



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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21st/22nd NOVEMBER 2009 – CHRIST THE KING

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 21st	6.00pm	St. Columba's	David Davitt RIP
SUNDAY 22nd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	John 'Taff' Keegan RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Elsie & William Hug RIP

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

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 23rd – 27th NOV

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	No service		
Tue	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	People of the Parish	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Rosary Healing Mass Madeline Zollo RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	Anne Hearnden RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of the day	Pauly Vareed (Intentions) Bereavement Mass	9.15am 7pm	St Joseph's St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend we welcome Fr Joe McNerney who will be celebrating all Masses in Gosport. We also welcome Derek Fry who will be playing the organ at the 11am Mass whilst the choir and music group are away.

The Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £1233.77p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

PETITION AGAINST ABORTION ADVERTISING ON TV AND RADIO: Forms provided by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are available in all churches. Do take the time to add your signature to petition the Prime Minister. 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 24th Nov** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Anna Oliver. The following week the duty Minister will be Lesley Taylor. At St Columba's on **Thu 26th** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 28th Nov** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Eddie Watson 10 -11am; Pat Miles & Terry Mathews 11am – 12pm; Anthonia Nwokora & Neil Shaw 12 – 1pm. *New rotas for Saturday Exposition are available for collection in all churches.*

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: on **Fri 4th Dec** in St Mary's Church beginning at 10.30am (tea/coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). The theme is 'Mary, Icon of Faith'. The day will be led by Fr Peter and include Mass at 12 noon as well as a special Advent Liturgy at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT MASS: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Peter in St Mary's Church on **Fri 27th Nov** at 7pm. This is an invitation to come and remember each of our departed loved ones by name, to pray for them, and to pray for all who have been bereaved. Everyone will be invited to light a candle for their loved ones which will be blessed during the Mass. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided in St Mary's Hall after the Mass.

HEALING MASS: with Laying of Hands at St Mary's Church on **Wed 25th Nov** at 7pm. Mass will be preceded by the Rosary at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 1st Dec	Upper Room	7.30pm
Children's Session (Preparation for nativity play)	Sat 5th Dec	St Mary's Hall	2 – 4pm
Children's Session	Sun 6th Dec	St Mary's Hall	2 – 4pm
Nativity & Carol Service followed by mince pies & mulled wine.	Sun 6th Dec	St Mary's Church	4pm

SOLENT PASTORAL AREA: You are probably all aware that we are heading towards the creation of a single large parish for Gosport, Fareham, Lee & Stubbington, and Park Gate. How we organise the priests and churches within this pastoral area is to be discussed again at a meeting of the Solent Pastoral Area Pastoral Council on **Tue 24th Nov**. Currently there are nine churches and four priests. We are urgently seeking positive ideas on how this challenge can be met so that the centrality of the Eucharist can be maintained and the Church allowed to flourish. Please read the article about it in Triangle magazine (available in all churches) and **submit your views and suggestions in writing to Fr Peter and/or the Parish Pastoral Council via the Parish Office.**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: At St Joseph's Church, Ann's Hill on **Tue 15th Dec** at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

DINE FILIPINO: our Filipino parishioners invite you to sample their national dishes in St Mary's Hall on **Sat 28th Nov** at 7pm, in aid of the Junior Journey in Faith Programme. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own stronger beverages to drink! Tickets at £7.50 each (adults only) are available from Nicki Smith, Jane Roberts, Bella Nicholas, Jean Watson or Doug in the Parish Office. The closing date for buying your ticket is Sunday 21st Nov – so don't delay!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: in St Mary's Hall on **Sat 5th Dec** from 4 – 6pm, for all children in the parish aged 5 – 14 years. The amazing 'Balloon Man' and Father Christmas will be making an appearance. Tickets at £5 each are available after Mass or from Doug in the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SAT 12TH DEC: We will continue collecting donations for the Fayre on **Wed 25th Nov** and each Wed thereafter until **Wed 9th Dec**. Please bring your items to St Mary's Hall between **6 and 7pm only**. Please do not bring your donations to the parish Office or any of the churches. Donations of good quality items including bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, preserves, bottles etc will be gratefully received. Cakes should be brought to the hall on the morning of the fayre from 8am. Unfortunately we cannot accept electrical items. **Joe & Jean Barrett and Amanda Field have kindly volunteered to collect donations from parishioners who really can't make the Wednesday evening drop off times. Joe & Jean can be contacted on 023 92 587339 and Amanda on 023 92 529020. Thank you.**

'STEP INTO THE STREAMS' (a practical strategy for becoming like Jesus): A day for men at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne on **Sat 5th Dec** led by James Catford, Chief Executive of the Bible Society. The day will run from 10am to 3pm. Prior booking though helpful is not essential. Please telephone 01243 371766. Suggested donation is £15.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: on **Tue 24th Nov** in Maryhouse at 11.45am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: on **Thu 3rd Dec** in Maryhouse at 7pm.

IRISH AND APPALACHIAN DANCING SHOW: at Brodrick Hall on **Sat 28th Nov**, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets at £5 each are available from Deborah Birch or Doug in the Parish Office. There will be a raffle and refreshments. All proceeds to Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Any Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Children's Liturgists who have not attended the appropriate training for working with children or vulnerable adults should sign up for one or both of the following:

Child Protection training at St Jude's School Hall, Fareham on **Sat 16th Jan 2010** from 10am to 12.30pm.

Vulnerable Adult training at St Jude's School Hall, Fareham on **Sat 16th Jan 2010** from 1.30pm to 4pm. You must reserve a place by calling Soraya Ciccarone at the Diocesan Office on 023 9281 6396.

CHRISTMAS INDIAN MEAL: at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham on **Sun 20th Dec** at 12.30pm, in support of the renovation work at the centre. Cost is £15 for adults and £8 for children under 10 years. Booking forms are available in all churches or contact Sr Judith at Park Place on 01329 833043.

SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL: Volunteers are required to become panel members for schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth. These panels enable parents to exercise their right to appeal when their application for a school place for their child has been turned down. Panel members must have no connection with the school for which appeals are being heard. Training will be over two days on **Mon 25th Jan** and **Fri 5th Feb**. For further information and to enrol please contact: Admin Officer, Dpt for Schools at Park Place on 01329 835363 or email: schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TRAIDCRAFT: Christmas stock is now available from Sandy on the Traidcraft Stall at St Joseph's Church. There are lots of gift ideas at very reasonable prices. Please do support Traidcraft and remember you will be helping producers in less developed parts of the world to earn a fair wage, as well as supporting our twin parish of Mbetta in Cameroon.

<p>CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2009: In support of Harbour Cancer Support Centre, Gosport. Quiz sheets are available from St Mary's or the Parish Office and cost £1 each.</p>
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SISTER ANN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH BRING AND BUY SALE: on **Sat 5th Dec** at 39 Western Way, Alverstoke. Starting with tea/coffee at 10.30am. Cost is £3 per person with proceeds going towards Sr Ann's work with inner city children. Everyone is welcome just pay on the day.