



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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19th/20th DECEMBER 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 19th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Dec'd & Living of the Extance & Frielinghaus Families
SUNDAY 20th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Bill Marshfield RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	In Thanksgiving for St Anthony

Please note there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat 26th Dec.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 21st – 23rd DEC

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Tue	of the day	Ellen Woods RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Requiem Mass for Bill Cliffe RIP	10am	St Mary's
		Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Jean Stevens RIP & Grandson Sam Bailey RIP	7pm	St Mary's

Christmas Eve - Thursday 24th December

Mass - St. Columba's 9pm (Carol Service at 8.30pm)

MIDNIGHT MASS – ST MARY'S (Carol Service at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses - Friday 25th December

St. Joseph's 9.15am St. Mary's 11am

St Stephen's Day Mass - Saturday 26th December

St Margaret Mary, Park Gate 10.30am

(This is the Altar Servers Mass for the Solent Pastoral Area. All are welcome)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: These are available in all churches for those who do not already have them. In keeping with tradition, all the Christmas Mass offerings will be for Fr Peter and form part of his living allowance for the year. 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 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 22nd Dec** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Libby Beasley. Then on **Tue 5th Jan** when the duty Minister will be Theresa Fleming. At St Columba's on **Thu 7th Jan** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 2nd Jan** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Eddie Watson 10 -11am; Pat Miles & Terry Mathews 11am – 12pm; Theresa Fleming & Anthonia Nwokora 12 – 1pm. **Please note there will be no Exposition on Sat 26th Dec.**

FIRST FRIDAYS AT ST MARY'S: Please note there will be no First Friday Devotions in January. We will resume in February.

A TIME TO REMEMBER THE CHILDREN WE MOURN: A service will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington on **Mon 28th Dec** (Feast of the Holy Innocents) at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

THANK YOU: to Mary Rogers and her team of helpers (including Father Christmas) who worked so hard to make the Christmas Fayre such a success. It was great to see so many parishioners involved and having a good time. Thank you also to everyone who donated items and supported the event. The total raised for the Parish Youth Fund (before expenses) was a magnificent **£1036!**

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTIONS: This year our crib offerings will be for Christian children in the Holy Land. Please be generous with your prayers and money to help them this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR PETER: *I wish each and every parishioner a happy and a holy Christmas, and every blessing during 2010. Thank you all for your hard work, prayerful support, and generosity during 2009. I fervently believe that together we can continue journeying in faith, giving witness to God's love and mercy in the furtherance of his Kingdom in our little corner of the world. Remember, God blesses us all. Fr Peter*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

AT ST MARY'S: Parishioners who would like to bring a Poinsettia or other red flower to the church, in memory of a loved one, may do so on **Tue 22nd Dec** from 9am onwards. Tags will be available at the back of the church. The Flower Arrangers will be meeting at **12 noon** on the **22nd** to prepare the church for Christmas. Anyone who would like to come along and help will be most welcome. Any donations of greenery may be left in the courtyard to the rear of the church (just through the double gates) on the morning of the **22nd**.

AT ST COLUMBA'S: Poinsettias can be taken to St Columba's between 9 and 11am on **Mon 21st Dec**.

AT ST JOSEPH'S: Poinsettia's can also be taken to St Joseph's between 9.30am and 12 noon on **Wed 23rd Dec**. Any donations of variegated holly will also be gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to Fr Peter and all parishioners. *Theresa Fleming*

A very happy and holy Christmas to Fr Peter, Doug and all parishioners, and many blessings during 2010. *Bernadette Foster*

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, help and support throughout the year. I wish you all the peace and happiness of Christmas, and every blessing during 2010. *Doug Savege*

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous New Year. God bless. *Lesley Taylor*

A happy Christmas to everyone and thank you for all your prayers. *Mary Smith*

The Blessed Visitors

The muse of love sings her song;
She knows the moment won't be long.
God's will has put her there today
To see Christ Jesus born in the hay.

At last she stops and claps her hands,
The sound echoes around the lands.
Simple folk from near and far away
Know something big occurred this day.

A star arises big and bright
And three kings marvel at the sight.
They wonder what its presence means;
Follow it to a stable scene.

And so to Bethlehem there came
Three kings, some shepherds and a lamb
To greet the Lord upon his birth
And so become most blessed on earth.

Shepherds minding their sheep at night
See a most unusual sight -
An angel stood within their midst
And told them where a babe was hid.

And just the same we, too, can be
Blessed as well if we go to see
God lying on a bed of hay:
Salvation comes on Christmas day.

Norman Haskell

26th/27th DECEMBER 2009 – THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 1

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 26th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Jim Campbell RIP
SUNDAY 27th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Lilian Deruyter RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 2nd Jan 12 – 1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 28th DEC – 1st JAN

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	The Holy Innocents		No service	
Tue	St Thomas of Canterbury		No service	
Wed	of the day	Rosary For conversion	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	John McLaughlin RIP	12 noon	St Mary's
Fri	Mary, Mother of God	In Thanksgiving (Pat Leigh)	12 noon	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on the weekend of 2nd/3rd January.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY: on **Sat 9th Jan** at St Bede's Parish Hall, Basingstoke from 10.30am until 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for all Cafod supporters across the diocese to come together for a time of prayer and reflection, and to learn about the proposed 50th anniversary Lent Fast Day celebrations. Our Parish Cafod Representative, Michael Heaps, will be attending and will have space in his car for two other people who would like to attend.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 5th Jan	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 9th Jan	9-11am	St Joseph's
Celebration Service	Sun 10th Jan	9.15am	St Joseph's