



The Catholic Church in Gosport

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Regd Charity No: 246871/2



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24th/25th OCTOBER 2009 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 24th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	George (Health)
SUNDAY 25th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Bro Stephen O'Gorman (Intentions)
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Brian Davies RIP

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 31st Oct as Fr Peter will be attending the National Conference of the Catholic Women's League in his capacity as Diocesan Chaplain.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 26th – 30th OCT

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	of the day	No service		
Tue	of the day	Sue Cole RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	Rosary Kelly Blackman (Health)	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	Sr Theresa McGarry (Health)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of the day	No service		

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final Mass counts will be held in all churches this weekend. Thank you to all who have helped with the counts during the month.

Next weekend there will be an Obligatory Collection after all Masses for our sister diocese of Bamenda. Please take home a copy of 'Our Bamenda Link 2009' which is available in all churches.

The Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £1111.12p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated next weekend.

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 27th Oct** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Libby Beasley. The following week the duty Minister will be Theresa Fleming. At St Columba's on **Thu 29th Oct** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. **Please note there will be no Exposition on Sat Oct 31st as Fr Peter will be attending the National Conference of the Catholic Women's league.**

ROTAS FOR SATURDAY EXPOSITION: are available for collection in respective churches.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: in St Mary's Church on **Fri 6th Nov** from 10.30am (tea and coffee in the Upper Room of the Hall from 10am) to include the Rosary, Exposition, Reconciliation, Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet as well as a little shared Bible study. All are welcome.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: Scripture Scholar, Fr Peter Edmonds SJ, will lead a study day on Luke's Gospel at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham on **Tue 17th Nov** from 10.30am to 3pm. Cost is £15 per person. Please take a packed lunch. To book a place please complete one of the booking forms which can be found in all churches. **Please note change of Speaker. Fr Denis McBride is unavailable.**

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Catechists' Meeting	Tue 27th Oct	Upper Room	7.30pm
Parents' Meeting (Eucharist)	Tue 3rd Nov	St Mary's Hall	7.30pm
Children's Session	Sat 7th Nov	St Joseph's Church	9-11am
Celebration Service	Sun 8th Nov	St Joseph's Church	9.15am

ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH: Next meeting on **Sat 14th Nov** in Maryhouse at 10am.

ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR: New singers will be very welcome, no previous experience necessary!

THE CHRIST WE ARE, THE CHRIST WE SHARE – BOURNEMOUTH 22nd – 24th JANUARY 2010: An opportunity for people involved in church ministry to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others. The theme will be explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection, and liturgy. For more information please see posters in all churches. Booking forms available from Doug in the Parish Office. Deadline for bookings is **20th October**.

SUNG VESPERS: in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Sun 1st Nov** at 5pm with Schola Gregoriana Sancti Nicolai. Everyone is welcome. Any interested male singers would be very welcome to join the group.

PRAYING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: An opportunity for youth leaders and catechists to explore how we can introduce young people to prayer and different ways of praying. The evening will also be an opportunity to meet with other youth leaders and to share good practice. This will be on **Tue 17th Nov** from 7.30pm to 9pm (refreshments from 7pm) at Wisdom House, Romsey (next to Romsey Abbey). To book a place please contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or at estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THE KING LIVES!: A day for 12 – 18 year olds at St Edmund's School, Portsmouth on **Sun 22nd Nov** from 10am until 6pm. Day includes live rock music, international mime artist Steve Murray, as well as workshops in African drumming, mime, music, drama, art and more. Please contact Jean Watson on 023 92 521985 for your application form.

PRAYER AND FIREWORKS: for 12 – 30 year olds at 6.30pm on **Fri 6th Nov** at Jean Watson's home, 13 Beech Grove, Alverstoke. Please bring a firework! Call Jean on 023 92 521985 to book a place or see her after Mass.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC FOR FAIRTRADE: Hosted by Gosport Fairtrade Action at the Discovery Centre (Library) on **Thu 29th Oct** from 7.30 – 9.30pm. The evening will present an exciting mix of music from classical guitar to barbershop and jazz. Tickets at £4 per person are available from the Discovery Centre. For more information please contact Nuisha on 023 92 545280.

CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP: Annual General Meeting at 2.30pm on **Sat 7th Nov** at St Edward's Church, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford. Everyone welcome.

VACANCY - ADVISOR FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE : we are looking for a committed Catholic, passionate about all aspects of Marriage and Family Life, who will continue the work of promoting and supporting the 'Celebrating Family' initiative in the diocese. The post is for two years and the successful applicant should hold a degree in Theology or a closely related subject. The Dpt is based at Park Place and the salary is £18000 pa for a 21 hour week. For an application pack please contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

STEWARDSHIP: Bishop Crispian invites you to 'Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good', an opportunity to find out what stewardship is and why it is so important in the life of our diocese. This will take place on **Sat 14th Nov** from 10am until 4pm, at St George School, Southampton. The cost is £5 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To book please see Jean Watson at St Mary's or contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHRISTMAS FAYRE MEETING: for all those who would like to help in any way. Just come along to St Mary's Hall on **Thu 29th Oct** at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier. Age is no barrier!

VACANCY: For a full-time Fundraising Campaign Administrator to work in the Diocesan Dpt for Finance & Property in Portsmouth. For an application form and job description please contact Soraya Ciccarone on 023 92 825430 or soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for applications **Fri 13th Nov**.

ECUMENICAL SKITTLE EVENING: at Bridgemaury Methodist Church, Gregson Avenue, on **Fri 30th Oct** at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. £2 entrance fee per person.

APF RED MISSION BOXES: The total collected via the boxes for 2009 was £3412. This is another superb effort especially in view of the current economic climate. Please do think about having a mission box in your home to collect loose change from friends, family and neighbours etc. Just give Joe Barrett a call on 023 92 587339 or contact Doug in the Parish Office. Likewise if your box wasn't emptied recently please let Joe or Doug know. Thank you. Special thanks to Joe and his team of Promoters for their hard work on behalf of our parish and the missions.

THANK YOU: once again to our volunteer cleaners who have been working hard to keep our churches clean and tidy. We need more help at St Joseph's so do please contact Doug in the Parish Office if you can assist.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL): Hilda Kuypers would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning at her home last Wednesday, especially Phyllis and Jane who worked so hard to prepare everything. The grand total of £121.40p was raised which will be used to help support the CWL charities.

COUNTERS' ROTAS: are available in respective churches.

COFFEE IN ST MARY'S HALL: after 11am Mass on **Sun 1st Nov**. Everyone welcome.

**CHURCHES HOMELESS ACTION 2009 -
MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR SOMEONE IN NEED**

Details of how to participate in this initiative will now appear in next weekend's newsletter.