



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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17th/18th JULY 2010 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 4

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 17th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Private Intention
SUNDAY 18th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Dec'd members of the Collingborn, Nason & Olima families.
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Tony & Tina Walk (Intentions)

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 24th July 12 – 1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 19th – 23rd JULY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	No service		
Tue	of the day	James & Margaret McNeill RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Rosary Arthur & Brenda Hancox Michael, Clare & Martin Hancox (Intentions)	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St Mary Magdalen	Tom Doherty RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	St Bridget of Sweden	No service		

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1218.30p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

This weekend there will be an appeal on behalf of Survive-Miva (Missionary Vehicle Association) at all Masses. We will be holding our last missionary appeal of the year in August. Ideally we would have liked these appeals to have been spread throughout the year but for various reasons this has not been possible. We do recognise that it is difficult, especially in the current economic climate, for all of us to contribute to our Parish, the Diocesan Collections, Special Appeals and Emergency Appeals. Your generosity is remarkable and always appreciated. Please just give what you can. Thank you.

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 20th July** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Theresa Fleming. The following week the duty Minister will be Pat Miles. At St Columba's on **Thu 22nd July** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 24th July** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Neil Shaw 10 - 11am; Margaret Farnworth & Florence Ojong 11am – 12pm; Bernadette Foster & Archie McCormick 12 – 1pm.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: from **16th to 23rd May 2011.** An amazing, once in a life time experience with Fr Peter as our Spiritual Leader. An exciting itinerary has been planned with three nights in Tiberias and four nights in Jerusalem visiting many of the places we know so well from the Bible. The price for half-board, all inclusive is £1160 (including coach travel to Heathrow Airport). There will be a meeting for anyone who is interested in joining the pilgrimage and anyone who would just like to hear about the Holy Land, in St Mary's Hall on **Wed 28th July** at 7.45pm. Itineraries and further information available from Jean Watson on 023 92 521985 or Doug in the Parish Office.

PAPAL VISIT: We are likely to receive 15 seats for the Beatification Mass in Birmingham and 25 for the Vigil in London. The cost, including coach travel and Pilgrim Pack, for the Beatification Mass is £25 per person. The cost to attend the Vigil, including Pilgrim Pack and underground ticket only, is £10 per person. Pilgrims attending the Vigil will have to make their own way to London. If you would like to go, please give your name to Doug in the Parish Office by no later than **Tue 20th July.** A ballot will be held if we are oversubscribed.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet on **Mon 19th July** in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's Church, Bridgemarky at 2pm. All Mums are welcome.

THANK YOU: to those parishioners who came to clean St Mary's Church last week. Your hard work and that of all those who clean our churches is very much appreciated.

REJO'S LAUGHTER LINE: There was a painter named Smokey Macgregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time. Eventually his local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings. Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint. Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh, God, forgive me: what should I do?" And from the thunder a mighty voice spoke..

"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"