

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Fareham & Gosport



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STAR OF THE SEA
Fareham & Gosport

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17th July 2011

Year (A)

Weekdays (Cycle 1)

Psalter week 4

SUNDAY THOUGHT: CONKERS AND SOIL

At this time of year I re-discover my garden. My wife planted a conker in a pot in October for the pre-School children at St. Anthony's to watch as it sprouted roots and leaves. It sits in potting compost in a tub on the patio now, with a slender stem and a few fresh green leaves.

I brought the young plant to a Baptism last Sunday; to show those attending that as this plant puts down roots and grows toward the light it will one day become a big, strong Chestnut tree ready to provide shelter, shade and perhaps produce conkers. Without its planting in good soil, watering and tending the small plant would not realise its potential.

A child presented for baptism grows too when they can put down roots in the rich soil of the care and guidance of a loving family and they can see the light of faith burning in those around them. Our Faith grows when we are fed by the soil of prayer, scripture, Communion and community. A material, individualistic, selfish outlook would strangle the simple joys of planting conkers, nurturing our youth or looking to the needs of others and to our spiritual growth.

The Gospel today tells us the devil plants darnel to choke us off from the light. Our hearts can grow coarse, our eyes close and our ears become deaf if we choose to live in a spiritual desert or let ourselves be choked off by all those busy distractions.

Our bodies, like my fledging tree, need food and drink and our souls too need to be fed. Let us give thanks for parents, teachers, catechists and

all who educate and guide, making a rich soil. God does the planting and these workers in the Lord's fields help ensure the harvest is rich.

We can ask whether we are ourselves in good soil, whether we are being fed by Word and prayer and whether we are growing towards our God or allowing ourselves to be choked off by distractions.

While I will not see my conker grow into a tree, as many of us do not see the results of the work we seek to do, we do know God is a patient gardener and gives us time to grow and He sees the good fruit of our labour.

Deacon Tony Strike

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM CAFOD

You will be aware that East Africa is currently experiencing the worst drought in almost 60 years, affecting people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan & Eritrea. *While great progress has been made in supporting communities to cope with droughts, the scale of this disaster is outstripping all local capacity to act as it comes on the heels of two drought-affected years. The number of people affected is immense, with tens of thousands already on the move in search of water, pasture and food.*

Cafod has launched a £5million appeal as part of the UK Disasters Emergency Appeal. There will be the opportunity to help our sisters and brothers through your prayers and the special collections in our churches, or by giving directly via the Cafod website: <http://www.cafod.org.uk>

Please Gift Aid your donation if possible. Thank you

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Parish Staff:

Rebecca Goodlad (OLSOTS); Clare Ryan (PG); Michele Edwards (F&P); Joan Hamilton (F&P); Doug Savege (G); Maria Owen (L&S).

Our Church Communities:

Immaculate Conception, Stubbington; St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent; St Mary's, Gosport; St Joseph's Gosport; St Columba, Bridgemary; Sacred Heart, Fareham; St Philip Howard, Fareham; St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate; The Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham



The Catholic Church in Gosport

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Regd Charity No: 246871/2



St Columba's, Nobes Avenue; St Mary's, High Street; St Joseph's, Anns Hill Rd

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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 16th – 24th July

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Sat	Sixteenth Sunday	Jim Campbell RIP	6.00pm	St Columba's
Sun	Sixteenth Sunday	Beasley Family (Intentions)	9.15am	St Joseph's
	"	Sam Frampton (Personal & Family Intentions)	11.00am	St Mary's
Mon	of Week 16	No service		
Tue	of Week 16	Alice (Health)	12 noon	St Mary's
Wed	of Week 16	Rosary Zim & Dal Nwokora (Birthdays)	6.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of Week 16	Mary Reeve RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	St Mary Magdalen	James & Margaret McNeill RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's
Sat	Seventeenth Sunday	Ellen Pearson RIP	6.00pm	St Columba's
Sun	Seventeenth Sunday	Mariyakutty Antony RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's
	"	Julie Bodel RIP	11.00am	St Mary's

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 24th July as Fr Peter will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass at the Bible School.

LOCAL 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 Church 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 front sheet and in Book of Remembrance.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: At St Mary's on **Tue 19th July** from 10.30am until 11.45am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Pat Miles. The following week the minister will be Ellen Notley. At St Columba's on **Thu 21st July** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 23rd July** from **10am – 1pm**. Duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Liam Morrisey 10 – 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11 – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Eddie Watson 12 – 1pm.

NEW MISSALS: Thank you for the very generous contributions towards the cost of the new missals. To date we have received £985! Remember each Mass celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent 2011 will be offered for the intentions of those who make a contribution. If you would like to make a donation please contact Doug in the Church Office. Cheques should be made payable to '**PRCDTR-GOSPORT**'. Thank you so much.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND THE SHRINES OF ITALY: From **10th – 17th Oct 2011** to include Assisi, Montecassino, Pompei, and Capri. Also a public audience with Pope Benedict. Price of £699 pp inc scheduled flights and coach throughout. A deposit of £100 pp must be paid by 31st July. For further details and a booking form please contact Tressie Heather on 023 92 580681 or Doug in the church office on 023 92 580119.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: in Maryhouse on **Tue 19th July** at 1pm.

A MICHAELMAS FAIR: is held every year during the last weekend in September in Alverstoke village. This year we are to run a stall and will raise funds for the Junior Journey in Faith programme. We will be selling a variety of produce such as jams, chutneys and cakes. As fruit is now in abundance please could you consider making extra jam and/or chutney to donate to the stall? If you have fruit but are not able to make jam please contact Nicki Smith who will collect it from you. Thank you. Nicki can be reached by phone on 023 92 581150 or by email on bassguitar66@gmail.com

CONNECTING WITH JESUS: A workshop for those working with children and adults on the autistic spectrum, on **Sat 1st Oct** at Salesian College, 119 Reading Road, Farnborough GU14 6PA. This workshop is organised jointly by the Catholic Disability Fellowship Trust and the Dpt for Pastoral Formation and will demonstrate ideas and methodologies which provide accessible, meaningful and enjoyable faith development experiences. There is no charge for the day but advanced booking is essential, hence the early notice. For more information and to book please contact Eileen Stephenson at estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or on 01329 835583.

EAST AFRICAN CRISIS APPEAL: We will hold a retiring collection after all Masses for CAFOD on the weekend of 30/31 July. Gift-aid envelopes will be provided. Please give what you can. Thank you.

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL - THE FOUR PRESENCES OF CHRIST

The Second Vatican Council (1962-5) reminded us of our ancient faith: Christ is always present in his church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. So, each time we come to Mass we experience the presence of Christ in four different ways:

- Christ is present in the congregation – the people gathered together;
- Christ is present in the person of the priest;
- Christ is present in the Scriptures that we listen to during Mass;
- Christ is present in the bread and wine when it becomes Christ's Body and Blood.

The more we are able to understand and join in the Mass, the more we will come to love it. The new translation will help us to do that because the words we will now use will say more clearly what our faith is teaching us.

HOW SHOULD WE LISTEN TO THE TEXTS? HOW MIGHT WE MOVE BEYOND THE WORDS?

An afternoon with Fr Paul Turner for clergy and lay people who are interested in exploring the potential of the new translation of the Missal.

Fr Paul Turner is a priest of the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome and is the author of many books, including 'Understanding the Revised Mass Texts' and 'At the Supper of the Lamb', and is one of the speakers on the DVD resource 'Become One Body One Spirit in Christ'.

at Bishop Challoner School, St. Michael's Road, South Ham, Basingstoke, RG22 6SR
on Sunday 9th October 2011 2.00pm-6.30pm
Cost of afternoon: £5.00. Tea / coffee provided.
Further information: Eileen Stephenson: 01329835583 or email: estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SUPPORTING THE BEREAVED IN A PARISH SETTING

Saturday 17th September 2011 [10.00am – 3.00pm]

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and those involved with this ministry to the sick, dying and their families. This is at Wisdom House Spirituality Centre in Romsey Hampshire SO51 8EL. *Further details from Eileen Stephenson as above*

FAITH, HOPE, RECOVERY: MENTAL HEALTH

*Thursday 21st July 2011 [7.15 for 7.30pm]
at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Fareham*

An evening to help people make the connections. Presented by the Revd James Hair, Lead Chaplain of the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust and Ann Cathery of Havenlight Healing Trust. Open to anyone interested in or who has experience of mental ill-health and recovery; those who suffer and those who care for them.

FAITH IN ACTION

SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL

on Friday 29th July 2011 at 7.30 pm

DISCOVER SOLAR ENERGY - All are welcome to this Talk organised by the Parish Ecology Group & Transition Fareham. Please bring a friend.

This is also a good opportunity to find about the umbrella group: 'Faith in Action'.

DID YOU KNOW?

Recycle your plastic-wrappings from bakery goods; breakfast cereals; packaging around household goods (toilet & kitchen rolls); from fresh and frozen produce; multipack shrink-wrap.... These can be placed into the plastic carrier bag recycling bins in participating stores [ASDA, Tesco, CO-OP, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Waitrose]. Packaging must be clean and uncontaminated with food particles. *Please note: plastics marked 'degradable' or 'biodegradable' plastics cannot be recycled.*

EVANGELIUM

CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

5th – 7th August at the Oratory School, Reading

Calling all our young Catholics between the ages of 18 and 35. Come and share your faith with people of your generation. Pray together, share together and make new friends. There will be daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and inspirational speakers. This conference is organised by Father Andrew Pinsent and Father Marcus Holden of the Evangelium Project. To find out more about them go to www.evangelium.co.uk or call 01834 812643.

DOUAI ABBEY RETREATS - for those who wish to deepen their faith and open up to the Holy Spirit. The first is part of the National Quiet Weekend; the second is a guided retreat and the third for those who are bereaved. For more details email: douaiabbey@aol.com or telephone 0118 971 5333 Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Berkshire RG7 3TQ.

SILENT RETREAT

Monday to Friday 12th -16th September

QUO VADIS? (WITHER GOEST THOU?)

*Led by Christopher Greener OSB
and Gervase Holdaway OSB
Monday to Friday 19th -23rd September*

HEALING GRIEF RETREAT

*Led by Nicholas Broadbridge OSB
and Benjamin Standish OSB
Monday to Friday 23rd -25th September*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you are admitted to hospital please state that you wish the Catholic Priest to be informed and to visit. To contact the Chaplaincy: 02392 286408 Fr Joe's email: joe.mcnerney@portshop.nhs.uk in an emergency: