



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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24th/25th APRIL 2010 –FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 24th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Tom & Cath Moriarty (60 th Wed anniv)
SUNDAY 25th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Catherine Slater RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Mary Fitzgerald RIP

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

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 26th – 30th APRIL

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Easter Wk 4	No service		
Tue	Easter Wk 4	Theresa Devlin (Health) & Mother's intentions	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Easter Wk 4	Rosary Eamonn Barrett RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St Catherine of Siena	Alice (Health)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Easter Wk 4	Alan Thomas White RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the date for the Fish & Chip Supper is Fri 21st May and not Fri 14th May as previously advertised. More details inside this newsletter.

There will be an Obligatory Second Collection after all Masses this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1051.77p inc gift-aid. 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 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 27th April** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Jean Watson. The following week the duty Minister will be Joe Barrett. At St Columba's on **Thu 29th April** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 1st May** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Liam Morrissey 10 - 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Hannah Allen & Florence Ojong 12 – 1pm.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: in St Mary's Church on **Fri 7th May** starting at 10.30am (tea and coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). Everyone welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES: are being emptied now by the Promoters. Thank you to all box-holders for your generous support of the Missions. You might like to know that during 2009 our parish was the fourth highest collector for the Missions in our diocese.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: will meet in St Mary's Hall on **Fri 30th April** at 6.30pm. All young people of at least secondary school age are welcome.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 27th April	Upper Room	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 4th May	St Mary's Hall	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Confirmation)	Tue 4th May	St Mary's Hall	8.30pm
Children's Session	Sat 8th May	St Joseph's	9 – 11am
Celebration Service	Sun 9th May	St Joseph's	9am

FATHER PETER'S PRAYER GROUP: will meet this **Thu 29th April** in the church of Our Lady of Walsingham, Portchester at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER: led by Fr James Boyle (former Parish Priest of Park Gate) on **Mon 17th May** at the church of Our Lady of Walsingham, Portchester from 7 to 9pm. The evening will include some teaching on the theme of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. Everybody welcome.

LIFE TO THE FULL – bringing the Bible alive: A five session series of talks presented on DVD for parishes, by David Payne and Jenny Baker, exploring how the Scriptures can strengthen our faith and give us new hope and joy in everyday life. All sessions will be in the Church Hall, Immaculate Conception, Stubbington with the first being on **Thu 29th April at 7.30pm**. There will be an opportunity for discussion and prayerful reflection. Everyone welcome but please complete a booking form and submit to Stubbington Parish or to Doug in our Parish Office. Booking forms are available in all churches or from Doug.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage with Bishop Crispian takes place from **20th – 27th August this year**. Travel by Euro-star (via Paris), coach or plane (Stansted) direct to Lourdes. Brochures, application forms, and medical forms available from Mgr Vincent Harvey, St Edmund's Presbytery, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, Hants SO15 2EQ; or from vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk or the diocesan web site. The overall leader of the pilgrimage this year will be Bishop Doyle of Northampton.

VOCATIONS: Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. That is why it is the day chosen as World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated life. Pope Benedict has written to us this year on the theme 'Witness Awakens Vocations'. He cites the examples of the Prophets of the Old Testament dedicating their entire existence to bearing witness to God. Jesus, he says, is the 'supreme Witness to God and to his concern for the salvation of all.' As we look forward to the visit of Pope Benedict to our shores please continue to pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Please also pray for the success of this year's Vocation Discernment Weekend, Invocation 2010 (www.invocation.org.uk)

INVOCATION 2010 – a national vocations discernment weekend for young adults: to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from **2nd – 4th July 2010**. This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16 -35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God's will for their lives and at least be open to the possibility of priesthood or consecrated life. To find out more please talk to Fr Peter and go to www.invocation.org.uk where more information and a booking form are available.

FISH & CHIP SUPPER: and social evening on **Fri 21st May** in St Mary's Hall from 7 – 10.30pm. Tickets at £4 each (inc meal) are available from the Parish Office or from Sandy at St Joseph's (tel 07729 929549). There will be a quiz (not as hard as last time) and beetle drive with prizes. On the night you will need to present your ticket to obtain your meal which must be ordered when you purchase your ticket. Everyone welcome.