



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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14th/15th MARCH 2009 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Lent week 3

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 14th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 15th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Mollie Collingborn RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Ellen Frances Marshall RIP

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 16th – 20th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Lent wk 3	No service		
Tue	St Patrick	Georgina & Max Savege (Intentions)	10.00am	St Mary's
Wed	Lent wk 3	Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Mass of Our Lady	7.00pm	St Mary's
		No intention		
Thu	St Joseph	No intention	10.00am	St Columba's
Fri	Lent wk 3	No intention	9.15am	St Joseph's
		Stations of the Cross	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Anne Hearnden RIP	7.00pm	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1312.08p inc gift-aid and the total collected on behalf of Cafod was £675.92p. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday is our 'Parish Day' and everyone is invited to join Fr Peter in St Mary's Hall straight after the 11am Mass. This is an opportunity for our three communities to come together for a time of sharing. Everyone is welcome.

There will be an obligatory second collection at all Masses next weekend for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

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 17th March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Theresa Fleming. The following week the duty minister will be Norman Haskell. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 19th March** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 21st March** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Emmi Cliffe & Neil Shaw 10 -11am; Pat Miles & Terry Mathews 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Ella Arendse 12 – 1pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will be at 5.20pm in St Columba's Church every Saturday and at 6.30pm in St Mary's on Fridays. Please note, however, on the First Fridays Stations will be in St Mary's at 3pm only.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: We are 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 the next one is on **Thu 19th March** continuing each Thursday up to and including Thursday **2nd April**.

SPIRIT ALIVE: A reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the life of the Church and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. There will be six one hour presentations based on the Archdiocese of Westminster's Lenten Course, 'Lord, Giver of Life', to be led by Richard Pearce (recently retired Head of Theology, Stonyhurst College). The sessions will be held each Monday from **2nd March** up to **6th April** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington at 10.15am (for those not working) and again at 7.30pm (for those working). Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Richard Pearce on 023 92 553 788 or email 2pearces@talktalk.net

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP: will meet at Sylvia & Norman Haskell's home (14 Alvara Road, Alverstoke) on **Fri 20th March** at 11am, when they will continue looking at St Paul's Letter to the Romans. Everyone welcome.

HOME VISITS: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like a visit from Fr Peter during Lent for Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing, please give the details to Doug in the Parish Office or talk to Fr Peter. Thank you.

MUSIC FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING: A concert given by the Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia on **Sat 21st March** at St Mary the Virgin, Rowner starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £8 (concessions £5) include a donation to Naomi House Children's Hospice and are available on the door.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING AND REFRESHER SESSIONS: Fr Peter invites those parishioners who have put their names forward to be ministers (and who are completing CRB forms) to three training sessions in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on the following Fridays: **20th & 27th March and 3rd April respectively at 7.45pm.** These sessions are mandatory for new ministers but are also open to existing ministers who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this ministry. New ministers will be commissioned during the Maundy Thursday Mass.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Parents' Meeting (First Communion)	St Mary's Hall	Tue 17 th March	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Confirmation)	St Mary's Hall	Tue 17 th March	8.30pm
Children's Session	St Joseph's	Sat 21 st March	9-11am
Celebration Service	ST MARY'S	Sun 22 nd March	11am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S: please do encourage the children to take part in the Children's Liturgy at St Mary's. It is working very well and great fun for the kids and adults alike. Children from 5 to 11 years of age are welcome on their own. Those under 5 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

PARISH MAY FAYRE: on **Sat 2nd May** in St Mary's Hall from 10am to 2pm in order to raise money for a 'Parish Youth Fund'. Helpers are needed so please contact Sandy Cameron on 07729 929549 or Mary Rogers at St Joseph's Church if you would like to be involved. Help from some of our younger parishioners will be especially welcome. Donated good quality items of bric-a-brac and nearly new jumble as well as books, cds, videos, toys, craft items, bottles, cakes and tools (no knives or electrical items) etc will be much appreciated as will raffle prizes. However, please note, items must only be delivered to St Mary's Hall at the set times which will be advertised in this newsletter. The first of these is **Thu 19th March** between 8pm and 9pm. Please do not bring items to the churches or the Parish Office. Thank you.

LENTEN MEDITATION: on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary using words and pictures, led by Fr Peter Sprague on **Sun 22nd March** at the Church Our Lady of Walsingham in Portchester starting at 4.30pm. Everyone welcome.

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.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please make a special effort to attend these services, especially the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil/Sunday). This is the most important celebration of our faith.

Mon 6 th April	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tues 7 th April	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
Wed 8 th April	6.30pm 7.00pm	Rosary at St Mary's Mass at St Mary's
Holy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's
Good Friday	11.00am 3pm	Ecumenical Witness outside St Mary's Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary's
Holy Saturday	9.45am	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	10am to 12 noon	Confession at St Mary's
	12.15pm	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	8pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.15am	Mass at St Columba's
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary's

Please note, with only one priest ministering to our parish it is difficult to ensure that everyone's needs are catered for. The services are timetabled to ensure that this happens to the best of our ability. Father Peter looks forward to welcoming parishioners and visitors alike to all of the above services and especially to the Easter Triduum. Thank you for your co-operation and support.