



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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14th/15th FEB 2009 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 14th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Doug Beeby RIP
SUNDAY 15th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Leslie Hyde RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Kathleen Wallace RIP

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 16th – 20th FEB

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	Word & Communion	10am	St Mary's
Tue	of the day	Austin Damer RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Les Savege snr RIP	7.00pm	St Mary's
Thu	of the day	Bernadette Knight (Intentions)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of the day	For the people of the parish.	10am	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1190.06 inc gift-aid. Thank you. Please remember our average weekly target is £1400.

Next weekend there will be an Obligatory second collection at all Masses on behalf of the Cabrini Children's Society (formerly the Catholic Children's Society). Envelopes are available in all churches. Those who have envelopes in the name of the Catholic Children's Society may still use them.

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL: .

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: at St Mary's on **Tue 17th Feb** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Honora Power. The following week the duty minister will be Lesley Taylor. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 19th Feb** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 21st Feb** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Emmi Cliffe 10 -11am; Pat Miles & Terry Matthews 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Ella Arendse 12 – 1pm.

HEALING MASS: The Mass in St Mary's Church on **Wed 18th Feb** at 7pm (after the Rosary) will be the first Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Peter in our parish. This will include prayer for healing and laying on of hands but not the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please pray about this Healing Mass and do come along if you can. Everyone is welcome. Fasting is recommended on the day of the Mass for this prayer intention.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

St Joseph's 9.15am;

St Mary's 7pm (Rosary at 6.30pm)

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP: will meet at 14 Alvara Rd, Alverstoke on **Fri 20th Feb** at 11am. All are welcome. For more information please contact Sylvia Haskell on 023 92 601 416.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: We will be running a six week course during Lent to help us get to know St Paul's wonderful teachings a little better. It is open to everyone regardless of how familiar or otherwise you might be with the Letters of St Paul. The sessions will be held in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall from 11am to 1pm and will begin on **Thu 26th Feb** continuing each Thursday up to and including **2nd April**. To reserve a place please call Libby Beasley on 023 92 589188 or contact the Parish Office on 023 92 580119.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS & HELPERS: who are completing Criminal Records Bureau applications are asked to bring **all the completed forms**, together with **all relevant ID documents**, to the Parish Office on **Sat 7th March between 10am and 12 noon**. Our Parish Co-ordinator for children and vulnerable adults, Fran Read, will need to see each individual and Doug will be on hand to assist. Thank you.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE – STUDY DAY: At St Joseph's, Tilehurst on **Sat 28th Feb** from 10am until 3.30pm. The speaker will be Sr Ann-Teresa from the Medaille Trust. Cost is £5. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Bernadette Foster on 01329 510524 by **Sat 21st Feb** to reserve a place.

JESUS YOUTH: has organised a day of prayer and activities for young Catholics in South East England aged 11 to 35 years. It will be held at the St Vincent de Paul Church, Aldermore, Southampton SO16 5ST on **Sat 28th Feb.** For more information and to arrange a lift please contact our parishioners Mr Toji on 07877 547025 or Mr Sushanth on 07590 728605. Fr Peter will be celebrating Mass on the day.

TWO TALKS BY FATHER LAURENCE FREEMAN: on **Sat 28th March.** Talk 1 will be at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth from 2.00 – 4.30pm and is entitled *Finding Balance in Life through Meditation*. Talk 2 will be at the United Church, Jewry St, Winchester from 7.00 – 9.00pm and is entitled *Meditation – Direct path to a Deeper Self*. There is no need to book for either talk and the suggested donation for each is £5 - £10 payable on the door. All are welcome.

Fr Laurence is a Benedictine monk and Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. He works with people of all faiths to realise peace and understanding at both personal and communal levels.

FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS IN FAREHAM AND GOSPORT: We recently sent the sum of £278 to this local charity from donations collected via our church Poor Boxes. *Friends of the Homeless* is a long established Christian charity aiming to show the love of God to anyone in need. Thank you to all those who have contributed in any way. Details of the charity are available from Doug in the Parish Office.

VACANCY FOR A PARENT FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who are parents of children currently registered at the school. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the Governing Body, the Foundation Governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church and giving clear witness, as individuals and as a team, to the Gospel message and to the Church's teaching. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church. Application packs are available from the Parish Office, the School Office, or the Dpt for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham PO17 5HA. Closing date for receipt of applications is **13th March 2009.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Father Peter invites all parishioners to a Parish Day in St Mary's Hall on **Sun 15th March** beginning at 12 noon. This is to be the first of what we hope will be an annual event for parishioners and is an opportunity for our 3 worshipping communities to come together and share ideas, give feedback, as well as to discuss hopes and aspirations for the future in an informal setting over a buffet lunch. Everyone is welcome including children and young people of all ages. We hope to have a team of people on hand to look after some of the smaller children. The buffet is to take the form of an American Supper where those who wish to can contribute something to the meal. To this end lists will be put up in all three churches shortly. The parish will supply the liquid refreshments!! Do keep this date free and come along if you can. It is not often we are able to gather together in this way so it will be a wonderful opportunity for us and for Fr Peter to get to know each other better after Fr Peter's first 6 months in Gosport.

HEALING AND HEALTH

Healing Promise: *“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”* (3 John 2).

Healing Prayer: Heavenly Father, I believe the promise of your Word which tells me that you want me to prosper in all things and to be in health, just as my soul prospers.¹ I claim this promise now as I pray. Heal me, O God, and I know I shall be healed.² Indeed, you are the Lord God who heals me.³ I claim your promises of healing and health.

Through the stripes of Jesus Christ I am able to experience your healing power, Father.⁴ Thank you so much for all the great and precious promises of your Word.⁵ Mighty God, I express faith to you that you are healing me,⁶ making me clean,⁷ and imparting wholeness and health to me.⁸ Thank you, Lord God.

I believe all the promises of your Word, Father. Your Word tells me that Jesus himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses,⁹ and with His stripes I am healed.¹⁰ Thank you for giving me the faith to believe that you are providing healing and health to me.¹¹ I receive my healing by faith.¹² Thank you, Father, for loving me so much.¹³ In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen.¹⁴

References: 1) 3 John 2; 2) Jer 17:14; 3) Ex 15:26; 4) Is 53:5; 5) 2 Peter 1:4; 6) Matt 8:2; 7) Mark 1:40; 8) Matt 9:21; 9) Matt 8:17; 10) Is 53:5; 11) Mark 5:28; 12) Mark 11:24; 13) 1 John 4:19; 14) John 16:23.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL, NUTBOURNE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sat 28th Feb	Who wrote the Gospels?	A study day led by Bishop Kieran Conry of Arundel & Brighton
Sat 14th March	Knowing our inheritance (Ephesians 1:18)	A study day led by Jenny Baker
Sat 28th March	Getting to know & love St Paul	A study day led by Fr Nicholas King SJ

Study days run from 10am to 3.30pm. prior booking is helpful though not essential - tel: 01243 371766. Suggested donation payable on the day is £15.