



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009 –SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

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

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| <b>SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup></b> | 6.00pm  | St. Columba's | Bridie Oakton RIP |
| <b>SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.15am  | St. Joseph's  | Margaret Hyde RIP |
|                                 | 11.00am | St. Mary's    | Hilda Bond RIP    |

**Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May 12 – 1pm.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Liturgy</u>                       | <u>Intention</u>                   | <u>Time</u>   | <u>Church</u>          |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Mon        | Easter wk 6                          |                                    | No service    |                        |
| Tue        | Dedication of<br>St John's Cathedral | Mary Stone F/M                     | 10am          | St Mary's              |
| Wed        | Easter wk 6                          | Rosary<br>Rev Terence<br>Green F/M | 6.30pm<br>7pm | St Mary's<br>St Mary's |
| Thu        | Easter wk 6                          | Jean Stevens RIP                   | 10am          | St Columba's           |
| Fri        | Easter wk 6                          |                                    | No service    |                        |

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This weekend we welcome Xaverian Missionary Priest, Fr John Zampese, and there will be a second collection at all Masses on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries. Thank you.

There will be an obligatory second collection for World Communications at all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 May when we also celebrate the *Ascension of The Lord*.

The Children's Liturgy Group will not be meeting at St Mary's this Sunday due to the Children's Mass.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1233.10p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

## PARISH NOTICES

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:** Jessica Bailey, Tom Bailey, Bill Cliffe, Raymond Clowes, Carmel Collins, Con Condon, Linda Corby, Amy Duffy, Elsie Fleming, Eileen Forde, Gwen Gammon, Doreen Hobbs, Gwen Hobley, Taff Keegan, Stuart King, Sarah Mitchell, Fr Lawrence Nwokora, Adeline Pearcey, and Tony Valente. 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, especially Les Hayman, Bridie Oakton, Mary Smith (June Miles' sister), Ethel Wall, 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 19<sup>th</sup> May** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Theresa Fleming. The following week the duty minister will be Norman Haskell. At St Columba's after 10am Mass on **Thu 21<sup>st</sup> May** until mid-day. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Libby Beasley 10 -11am; Bill & Mo Feltham 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Archie McCormick 12 – 1pm.

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE:** at St Paul's Church, Allaway Avenue, Paulsgrove on **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June** from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Come and pray for peace in our troubled world.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** will meet on **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May** at **7pm** in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's Church, Bridgemary, when we will be joined by the Diocesan President, Maureen Meacher. All mothers are welcome.

**VULNERABLE ADULT AND CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING SESSIONS:** Diocesan policy is that all parishioners who engage with children and/or vulnerable adults on behalf of the Church are strongly encouraged to attend one or both of these training sessions, for the protection of all parties. If you have been CRB checked you should attend. **To book a place (no charge) please contact Soraya in the Diocesan Office on 023 92 816396.**

The nearest training sessions are as follows: Child Protection Awareness – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterloooville on **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm.

Vulnerable Adult Awareness – St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park on **Thu 11<sup>th</sup> June** from 6.30 – 9pm.

**FR DAVID FOMANKA:** was appointed last year to the position of Catholic Education Secretary for the Diocese of Mamfe in Cameroon. Most parishioners will remember Fr David from his time in Gosport. He has recently made an urgent appeal to our parish for £400 to purchase a lawn mower for a very well renowned but extremely poor Catholic girls school in his diocese. If you would like to help by making a donation please make cheques payable to 'PRCDTR-GOSPORT' and hand to Doug in the Parish Office or place in the collection basket at Mass using a suitably marked envelope. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** from Pam Connell and family for all the prayers, cards and messages of support since Jim passed away last month. It is very much appreciated.

**RED MISSION BOXES:** Thank you once again to everyone who supports the Missions through the Red Boxes. The total collected by our parish for 2008 was £3919. Another fantastic effort!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** from **21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009.** Brochures are available in all churches.

**CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL:** Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day on *'The Letter to the Romans'* (The Gospel of St Paul) at the school on **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May** from 10am – 3.30pm. Prior booking is helpful, though not essential, by calling 01243 371766. Everyone welcome. Suggested donation is £15 per person. These days are highly recommended for those who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of scripture.

The school will also be holding its annual Open Day and Garden Party on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June** from 2 – 4.30pm. This is a great way to get to know the school and provides it with much needed income. The Bible School is entirely self-financing. There will be a children's corner and puppet workshop also. Everyone welcome. The address of the school is Nutbourne House, Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester PO18 8SD.

**YOUTH, PROJECTS, CASH:** Are you planning to work on a voluntary project and need cash? The Catenian Association, a worldwide Catholic men's organisation, is very happy to consider grant applications from 16 to 25 year olds for community based projects at home and overseas. Thirsty for more information? Contact George Watson on 07771 523983 or pick up a yellow brochure from church.

**FAITH & LIGHT:** The Faith & Light Stall at the Parish May Fayre raised £190.38p. The person with green ticket no 51 won a raffle prize which has not yet been claimed. Many thanks for all your support.

**THANK YOU:** to Sandy Cameron, Mary Rogers and their team of helpers who organised the Parish May Fayre. The amount raised (after expenses) for the Parish Youth Fund was just over £750! Special thanks to the young people who also worked so hard on the day and to everyone who donated items for the fayre and came along on the day. This was a fantastic effort. Sandy and Mary have kindly volunteered to organise a Christmas Fayre. More on that later in the year.

**DINE FILIPINO:** Filipino members of our community invite you to sample their national dishes with tea and coffee afterwards, on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June** in St Mary's Hall at 7pm, to raise funds for the Junior Journey in Faith Programme. Please bring your own plates, cutlery, glasses and beverages. Tickets are £10 each (adults only) and are available from Bella Nicholas, Jane Roberts, Nicki Smith, Jean Watson or Doug in the Parish Office.

**RETURN TO ROMANCE:** On **5<sup>th</sup> June**, Nigel Hearnden continues his fundraising efforts by undertaking the Sydney Harbour Bridge climb. This challenge takes 3 – 4 hours to complete and reaches a height of 450 feet above the water – a real challenge when you do not have a head for heights! Sponsor forms are available in all churches, please take one and return it to Doug in the Parish Office together with your donation. A quarter of all monies raised by Nigel are going to our sister parish of Mbetta, Cameroon, so all donations really make a difference.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** at St Mary's on **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** at 10am. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. Everyone welcome.

**VISIT TYBURN CONVENT AND THE SHRINE TO THE HOLY MARTYRS:** on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June**, leaving St Philip Howard Church, Fareham at 9.30am and arriving back at 7pm. Day includes Mass, Adoration, Talk and Tour. Cost is £15 per person. Contact Yvette Harrington on 01329 832781 for more information or to book a place.

## Contentment

**Healing Promise:** “*Godliness with contentment is great gain*” (1 Tim. 6:6).

**Healing Prayer:** Mighty Father, I believe the truth of your Word, which proclaims that godliness with contentment is great gain for me.<sup>1</sup> Thank you for giving such “great gain” to me, dear God. Feed me with food that is needful and convenient for me, as I endeavour to walk in contentment from this time forward.<sup>2</sup> Thank you for giving me peace with you, Father, through my Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup>

You have imparted your peace to me, and I have discovered that it truly is a peace that surpasses all understanding.<sup>4</sup> Thank you, Father. I greatly rejoice that you will teach how to be content in whatever state I find myself.<sup>5</sup>

It is my desire to be content at all times, Father. Help me to be content with whatever I have.<sup>6</sup> Having all of my needs supplied according to your riches in glory<sup>7</sup> leads me to be content with the things you’ve provided for me each day.<sup>8</sup> Thank you, Father.

Father God, help me to quiet myself so that my soul may be steady and calm.<sup>9</sup> I know that in quietness and confidence shall be my strength.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, I will be still to hear your voice<sup>11</sup> and know that you are God.<sup>12</sup>

Bless me, Father, and keep me. Make your face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lift up your countenance upon me, and give me your peace.<sup>13</sup> Your blessing in my life makes me content, and my sense of contentment helps me realise your promise that goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house forever.<sup>14</sup> Thank you, Father. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.<sup>15</sup>

**References:** 1) 1 Tim 6:6; 2) Prov 30:8; 3) Rom 5:1; 4) Phil 4:7; 5) Phil 4:11; 6) Heb 13:5; 7) Phil 4:19; 8) 1 Tim 6:8; 9) Ps 131:2; 10) Is 30:15; 11) 1 Kings 19:12; 12) Ps 46:10; 13) Num 6:24-26; 14) Ps 23:6; 15) Jn 16:23.