

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Fareham & Gosport



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22nd May 2011
Year (A) Weekdays: Cycle 1. Psalter Office Proper

THOUGHT FOR SUNDAY:

This Sunday's reading from St John's Gospel contains one of the most popular readings at funerals. When we are naturally troubled, Jesus comforts us and gives us hope. He tells us that there are many rooms in my Father's house, he will prepare a place for us and return to take us with Him.

Room is a rather basic translation. It really means resting place or "caravanerais" which are shelters at stages along the road where travellers may rest on their journey. A "dragoman" would be sent on ahead to prepare the resting place for the main body of travellers. Jesus is the "dragoman" who prepares the way for us and makes us welcome.

Jesus is speaking to the disciples. He realises their weakness. Judas has already been identified as his betrayer and he predicts that Peter will deny him. Yet Jesus promises that he will not desert them. Indeed he will return to take them with him.

Jesus will not desert us. If we turn away from him, he is there waiting for us when we return to the way. He journeys through life with us. He prepares resting places for us at every stage on our journey. He leads us onward to our final destination to be with the Father. If we are apprehensive, he encourages us, telling us that to have seen him is to have seen the Father. He is the Way to the Father.

He is the Truth, the teacher of God's way. He is the Life, for to know the Father, present in the Son, is eternal life.

Fr John Humphreys

ARE YOU A PPC / PASTORAL TEAM MEMBER? ARE YOU A CATECHIST? A READER? A MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST? A SERVER, A SINGER OR MUSICIAN? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE NEW LITURGY OF THE MASS? THEN THIS IS FOR YOU.

THE REVISED TRANSLATION OF THE ORDER OF MASS AND ROMAN MISSAL

There is an Information Evening on Thursday 26th May at the Cathedral Discovery Centre from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. This will provide concrete information and practical help. It will present the national resources that are available to help parishes and communities make the transition to the new texts. To book a place, please phone the Department of Pastoral Formation on 01329 835583 or email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

There is an information evening for musicians which will present the new and revised settings from a variety of different sources on Tuesday 14th June 2011 at St Edward the Confessor 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU from 7.30-9.30 pm. For information or to book a place, contact the Department of Pastoral Formation on 01329 835583 or email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Our Church Communities:

Immaculate Conception, Stubbington; St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent; St Mary's, Gosport; St Joseph's Gosport; St Columba, Bridgemarky; Sacred Heart, Fareham; St Philip Howard, Fareham; St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate; The Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham

Parish Deacons:

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Parish Staff:

Rebecca Goodlad (OLSOTS); Clare Ryan (PG); Michele Edwards (F&P); Joan Hamilton (F&P); Doug Savege (G); Maria Owen (L&S).



The Catholic Church in Gosport

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Regd Charity No: 246871/2



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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 21st – 29th MAY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Sat	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Ellen Wainwright RIP	6.00pm	St Columba's
Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Dec'd of Pope, McNamara & Tanner families	9.15am	St Joseph's
	"	Norbert Power	11.00am	St Mary's
Mon	Easter Week 5	No service		
Tue	Easter Week 5	Mark Palmer F/M	12 noon	St Mary's
Wed		Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
Funeral service for Mary (Mollie) Simpson RIP in St Mary's at 11.30am				
	St Bede the Venerable	Alice (Health)	7.00pm	St Mary's
Thu	St Philip Neri	Elisabeth Extance (Intentions)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	St Augustine of Canterbury	Elizabeth and living & dec'd family	9.15am	St Joseph's
Sat	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mary Smith RIP	6.00pm	St Columba's
Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	John & Betty Kennedy RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's
	"	Les Savege RIP Georgina Savege (Intentions)	11.00am	St Mary's

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 28th May from 12 – 1pm.

LOCAL 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 Church 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 front sheet*.

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: At St Mary's on **Tue 24th May** from 10.30am until 11.45am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Ellen Notley. The following week the duty Minister will be Lesley Taylor. At St Columba's on **Thu 26th May** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 28th May** from **10am – 1pm**. Duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Liam Morrissey 10 – 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Ella Arendse & Eddie Watson 12 – 1pm. **Ministers and Supervisors should note if you are unavailable for duty please arrange for someone else to take your place. Thank you.**

YOUTH GROUP: will meet in St Mary's Hall on **Fri 3rd June** at 6.30pm. Year 7 and above are very welcome to come along.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Parents' Meeting (First Communion)	Tue 7th June	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 11th June	9-11am	St Joseph's

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: on **Tue 24th May** at 1pm in Maryhouse.

CRIMINAL RECORD BUREAU (CRB) CHECKS: CRB forms are being distributed to new volunteers working with children and can be collected from the church office. Completed forms must be brought back to the office at 32 High Street, together with all appropriate identification, on **Sat 28th May** between 10.30am and 1.30pm. Our Safeguarding reps will be on hand to check forms and ID, and to answer any questions.

The church offerings last weekend amounted to £1316.12p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

THANK YOU: to Joe Henderson who devotes a great deal of time to repairing, cleaning and polishing many of the brass furnishings in St Mary's Church. They really are looking beautiful.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND MAY 27TH – 29TH 2011

This is a weekend retreat for women interested in the religious life run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus at Stella Maris Convent, Broadstairs, Kent. Contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or ring 0151 733 5475.

The Catholic Bible School

Nutbourne House, Farm Lane PO18 8SD

OPEN DAY / GARDEN PARTY : SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

In the afternoon from 2.00 – 4.30 pm

Crafts * Games * Stalls * Books * Cakes * Refreshments * Ice-cream * Tombola * Plants *

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL FOR PENTECOST : 11TH JUNE

We plan to pray for our nation, our families, our communities, churches and Government. Join us for this special night of prayer, music and reflection followed by breakfast. All are welcome. Ring us if you plan to come on 01243 371766 or contact info@catholic-bible-school.org. Look on the website for the June programme; www.catholic-bible-school.org

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE 2011

Congratulations if you are celebrating (this year) your 25th, 40th, 50th, or any Anniversary over 60 years. Please let your Church Office know so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation to a special Mass at 11am in St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday 18th June. Attendance by invitation only. Contact your local Church Office.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

9.00am rehearsal for 11.00 mass for the 'Celebrate Marriage 2011' at St Bede's, Basingstoke. Anyone wishing to sing in the Diocesan Choir on this occasion or at the ordination of John Chandler on Saturday 2nd July should email their details to Paul Inwood at Pinwood@poortsmouthdiocese.org.uk or ring Paul on 01329 835583.

VACANCY FOR A CO-ORDINATOR / ADVISOR FOR CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

Salary: c £25,000. Flexible 35 hours a week with some weekends and evening work on a 3 year fixed term contract. This post is in the parish of St Swithun Wells, north of Southampton. Closing date is 27th May 2011.

For details, contact Fr Michael Dennehy on 02380 612430 or email him on: mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PEG - PARISH ECOLOGY GROUP: FRIDAY 27TH MAY

Come to our meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham 7.30 to 9.00pm. There will be a presentation about Transition Churches. Refreshments. All are welcome.

To all conservationists, you can now recycle plastic-wrapped bakery goods, breakfast cereal liners, packaging around household goods (toilet roll and kitchen roll), plastic wrapping for fresh and frozen produce and multipack shrink wrap. Place with plastic carrier bags in the recycling bins: participating stores are ASDA, Tesco, the Co-op, WM Morrison, Sainsbury's and Waitrose.

DAY AT DOUAI ABBEY - SATURDAY 28TH MAY

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Musicians. Come to Douai for a day of recollection led by Gervase Holdaway. £15.00. Bring food to share. Drinks provided. For further details contact the Programme Director on 0118 971 5333 or email douaiabbey@aol.com.

SUNDAY 29TH MAY - NEWPORT ISLE OF WIGHT OPEN AIR EVENT: THE CATHOLIC FESTIVAL OF ARTS MUSIC FILM AND CULTURE

To be held at Christ the King College, Wellington Road, Newport PO30 5QT. Gates open at 11.00 am. Exhibition. Refreshments available. Mass at 12.30 pm. Followed by the concert. Performing: Fr Stan Fortuna, Edwin Fawcett, Charly Pinfold (Rise Theatre), Gerry Coates, Jo Walkden, Bobby Jo (Mime and Dance), Teresa Brown (Violin) and the IOW Philippino Choir.

See www.heartgivesuntoheart.co.uk.

FIRST FRIDAY DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

Come to a day of retreat and prayer in intercession for the parish led by Father Peter Glas. Join us for coffee / tea in the Upper Room of St Mary's Church Hall, Gosport at 10.00 am. We have a varied day of adoration, rosary, confession, mass at 12.00 pm, bible study and sharing over lunch. We end with the Divine Chaplet rosary at 2.00 pm. We will be studying Confessor Saints. To find out more, contact Rebecca on 023 92 381802

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY – SAT 4TH JUNE

The annual Rosary rally is being held at St John's Cathedral beginning with mass at 12.15 pm followed by rosary and procession in reparation and for World Peace ending with Benediction and enrolment in the Brown Scapular. We will end with refreshments at 3.00 pm in the Discovery Centre.