



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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22nd/23rd MAY 2010 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 22nd	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Fr Tony Box (Health)
SUNDAY 23rd	9.15am	St. Joseph's	People of the Parish
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Ojong Family (Intentions)

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 29th May.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 24th – 28th MAY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of week 8	No service		
Tue	St Bede the Venerable	Jean Stevens RIP & Sam Bailey RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	St Philip Neri	Rosary Rev Terence Green F/M	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St Augustine of Canterbury	No service		
Fri	of week 8	No service		

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1043.83p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection after all Masses this weekend to help cover expenses for the Papal Visit in September. Gift-aid envelopes and prayer cards are available in all churches. Please do give what you can.

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 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 names on the front sheet.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: At St Mary's on **Tue 25th May** after 10am Mass until 12.30pm. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Norman Haskell. The following week the duty Minister will be Pat Miles. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 29th May** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Archie McCormick 10 - 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Florence Ojong & Anthonia Nwokora 12 – 1pm.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: at St Mary's Church on **Fri 4th June** from 10.30am until 3.30pm (tea and coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). The theme is 'Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit'. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

PRAYER PETITIONS AND DONATIONS: Fr Peter is now accepting prayer petitions to take with him on pilgrimage to Medjugorje next month. Please place your petitions in a suitably marked envelope and hand them to Fr Peter or Doug or alternatively put them in the collection basket during Mass. In addition, if anyone would like to make a donation to one of the orphanages in Medjugorje they can do so using a separate envelope. Please mark the envelope 'Orphanage Donation'. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT: on **Sat 29th May** at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 9.30am until 4pm. The day includes two talks on the Eucharist as well as Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass at 12.15pm, Healing Service at 3pm, and Benediction at 3.45pm. Also a photographic exhibition of a selection of Eucharistic miracles. The exhibition includes in-depth historical descriptions of some of the principle Eucharistic miracles that have occurred throughout the ages in various countries, and which have been authenticated by the Church. The complete exhibition will be shown in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Sat 2nd October**. You are asked to contribute to a shared lunch at the retreat. Please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more details.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet on **Mon 24th May** at the home of Juanita White 11 Carisbrooke Road, Rowner at 1pm. All mums are welcome to join us.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 1st June	Upper Room	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 8th June	St Mary's Hall	7.30pm
Children's Session	Sat 12th June	St Joseph's	9 – 11am
Reconciliation Service for First Holy Communion	Sat 19th June	St Mary's	11am
First Holy Communion Mass	Sun 27th June	St Mary's	11am
First Holy Communion Mass	Sun 4th July	St Mary's	11am

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: it would be greatly appreciated if Readers and Ministers at St Mary's and St Joseph's who use email could mail their e-addresses to Christine Chadwick at stokesbaycottage@talktalk.net
This will assist in the distribution of rotas as well as enable you to advise Christine when you will be away on holiday etc.

SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER: at the invitation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we are to join in a special time of prayer of reparation and atonement for all those affected by child abuse in the Catholic Church. The four Fridays in May will be set aside as special days of prayer. On each of these days there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington from 10am until 9pm. Between 8 and 9pm there will be Evening Prayer before ending with Benediction. In addition, all Rosary evenings and periods of Exposition in St Mary's and St Columba's Churches during May will be offered for the same intentions of reparation and atonement. During the month of May, Tuesday Exposition will be extended by one hour to 12.30pm.

We are all invited to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We are to pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. We pray also for Pope Benedict, whose wise and courageous leadership is so important for the Church at this time.

Please do make every effort to come before the Lord during these special times of prayer. I know you will also keep these intentions firmly in mind during your private prayer time.

FR PETER is scheduled to be away this week attending a conference on behalf of our Diocese. Doug will be off on Thursday, so Theresa Fleming will be the responsible person looking after the Parish whilst Fr Peter and Doug are away. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY AT ST JOSEPH'S: There are a number of lost property items (mainly children's clothing) in a box next to the nursery room. Please have a look to see if any of these items belong to you or yours. If they are not reclaimed we will be donating them to a charity shop in a few weeks.

MUSIC AT PARK PLACE: at Park Place on **Sat 5th June** from 3 to 8pm there will be an open air Folk Concert to raise money for a mobile dispensary in Ethiopia. In the event of inclement weather a marquee will be erected. Tickets at £8 each or £14 per family (2 adults and 2 children) including Indian food and refreshments are available from Sister Ima on 01329 833043.

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP: in St John's Cathedral on **Sat 12th June** from 10am until 4.30pm. All are welcome, including beginners and advanced students. The workshop will be led by the Abbot of Farnborough Abbey, Dom Cuthbert Brogan OSB, and a director of the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. To register please telephone 023 92 862384 or email chantnetwork@gmail.com The fee is £15 per person.

MBETTA: We have been advised that the Parish Priest of Mbetta, Fr Julius Agbortoko, is to move to Fotabong Parish where he is also to be made Dean. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Fr Julius and thank him for his assistance in the furtherance of our special relationship with Mbetta. The new Parish priest of Mbetta is to be Fr Daniel Takem and we look forward to further developing our arrangement with Mbetta under his guidance. We wish both Fr Julius and Fr Daniel every blessing in their ministries and assure them of our prayers.

Fr David Fomanka has advised that he is unable to go to Rome next month, as he was hoping to do. Sadly it means he will not be coming to Gosport this year either. He is more hopeful of visiting us next year.

CATHOLIC AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY: present Disney's musical *Beauty and the Beast* at the New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth from **Wed 9th – Sat 12th June** at 7.30pm nightly. Tickets at various prices including concessions for senior citizens, students, under 16's, and families etc are available from the box office on 023 92 649000. Some of the choir from St Mary's will be going so please let them know if you would like to go with them.

LAUGHTER LINES: The Sunday School Teacher asks: "Now, Johnny, tell me honestly, do you say your prayers before meals?" "No Sir," little Johnny replies. "I don't have to. My mum is a good cook!"

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service his cousin asked him: "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy replied. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "Why do you say that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up. Like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."