



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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23rd/24th JANUARY 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 23rd	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Alan Thomas White RIP
SUNDAY 24th	9.15am	St. Mary's	Bill Cliffe RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Mary Christina Lane (Wellbeing)

Please note there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat 30th Jan due to the half-day of prayer in Fareham. (See inside for details)

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 25th – 29th JAN

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	The Conversion of St Paul		No service	
Tue	Ss Timothy & Titus	Tahakong Nyamsi RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of the day	Rosary Bill Cliffe RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St Thomas Aquinas		No service	
Fri	of the day		No service	

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note, due to problems with the heating system, Mass will not be celebrated in St Joseph's Church until further notice. Sunday Masses will be celebrated in St Mary's at 9.15am and 11am respectively. Please read this weekly newsletter for up to date information on Friday Mass venues and times.

We will resume taking Holy Communion under both kinds on the weekend of 6th/7th Feb along with the rest of the Solent Pastoral Area. Eucharistic Ministers should make themselves available when possible until the new rotas are issued.

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 26th Jan** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Ellen Notley. The following week the duty Minister will be Anna Oliver.
Please note there will be no Exposition on Sat 30th Jan due to the half-day of prayer in Fareham. (See below for details)

HALF-DAY OF PRAYER: for the Solent Pastoral Area at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham on **Sat 30th Jan**, beginning with Mass at 9.30am. After Mass there will be an opportunity to explore various ways of praying, along with several brief talks. A simple lunch will be provided for which there will be no charge. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: in St Mary's Church on **Fri 5th Feb** beginning at 10.30am (tea and coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). The theme is: **Mary at the side of Jesus in his ministry: the wedding at Cana.** The day will begin with the Rosary and continue with Exposition, Confession, Mass at 12 noon, followed by Bible Study and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. All are welcome.

PRAYER GROUP: Fr Peter's Prayer Group will resume on **Thu 4th Feb** at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady of Walsingham, Portchester. Everyone welcome.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 26th Jan	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 2nd Feb	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Parents' Meeting (Reconciliation)	Tue 2nd Feb	8.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 6th Feb	9-11am	St Joseph's
Celebration Service	Sun 7th Feb	11am	St Mary's

RE-ARRANGED CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY: on **Sat 6th Feb** at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Queens Road, **Aldershot**, Hants GU11 3JB from 10.30am until 4pm. This is an opportunity for all Cafod supporters across the diocese to come together for a time of prayer and reflection, and to learn about the proposed 50th anniversary Lent Fast Day celebrations. Our Parish Cafod Representative, Michael Heaps, will be attending and will have space in his car for two other people who would like to attend. Please take a packed lunch.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: A ten day pilgrimage is arranged for the **7th to 17th June 2010**. Fr Peter Glas will lead the pilgrimage as Spiritual Director.

Shared accommodation (half-board) and coach transfers in Dubrovnik will cost 290 euros per person. Transport to and from Gatwick airport and travel insurance **are not** included.

Pilgrims are asked to book their own flights (over the internet is normally cheaper) as soon as possible, and the earlier flights are booked the lower the fares are likely to be.

The flights we will be using are as follows:

7th June BA 2882 London Gatwick depart 09.50 arrive Dubrovnik 13.35

17th June BA 2883 Dubrovnik depart 14.30 arrive London Gatwick 16.20

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more information and a booking form.

YOUTH MEETING: on **Fri 29th Jan** in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall at 6.30pm. Young people over the age of twelve are very welcome to come along and meet other young people, to pray with Fr Peter, discuss current issues, and enjoy a meal together.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GOSPORT: Gosport Street Pastors will be celebrating their ministry on **Sat 30th Jan** at 6.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Gosport. The Pastors have been operating for a little over a year, with over 30 people committed to going out onto the streets of Gosport on Friday and Saturday nights. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the celebration and to find out more about what is involved in being a Street Pastor. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for the next training course!

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTERS: Do remember newsletters for the children are available at all Sunday Masses. They really are very good and fun to read!

FAITH & LIGHT: The annual celebration for Candlemas will be on **Sun 7th Feb** at 3pm in St Philip Howard Church, Fareham. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Pat Madden and will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and support those with special needs.

RETURN TO ROMANCE PRESENTS 'STROLLING' AT THE KINGS THEATRE

In 2008, Nigel Hearnden walked to Rome to celebrate the life of his wife Anne and to raise valuable funds on behalf of four charities/causes she supported, including our sister parish of Mbetta in Cameroon. In addition to his walk, Nigel has undertaken a variety of other events and has succeeded in raising several thousand pounds for each of the charities. This has been wonderful for our community as we are committed to sending £2000 a year to Mbetta to help meet the educational needs of many of the local children.

Join us in a glittering gala celebration at the Kings Theatre, Southsea on **Sunday 28th March** at 7.30pm as 'Strolling' recreates this amazing journey in song and dance. Tickets priced at £15 and £12 are available from the booking office at the Kings or via Doug in the parish office. There will be an auction and raffle on the night.

Nigel has received an outline offer of one or two large minibuses and drivers. If you require transport please give your name to Doug and once Nigel receives confirmation of the offer further details will be provided regarding pick-up points.

Whilst Nigel intends to carry on with his annual charity golf days and an evening at a top local restaurant, 'Strolling' marks the end of his formal fundraising project. Let us show our appreciation for his tremendous efforts and enjoy a family evening out at the same time.