



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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13th/14th FEBRUARY 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 13th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Kathleen Shaw RIP
SUNDAY 14th	9.15am	St. Mary's	Leslie Hide RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Kathleen Wallace RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 20th Feb 12 – 1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 15th – 19th FEB

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	No service		
Tue	of the day	Bill Cliffe RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Ash Wednesday	Les Savege RIP	10am	St Mary's
		Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		People of the Parish	7pm	St Mary's
Thu	after Ash Wed	Maria RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	after Ash wed	Stations of the Cross	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Bernadette Daly (Health)	7pm	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1135.50p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

We have now appointed a contractor to install a new central heating system at St Joseph's Church. In view of the age of the boiler, radiators and associated pipe work, the best value for money option is to proceed with a completely new system. The work should take about 2 weeks to complete. At the time of writing we await a start date.

Next weekend our parish Cafod representative, Michael Heaps, will give a brief talk after all Masses in preparation for this year's Lenten Fast Day.

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 16th Feb** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Jean Watson. The following week the duty Minister will be Joe Barrett. At St Columba's on **Thu 18th Feb** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 20th Feb** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Bill Allen & Liam Morrissy 10 - 11am; Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Ella Arendse 12 – 1pm.

LENT REFLECTION GROUP: starting in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 26th Feb (note change of start date)** and continuing each Friday during Lent, from 11am until 12.15pm. All welcome. Please bring a bible and note book.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: in St Columba's Church every Saturday at 5.20pm and St Mary's Church every Friday at 6.30pm (except First Friday in March when they will be at 3pm).

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: will meet at 6.15pm on **Fri 26th Feb** in St Mary's Church Hall. They will show excerpts from Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ' at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church before leading the Stations of the Cross. Everyone welcome to come along and support our young people.

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP: will meet in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 19th Feb** at 11am.

HEALING MASS FOR THE SOLENT PASTORAL AREA: with Prayers and Laying of Hands on **Wed 24th Feb** at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS AGM: on **Mon 15th Feb** at 2pm in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's, Bridgemarky. All mothers are welcome to join us.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics. Those in the age range 15 to 65 years may eat two snacks and one meal only unless medical conditions dictate otherwise. This is the teaching of the Catholic Church.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We are hoping to publish issue 6 of 'Triangle' during Lent. The deadline for contributions is **Sun 21st Feb.** Please send your contributions to the Editors, c/o the Parish Office, 32 High Street, Gosport, Hants PO12 1DF.

'THE ANCHOR' - SOLENT PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER: available in all churches. Please do take a copy home with you.

'LIVING OUR FAITH': Since last Sunday we have received pledges totalling £3700 inc gift-aid towards our target of £95000, taking our total inc gift-aid to £85490. Remember we stand to receive £23750 back in our parish if we achieve our target, and a further 80% of all money pledged if we exceed it. Do remember to gift-aid your pledges if you are a UK tax payer. Once again thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: A ten day pilgrimage is arranged for the **7th to 17th June 2010.** Fr Peter Glas will lead the pilgrimage as Spiritual Director. Shared accommodation (half-board) and coach transfers in Dubrovnik will cost 290 euros per person. Transport to and from Gatwick airport and travel insurance **are not** included.

Pilgrims are asked to book their own flights (over the internet is normally cheaper) as soon as possible, and the earlier flights are booked the lower the fares are likely to be. The flights we will be using are as follows:

7th June BA 2882 London Gatwick depart 09.50 arrive Dubrovnik 13.35

17th June BA 2883 Dubrovnik depart 14.30 arrive London Gatwick 16.20

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more information and a booking form.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting has been deferred by one week and will now be on **Tue 23rd Feb** at 7pm in Maryhouse.

BREREAVEMENT TEAM: will meet in Maryhouse on **Tue 16th Feb** at 11.45am.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER : 'Let everything that has breath praise God'. A service prepared by Christian Women of Cameroon on **Fri 5th March:**

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport	10.30am	Speaker: Jean Watson
Bridgemary Methodist Church	2.00pm	Speaker: Lynne Matthews
St Mary's Church, High St, Gosport	7.30pm	Speaker: Maureen Williams

All are welcome to come along – men, women and young people.

WINTERSHALL - THE LIFE OF CHRIST: Each year a cast of over 300 actors and helpers perform the 'Life of Christ' in the beautiful surroundings of the Wintershall Estate near Guildford. We have secured 57 tickets and arranged a coach for the performance on **Sat 3rd July**. The cost including coach travel is £23 (adult) and £5 (youth, 11-18 years). **Tickets for the youth are subsidised and cost only £5 each for those who are in the Parish Youth Group or who are actively involved in the parish in some other way e.g. altar servers, helpers etc.** The venue is not suitable for wheelchairs and does include some uphill walking. The coach park is approximately a 10 minute walk from where the play begins. You should bring a packed lunch and a light, easy to carry chair if you do not want to stand throughout. The performance begins at 10am, is in three acts, and includes a lunchtime interval. It should finish at 4pm. We have 37 tickets for adults and 20 for youth. To book a place, please contact Doug in the Parish Office. **Tickets are selling very well. Please book as soon as possible!**

'SUDDEN ADULT DEATH TRUST': Unfortunately the DVD's that Jan Macnally is selling on behalf of the Trust are not yet available. We hope to have them on sale in the near future. Apologies for the confusion.

RETURN TO ROMANCE PRESENTS 'STROLLING' AT THE KINGS THEATRE

In 2008, Nigel Hearnden walked to Rome to celebrate the life of his wife Anne and to raise valuable funds on behalf of four charities/causes she supported, including our sister parish of Mbetta in Cameroon. In addition to his walk, Nigel has undertaken a variety of other events and has succeeded in raising several thousand pounds for each of the charities. This has been wonderful for our community as we are committed to sending £2000 a year to Mbetta to help meet the educational needs of many of the local children.

Join us in a glittering gala celebration at the Kings Theatre, Southsea on **Sunday 28th March** at 7.30pm as 'Strolling' recreates this amazing journey in song and dance. **Tickets priced at £15 and £12 are available from the booking office at the Kings or via Doug in the parish office.** There will be an auction and raffle on the night.

Nigel has received an outline offer of one or two large minibuses and drivers. If you require transport please give your name to Doug and once Nigel receives confirmation of the offer further details will be provided regarding pick-up points.

Whilst Nigel intends to carry on with his annual charity golf days and an evening at a top local restaurant, 'Strolling' marks the end of his formal fundraising project. Let us show our appreciation for his tremendous efforts and enjoy a family evening out at the same time.