



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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12th/13th DECEMBER 2009 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 12th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Anne Hearnden RIP
SUNDAY 13th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Joan Kirby RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Martin Walshe & Family (Intentions)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 19th Dec 12 – 1pm.
Please note there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat 26th Dec.**

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 14th – 18th DEC

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	St John of the Cross	No service		
Tue	Wk 3 Advent	William Whelan RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Wk 3 Advent	Rosary Ellen Woods RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Liturgy of the Day	People of the Parish Funeral Service for Michael McMahon RIP	10am 11.30am	St Columba's St Mary's
Fri	Liturgy of the Day	Bill Cliffe RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sad to announce that our dear parishioner and long-serving Knight of St Columba, Bill Cliffe, passed away last Thursday. His Requiem Mass will be at St Mary's Church on Wed 23rd Dec at 10am. Our condolences to Emmi and family. May he rest in peace.

**There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend for Christmas flowers.
CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available in all churches for those who do not already have them. In keeping with tradition, all the Christmas Mass offerings will be for Fr Peter and form part of his living allowance for the year. 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 15th Dec** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Joe Barrett. The following week the duty Minister will be Libby Beasley. At St Columba's on **Thu 17th Dec** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 19th Dec** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Tressie Heather 10 -11am; Bill & Mo Feltham 11am – 12pm; Archie McCormick & Neil Shaw 12 – 1pm.

Please note there will be no Exposition on Sat 26th Dec.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: At St Joseph's Church, Ann's Hill on **Tue 15th Dec** at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH: the last meeting will be on **Sat 19th Dec** at 10am in Maryhouse.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT ST MARY'S: Please note there will be no First Friday Devotions in January. We will resume in February.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet on **Mon 14th Dec** at 2pm in the Meeting Room at St Columba's, Bridgemyr.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: will meet this **Mon 14th Dec** at 8pm in the Iona Hall, Bridgemyr, preceded by a service of Word & Communion in St Columba's at 7.30pm.

'JESUS AND ME' (St Mary's Children's Liturgy): The final Children's Liturgy of the year at St Mary's will be on **Sun 13th Dec**. Sessions will resume after the Christmas break on **Sun 10th Jan**.

VACANCY FOR PARENT FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: If you are a parent of a child at the school and would like to learn more about this voluntary position, information is available from Doug in the Parish Office or the School Office on 02392 583 979.

The Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £1046.52p inc gift-aid. Thank you.
SOLENT PASTORAL AREA: Notices are posted in all churches detailing the Advent and Christmas services across our pastoral area.

A TIME TO REMEMBER THE CHILDREN WE MOURN: A service will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington on **Mon 28th Dec** (Feast of the Holy Innocents) at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 14th Dec** at 10am. Please do come along and lend a hand so that we can have the church looking nice for Christmas. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY: on **Sat 9th Jan** at St Bede's Parish Hall, Basingstoke from 10.30am until 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for all Cafod supporters across the diocese to come together for a time of prayer and reflection, and to learn about the proposed 50th anniversary Lent Fast Day celebrations. Our Parish Cafod Representative, Michael Heaps, will be attending and will have space in his car for two other people who would like to attend.

ST MARY'S FLOWER ARRANGERS MEETING: On **Tue 15th Dec** at 2pm in Maryhouse.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OUTSIDE ST MARY'S: thank you to the Knights of St Columba for erecting the beautiful Christmas Crib outside St Mary's Church in memory of the late Bob Barry.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S: Parishioners who would like to bring a Poinsettia or other red flower to the church, in memory of a loved one, may do so on **Tue 22nd Dec** from 9am onwards. Tags will be available at the back of the church. The Flower Arrangers will be meeting at **12 noon** on the **22nd** to prepare the church for Christmas. Anyone who would like to come along and help will be most welcome. Any donations of greenery may be left in the courtyard to the rear of the church (just through the double gates) on the morning of the **22nd**.

THANK YOU: to everyone who helped with the Children's Christmas Party and Play last weekend. Thank you also to everyone who supported these events. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to all our children for their hard work and good behaviour!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: As in previous years if anyone wishes to offer Christmas greetings via the newsletter they can do so for a small donation to Mbetta or other Church related cause. Please hand your message and donation (in a suitably marked envelope) to Doug in the Parish Office or place in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you.

THANK YOU: from Deborah Birch to all those who supported the Irish and Appalachian dancing show at Brodrick Hall. Deborah was able to hand over £553 to the Sisters at Park Place! A great effort. Thanks Deborah.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve - Thursday 24th December

Mass - St. Columba's 9pm (Carol Service at 8.30pm)

MIDNIGHT MASS – ST MARY'S (Carol Service at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses - Friday 25th December

St. Joseph's 9.15am

St. Mary's 11am

St Stephen's Day Mass - Saturday 26th December

Immaculate Conception, Stubbington 10.30am

(This is the Altar Servers Mass for the Solent Pastoral Area. All are welcome)