



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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20th/21st MARCH 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 20th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Anne Hearnden RIP
SUNDAY 21st	9.15am	St. Mary's	Franciszka & Jerzy RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Thanksgiving for Fr Peter & Family

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 27th Mar.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 22nd – 26th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of week 5 Lent		No service	
Tue	of week 5 Lent	Dawn McDermott RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of week 5 Lent	Rosary John Connolly RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	The Annunciation of the Lord	Bill Feltham (Health)	10am	St Columba's
	Reconciliation Service		7.30pm	St Mary's
Fri	of week 5 Lent	Susan & Tayo (Blessings)	9.15am	St Joseph's
	Stations of the Cross		10am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £ 1133.93p inc gift-aid. Thank you.
This weekend there will be a second collection after all Masses for Easter Flowers.
Please note, the clocks move forward one hour next Sunday morning (Palm Sunday)!

We have not as yet boxed in the low level central heating pipes in St Joseph's. This will happen shortly. Please ensure that children do not stand on the pipes! Thank you.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES (for those who do not have them already) are available in all churches.

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 23rd March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Pat Miles. The following week the duty Minister will be Ellen Notley. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 27th March** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Tressie Heather 10 - 11am; Terry Matthews & Archie McCormick 11am – 12pm; Anna Oliver & Anthonia Nwokora 12 – 1pm.

LENT REFLECTION GROUP: in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 26th March** from 11am until 12.15pm. All welcome. Please bring a bible and note book.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: In St Mary's on **Tue 23rd March** at 11am in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Also in **St Joseph's** on **Fri 26th March** at **10am** and in St Columba's at 5.20pm on **Sat 27th March.**

HOME VISITS: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like a visit from Fr Peter during Lent for Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing, please give the details to Doug in the Parish Office. Visits should take place on **Thu 25th March.** Thank you.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St Margaret Mary, Park Gate	Sun 21 st March	3pm
St Mary's, Gosport	Thu 25 th March	7.30pm

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Children's Session	Sat 27th March	St Joseph's	9 – 11am
Celebration Service	Sun 28th March	St Mary's	11am

NO JJIF IN APRIL BECAUSE OF EASTER AND HOLIDAYS

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: will meet on **Fri 26th March** in St Mary's Hall at 6.30pm.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 29th March** at 10am. Everyone welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S: all parishioners are invited to bring yellow and white flowers in remembrance of loved ones to St Mary's Church on **Holy Saturday (3rd April)** between 10am and 12 noon. Prayer labels will be available at the back of the church.

'INTO GREAT SILENCE': a film about the Carthusians of the Grande Chartreuse will be shown at the no 6 Cinema in the dockyard on **Tue 30th March**. It is a near silent meditation on monastic life in a very pure form. More details from Antony Cruddas on 023 92 503364.

LIVING OUR FAITH: our part in this diocesan campaign has now come to an end and thanks to your generosity and support a total of £130, 941.57 has been pledged over the next five years. As well as contributing to the needs of our diocese you have ensured that just over £52000 will be available for our own parish projects over the coming years. Heartfelt thanks to you all for this wonderful testimony of your faith.

SOLENT PASTORAL AREA PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR FAMILIES: on **Sat 27th March** in the Immaculate Conception Church, Stubbington at 11am. This is an opportunity for all our young people and their families to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Everyone is welcome and the service will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch.

ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: there will be a special Children's Liturgy in St Mary's Hall during the 11am Mass on Palm Sunday. Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy in St Mary's on Easter Sunday or Sun 11th April.

LEE SINGERS: Present St Luke's Passion by J.S. Bach in St Faith's Church, Lee-on-the-Solent on **Good Friday (2nd April)** at 7.30pm. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

RE-COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to be re-commissioned and receive a blessing during the Maundy Thursday Mass in St Mary's, on **1st April** at 8pm.

WINTERSHALL: all places have now been filled. Tickets will be given out on the day of travel. Please give your payment to Doug in the Parish Office as soon as you can, remembering to make cheques payable to *PRCDTR-Gosport*. Total cost per adult including travel is £23 and per child/youth including travel is £5.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: will re-open this **Fri 26th March**. We will have a cleaning day on **Wed 24th March** from 10am. Do come along and lend a hand if you can. Volunteers from all three churches will be most welcome and refreshments will be provided.

ECUMENICAL MEDITATION: in Bridgemary Methodist Church on **Mon 29th March** at 7pm. All welcome.

RETURN TO ROMANCE PRESENTS ‘STROLLING’ AT THE KINGS THEATRE: Tickets are still available from Nigel Hearnden and Doug in the Parish Office. The show at the Kings Theatre, Southsea is on Sun 28th March at 7.30pm. Do come along and support this fundraising event in memory of Nigel’s wife, Anne. Remember our sister parish of Mbetta stands to benefit from funds raised.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please make a special effort to attend these services, especially the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday Mass). This is the most important celebration of our faith.

Saturday 27 th March	6.00pm	Mass at St Columba’s
Sunday 28 th March (Palm Sunday)	9.15am	Mass at St Joseph’s
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary’s (With special children’s liturgy in Hall)
Mon 29 th March	10.00am	No service
Tues 30 th March	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth. (Everyone welcome)
	7.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross St Columba’s, Bridgemary
Wed 31 st March	6.30pm	Rosary at St Mary’s
	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary’s
Holy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St Mary’s
Good Friday	11.15am	Ecumenical Witness outside St Mary’s
	3pm	Solemn Liturgy at St Mary’s
Holy Saturday	10am to 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary’s
	12.15pm	Blessing of the Food at St Mary’s
	8pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil at St Mary’s
Easter Sunday	9.15am	Mass at St Joseph’s
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary’s