



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**                      6.00pm    St. Columba's    Eileen Wainwright RIP

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**                      9.15am    St. Joseph's    Bill Cliffe RIP

11.00am    St. Mary's    Fr Peter Glas (21<sup>st</sup> anniv  
of Ordination)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 12 -1pm.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Easter Wk 7		No service	
Tue	Easter Wk 7	Sally Reeves (Health)	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Dedication of St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth	Rosary Mary Stone	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Easter Wk 7		No service	
Fri	Easter Wk 7		No service	

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1195.03p inc gift-aid. Thank you.**

**There will be an obligatory secondary collection after all Masses this weekend for World Communications.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection after all Masses on 22/23 May (Pentecost) to help cover expenses for the Papal Visit in September. Please do give what you can.**

## 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 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 names on the front sheet.*

**PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** At St Mary's on **Tue 18<sup>th</sup> May** after 10am Mass until 12.30pm. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Theresa Fleming. The following week the duty Minister will be Norman Haskell. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Tressie Heather 10 - 11am; Eddie & Margaretta Watson 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Ella Arendse 12 – 1pm.

**AN EVENING OF PRAYER:** led by Fr James Boyle (former Parish Priest of Park Gate) on **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May** at the church of Our Lady of Walsingham, Portchester from 7 to 9pm. The evening will include some teaching on the theme of the 'Holy Spirit' in preparation for Pentecost. Everybody welcome.

**BIBLE PRAYER GROUP:** will meet on **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May** in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall at 11am. All are welcome.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP:** will meet this **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May** at Jean Watson's home 13 Beech Grove, Alverstoke (tel: 023 92 521985) from 6.30 to 9.30pm, for prayers and BBQ. All young people from secondary school age upwards are welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:** at St Mary's Church on **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.30am until 3.30pm (tea and coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

**ALL-NIGHT VIGIL AT THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL, NUTBOURNE:** to await Pentecost and to pray for our families, communities, churches and country. From 8.30pm on **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May** until 6.30am Mass on **Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, followed by breakfast. All are welcome to come along and join us for this special night of prayer, music and reflection. **Fr Peter will be celebrating the Mass.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage with Bishop Crispian takes place from **20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August this year.** Travel by Euro-star (via Paris), coach or plane (Stansted) direct to Lourdes. Brochures, application forms, and medical forms available from Mgr Vincent Harvey, St Edmund's Presbytery, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, Hants SO15 2EQ; or from [vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk](mailto:vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk) or the diocesan web site. The overall leader of the pilgrimage this year will be Bishop Doyle of Northampton.

**INVOCATION 2010 – a national vocations discernment weekend for young adults:** to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from **2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010.** This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16 -35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God's will for their lives and at least be open to the possibility of priesthood or consecrated life. To find out more please talk to Fr Peter and go to [www.invocation.org.uk](http://www.invocation.org.uk) where more information and a booking form are available.

**SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER:** at the invitation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we are to join in a special time of prayer of reparation and atonement for all those affected by child abuse in the Catholic Church. The four Fridays in May will be set aside as special days of prayer. On each of these days there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 10am until 9pm. Between 8 and 9pm there will be Evening Prayer before ending with Benediction. In addition, all Rosary evenings and periods of Exposition in St Mary's and St Columba's Churches during May will be offered for the same intentions of reparation and atonement. During the month of May, Tuesday Exposition will be extended by one hour to 12.30pm.

We are all invited to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We are to pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. We pray also for Pope Benedict, whose wise and courageous leadership is so important for the Church at this time.

Please do make every effort to come before the Lord during these special times of prayer. I know you will also keep these intentions firmly in mind during your private prayer time.

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT:** on **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 9.30am until 4pm. The day includes two talks on the Eucharist as well as Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass at 12.15pm, Healing Service at 3pm, and Benediction at 3.45pm. Also a photographic exhibition of a selection of Eucharistic miracles. You are asked to contribute to a shared lunch. Please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more details.

**TOMATO PLANTS AND PETUNIAS FOR SALE:** at St Mary's Church this Sunday, in aid of *The Friends of the Children of Chernobyl*.

**FISH & CHIP SUPPER:** and social evening on **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May** in St Mary's Hall from 7 – 10.30pm. Tickets at £4 each (inc meal) are available from the Parish Office or from Sandy at St Joseph's (tel 07729 929549). There will be a quiz (not as hard as last time) and beetle drive with prizes. On the night you will need to present your ticket to obtain your meal which must be ordered when you purchase your ticket. Everyone welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** at St Mary's on **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> May** at 10am. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. Some new faces will be very welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

**LOST PROPERTY AT ST JOSEPH'S:** There are a number of lost property items (mainly children's clothing) in a box next to the nursery room. Please have a look to see if any of these items belong to you or yours. If they are not reclaimed we will be donating them to a charity shop in a few weeks.

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE:** in support of the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne. Please see Doug after Mass at St Mary's this Sunday or in the Parish Office.

**MUSIC AT PARK PLACE:** on **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at 7pm Vox Angelica will be giving a recital for Pentecost 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' (Come Holy Spirit), featuring the music of Hildegard of Bingen. Tickets are £10 each and will be available on the door or in advance by calling Sister Ima at Park Place on 01329 833043. All proceeds will go towards a mobile dispensary in Ethiopia.

Also at Park Place on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June** from 3 to 8pm there will be an open air Folk Concert to raise money for the same project. In the event of inclement weather a marquee will be erected. Tickets at £8 each or £14 per family (2 adults and 2 children) including Indian food and refreshments are available from Sister Ima on 01329 833043.

**LAUGHTER LINES:** A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up. "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she said, and then, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why God tells me," said the father. "Oh," said the boy. "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"