



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Easter 3

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY**

<b>SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Maria RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Catherine (Katie) Doherty RIP Mharie Foster's Grandmother

**There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> MAY**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	St Bede the Venerable		No service	
Tue	St Philip Neri	Maria RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	St Augustine of Canterbury	Rosary Ken Smith RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Easter wk 7	Robin (Intentions)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Easter wk 7	Anthony (Intentions)	10am	St Mary's

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be an obligatory second collection for World Communications at all Masses this weekend.**

**The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1232.85p inc gift-aid. The total collected for the Xaverian Missionary Appeal was £640.74p. Thank you very much.**

**There will be Children's Liturgy at St Mary's Church this Sunday.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:** Jessica Bailey, Tom Bailey, Bill Cliffe, Raymond Clowes, Carmel Collins, Con Condon, Linda Corby, Amy Duffy, Ella Etheridge, Elsie Fleming, Eileen Forde, Gwen Gammon, Steven Gathergood, Michael Higgins, Doreen Hobbs, Gwen Hoble, Taff Keegan, Stuart King, Sarah Mitchell, Fr Lawrence Nwokora, Adeline Pearcey, and Tony Valente. 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, especially Bridie Oakton and Ethel Wall, 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 26<sup>th</sup> May** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Norman Haskell. The following week the duty minister will be Pat Miles. At St Columba's after 10am Mass on **Thu 28<sup>th</sup> May** until mid-day. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Bill Allen & Eddie Watson 10 -11am; Christine Dawson & Chris Beevers; 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE:** at St Paul's Church, Allaway Avenue, Paulsgrove on **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June** from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Come and pray for peace in our troubled world.

**VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS TRAINING SESSION:** Diocesan policy is that all parishioners who engage with vulnerable adults on behalf of the Church are strongly encouraged to attend one or both of these training sessions, for the protection of all parties. If you have been CRB checked you should attend. **To book a place (no charge) please contact Soraya in the Diocesan Office on 023 92 816396.**

Vulnerable Adult Awareness – St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park on **Thu 11<sup>th</sup> June** from 6.30 – 9pm.

**PLEASE NOTE, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS SESSION AND CHILDREN'S WORKERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE CHILD PROTECTION SESSION, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN THEIR MINISTRIES FROM OCTOBER 2009. TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT DOUG IN THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** from 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Brochures are available in all churches.

**THANK YOU FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF JERSEY:** We wish to thank everyone who made us so welcome and looked after us in 5 star style last weekend. It was really good to be united in prayer and celebration. We hope as many young Gosport Catholics as possible will come over to our 'Spirit on the Rock' weekend in November. More details will follow.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** at St Mary's on **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** at 10am. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. Everyone welcome.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GOSPORT:** will gather outside St Mary's Church, High St between 12 noon and 1pm on **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May** for a celebration of Pentecost. Everyone is welcome. Children might like to know that some very special puppets will be making an appearance!

**CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL:** The school will be holding its annual Open Day and Garden Party on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June** from 2 – 4.30pm. This is a great way to get to know the school and provides it with much needed income. The Bible School is entirely self-financing. There will be a children's corner and puppet workshop also. Everyone welcome. The address of the school is Nutbourne House, Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester PO18 8SD.

**YOUTH, PROJECTS, CASH:** Are you planning to work on a voluntary project and need cash? The Catenian Association, a worldwide Catholic men's organisation, is very happy to consider grant applications from 16 to 25 year olds for community based projects at home and overseas. Thirsty for more information? Contact George Watson on 07771 523983 or pick up a yellow brochure from church.

**DINE FILIPINO:** Filipino members of our community invite you to sample their national dishes with tea and coffee afterwards, on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June** in St Mary's Hall at 7pm, to raise funds for the Junior Journey in Faith Programme. Please bring your own plates, cutlery, glasses and beverages. Tickets are £10 each (adults only) and are available from Bella Nicholas, Jane Roberts, Nicki Smith, Jean Watson or Doug in the Parish Office.

**VISIT TYBURN CONVENT AND THE SHRINE TO THE HOLY MARTYRS:** on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June**, leaving St Philip Howard Church, Fareham at 9.30am and arriving back at 7pm. Day includes Mass, Adoration, Talk and Tour. Cost is £15 per person. Contact Yvette Harrington on 01329 832781 for more information or to book a place.

**SKITTLES EVENING:** At Bridgemary Methodist Church on **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May** at 6pm. Cost is £2 per person payable on the night. All are welcome.

**JUST LISTEN!** This one day course offered by the Acorn Christian Listening Trust will take place at St Bede's, Basingstoke on **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June**. It is open to anyone interested in learning how to listen more effectively, and is particularly suitable for Catechists, visitors to the sick and housebound, pastoral council members, and those involved in bereavement support. Further details on the posters in all churches, or from Keith Chappell [kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and 01329 835583. Cost is £20 including a light lunch.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S:** If anyone would like to join the Children's Liturgy team at St Mary's please talk to Fr Peter, Doug or any of the Children's Liturgists. All candidates who are 18 years or older will have to complete a Criminal Records Bureau application form, as well as attend a Child Protection Awareness training session in due course.

## **Establishing Your Thoughts**

**Healing Promise:** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7)

**Healing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I thank you for your Word, which is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.<sup>1</sup> Enable me to walk in the light of your Word at all times. As I do so, I realize that I will never have to worry again. Instead, through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, I will let my requests be made known unto you. Thank you for your wonderful promise to let your peace, which surpasses all understanding, keep my heart and mind through Christ Jesus.<sup>2</sup> I claim that promise for my thought life now, Father.

Thank you for bringing me up out of the horrible pit in which I found myself, out of the miry clay, and for setting my feet upon the solid rock of your Word.<sup>3</sup> In so doing, Father, you have helped me establish my thoughts. Indeed, I have discovered that you are my refuge and strength, a very present help to me in times of trouble.<sup>4</sup> Thank you, Father.

I rejoice in your great faithfulness to me, Father, for I know that you are establishing me, and you are keeping me from all evil.<sup>5</sup> Thank you, mighty God. Help me to walk worthy of you, unto all pleasing. Help me to be fruitful in every good work. Help me to increase in my knowledge of you.<sup>6</sup>

Strengthen me with all might, according to your glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.<sup>7</sup> Eternal God, you are my refuge, and underneath me are your everlasting arms, supporting me.<sup>8</sup> Thank you for establishing my thoughts according to your Word.

God, you are my strength. You are making my feet like hinds' feet and encouraging me to walk upon high places without fear.<sup>9</sup> You are my confidence, Father, and I know you will help me to keep my footing.<sup>10</sup> Thank you for giving me perfect peace, as I keep my mind stayed upon you and continue to trust in you.<sup>11</sup> In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.<sup>12</sup>

**References:** 1) Ps 119:105; 2) Phil 4:6-7; 3) Ps 40:2; 4) Ps 46:1; 5) 2 Thess 3:3; 6) Col 1:10; 7) Col 1:11; 8) Dtn 33:27; 9) Hab 3:19; 10) Prov 3:26; 11) Is 26:3; 12) Jn 15:16.