



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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21st/22nd MARCH 2009 –FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Lent week 4

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 21st	6.00pm	St. Columba's	No intention
SUNDAY 22nd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parish
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Stuart King (Health)

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's next Saturday 12 - 1pm.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 23^d – 27th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Lent wk 4	No service		
Tue	Lent wk 4	John Connolly RIP	10.00am	St Mary's
Wed	Annunciation of the Lord	Rosary Mass of Our Lady No intention	6.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Lent wk 4	No intention	10.00am	St Columba's
Fri	Lent wk 4	No intention Stations of the Cross No intention	9.15am 6.30pm 7.00pm	St Joseph's St Mary's St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1272.36p inc gift-aid. Thank you for your generosity.

There will be an obligatory second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

Next weekend there will be a short talk after each Mass from Libby Beasley about gift-aid.

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 24th March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Norman Haskell. The following week the duty minister will be Pat Miles. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 26th March** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 28th March** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Ellen Notley & Libby Beasley 10 -11am; Bill & Mo Feltham 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Eddie Watson 12 – 1pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will be at 5.20pm in St Columba's Church every Saturday and at 6.30pm in St Mary's on Fridays. Please note, however, on the First Fridays Stations will be in St Mary's at 3pm only.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall from 11am to 1pm on **Thu 27th March** continuing each Thursday up to and including Thursday **2nd April.**

SPIRIT ALIVE: A reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the life of the Church and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The sessions continue each Monday up to **6th April** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington at 10.15am (for those not working) and again at 7.30pm (for those working). Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Richard Pearce on 023 92 553 788 or email 2pearces@talktalk.net

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 or talk to Fr Peter. Thank you.

LENTEN MEDITATION: on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary using words and pictures, led by Fr Peter Sprague on **Sun 22nd March** at the Church Our Lady of Walsingham in Portchester starting at 4.30pm. Everyone welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES: During the next week or two Promoters will be calling to empty the Red Boxes. Thank you so much for your support of the Missions. Our parish always donates so generously.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING AND REFRESHER SESSIONS:

Continue **with** Fr Peter in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 27th March and Fri 3rd April respectively at 7.45pm**. These sessions are mandatory for new ministers but are also open to existing ministers who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this ministry. New ministers will be commissioned during the Maundy Thursday Mass.

STUDY DAY WITH FR NICHOLAS KING SJ: at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne on **Sat 28th March** from 10am until 3.30pm. The theme of the day is '*Getting to Know and Love St Paul*'. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation is £15 per person.

PARISH MAY FAYRE: on **Sat 2nd 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 at St Joseph's Church if you would like to be involved. Help from some of our younger parishioners will be especially welcome. Donated good quality items of bric-a-brac and nearly new jumble as well as books, cds, videos, toys, craft items, bottles, cakes and tools (no knives or electrical items) etc will be much appreciated as will raffle prizes. 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 one of these is **Fri 27th March** from 5 – 7pm. Please do not bring items to the churches or the Parish Office. Thank you.

TWO TALKS BY FATHER LAURENCE FREEMAN: on **Sat 28th March**. Talk 1 will be at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth from 2.00 – 4.30pm and is entitled *Finding Balance in Life through Meditation*. Talk 2 will be at the United Church, Jewry St, Winchester from 7.00 – 9.00pm and is entitled *Meditation – Direct path to a Deeper Self*. There is no need to book for either talk and the suggested donation for each is £5 - £10 payable on the door. All are welcome.

THANK YOU: to everyone for making the 'Parish Day' so successful last weekend. There was a real party atmosphere and a fantastic selection of food! The most important thing was that so many people from each of our church communities came and all age groups were represented. Special mention must be made of the Union of Catholic Mothers, Catholic Women's League, Knights of St Columba and Theresa Fleming for their hard work throughout the day. Thank you also to Nigel Hearnden from *Return to Romance* for his fantastic donation of £3700 to our sister parish of Mbetta in Cameroon. This really is a tremendous help.

OAKLANDS SCHOOL STAFF VACANCIES: required for Sep 2009 – Full time teachers of Science (Biology specialism), English and P.E. (girls/dance) TLR2a, closing date 30.03.09. Also a full time Caretaker for April 2009, closing date 03.04.09. For further details in the case of teachers please contact Mrs Kay Hopkins on 023 9224 8043 and for the caretaking post Mr G Briggs on 023 9225 9214.

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/Sunday). This is the most important celebration of our faith.

Mon 6 th April	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tues 7 th April	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
	7.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross St Columba's, Bridgemaury
Wed 8 th April	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	11.00am	Ecumenical Witness outside St Mary's
	3pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary's
Holy Saturday	9.45am	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	10am to 12 noon	Confession at St Mary's
	12.15pm	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	8pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.15am	Mass at St Columba's
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary's

Please note, with only one priest ministering to our parish it is difficult to ensure that everyone's needs are catered for. The services are timetabled to ensure that this happens to the best of our ability. Father Peter looks forward to welcoming parishioners and visitors alike to all of the above services and especially to the Easter Triduum. Thank you for your co-operation and support.