pieta and in front of the Madonna and Child.

**A BIG THANK YOU:** to everyone who supported the Strawberry Tea held jointly by the Catholic Women's League and Faith & Light. The total raised on the day was £250 and a good time was had by all.

## **A PRAYER FOR A PRIEST**

### **SOUL OF CHRIST SANCTIFY HIM**

Remind him, Lord, that his Priesthood is your Priesthood. Make him not only loved, but able to love as you do, Lord. Give him the gift of your peace.

### **BODY OF CHRIST SAVE HIM**

Feed him too with yourself, Lord, when he feeds us. Let him not starve himself in the midst of plenty, save him, Lord, even from us, his people.

### **BLOOD OF CHRIST INEBRIATE HIM**

Revive his zeal each day, Lord, make him available to all, to thirst for souls and drink your cup to the full, Lord, both of joy and sorrow.

### **WATER FROM THE SIDE OF CHRIST WASH HIM**

Renew the vows of his Baptism, Lord, the grace of his Confirmation, and the promises of his Ordination. Make each Holy Mass new.

### **PASSION OF CHRIST STRENGTHEN HIM**

Nail him to the Cross, Lord, with you, so that he cannot fall down. Crucify him, Lord, so that he will share your resurrection. Make him trustworthy and trusting, Lord.

**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)