



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

<b>SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Theresa & William Donnelly RIP
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Peter Bond RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Ariston Lebin RIP

**There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's next weekend.**

### WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Easter wk 2		No service	
Tue	St Anselm	Word & Communion	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Easter wk 2	Rosary Kevin Miles RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St George	Mary Smith (Special intention)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Easter wk 2		No service	

Thank you to everyone for making our Easter celebrations so special by participating in the Easter Triduum. Your spiritual growth gives me a lot of strength, energy and confidence for the future. Thank you also for your prayers, gifts and generous Easter offerings. Your kindness and support are much appreciated. *Fr Peter*

The parish offerings on Palm Sunday amounted to £1400.40p. The total collected for the Poor on Holy Thursday was £124.94p and for Holy Places on Good Friday was £361.65p. Thank you once again.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Pope John Paul II established this feast to be celebrated by the whole Church on the first Sunday after Easter. This Sunday Fr Peter will lead a service for the Solent Pastoral Area in St Mary's Church at 3pm. There will be Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. Everyone welcome.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> April** after 10am service until 11am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Honora Power. The following week the duty minister will be Lesley Taylor. At St Columba's after 10am Mass until mid-day. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Libby Beasley 10 -11am; Bill & Mo Feltham 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Rachel Trencher 12 – 1pm.

**PARISH MAY FAYRE:** on **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on 07952 505620 if you would like to be involved. **Help from some of our younger parishioners will be especially welcome but we also need help from some of our more senior parishioners!** Donated good quality items of bric-a-brac and nearly new jumble as well as, toys, craft items, bottles, cakes, tins, plants and tools (no knives or electrical items) etc will be much appreciated as will raffle prizes. **Raffle tickets will be on sale in all churches shortly.** 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 next of these is on **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 5 – 6pm** . Please do not bring items to the churches or the Parish Office. Thank you.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN – BAKE WITH MUM/NAN:** why not get together with Mum or Nan to bake a cake for the May Fayre for delivery to St Mary's Hall on **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May after 4pm**. Rosettes will be presented for the best cakes in the under 11 age group (fairy cakes) and 11 upwards (larger cakes). Make sure you put a note with your cake saying who you are with Mum/Nan's contact details. Good luck!

**FACE PAINTERS NEEDED:** If you are are skilled in face painting, or know of someone who is, and would like to help to fundraise at the Parish May Fayre please contact Sandy or Mary as soon as possible (telephone numbers above). Alternatively talk to Doug in the Parish Office.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** will meet this **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April** at 2pm in the Parish Room at St Columba's. All mums are welcome to come along.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** will meet on **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April** in the Iona Hall, Bridgemary at 8pm. A service of Word & Communion in St Columba's Church at will precede the meeting at 7.30pm.

## JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	Upper Room
Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9-11am	St Joseph's
Celebration Service	<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9am	St Joseph's

**'FRANCIS'**: a compelling new drama which will be performed at Park Place, Wickham on **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May**. Details and booking forms can be found in all churches or telephone Park Place on 01329 833043.

### **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 Doug in the Parish Office. The nearest training sessions are as follows: Child Protection Awareness – St Colman's Church Hall, Cosham on **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April** from 6.30 – 9pm); St Margaret Mary, Park Gate on **Thu 14<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville on **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm.

Vulnerable Adult Awareness – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate on **Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park on **Thu 11<sup>th</sup> June** from 6.30 – 9pm.

We will do our best to arrange lifts for all those attending.

**THANK YOU:** to the team of volunteers who helped Phil & Mary O'Brien load the skip at St Joseph's with garden waste. Special thanks to the young people who gave of their time and worked so hard during their holidays. Your help is very much appreciated.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:** Have you been to Medjugorje? Has it changed your life? Do you wish to share and explore the spirituality of Medjugorje? Come to the First Friday Devotions on **1<sup>st</sup> May** when 'Medjugorje' will be the theme of the day. Father Peter will lead the day having just returned from pilgrimage there. All are invited. We shall begin at 10am in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall with tea and coffee. Devotions begin at 10.30am in St Mary's Church. Mass will be at 12 noon approx and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Fr Peter is delighted that new Ministers of Word & Communion were commissioned and many of our existing ministers re-commissioned during a beautiful Mass on Holy Thursday. Those ministers who were unable to attend will be commissioned/re-commissioned during the 11am Mass on **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

**CONCERT:** Hymn writer and musician Fr John Glynn and his band 'Aquila' will be performing at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester on **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm. There will be two sessions of 45 minutes each with a break in the middle of approx 20 minutes. Refreshments will be provided. For more details please contact Rebecca on 023 92 381802.