



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

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

<b>SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Bill Marshfield RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Sean Donohoe RIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's next Saturday 12 – 1pm.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 27<sup>th</sup> APR – 1<sup>st</sup> MAY**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Liturgy</u></b>	<b><u>Intention</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Easter wk 3</b>	Requiem Mass for Jim Connell RIP	1.15pm	St Mary's
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Easter wk 3</b>	Ariston Lebin RIP	10am	St Mary's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	Rosary Mark Palmer RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Easter wk 3</b>	Alan White RIP	10am	St Columba's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Easter wk 3</b>	Dick Power RIP	12 noon	St Mary's

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This weekend we welcome Fr Tony Day who will be celebrating all Masses whilst Fr Peter is away on pilgrimage. Thank you to Fr Tony.

Next weekend there will be an obligatory collection after all Masses for the Clergy Training Fund.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1224.86p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

**PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS OF PARISH MAY FAYRE NEXT SATURDAY. EVERYONE WELCOME. PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS.**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> April** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Lesley Taylor. The following week the duty minister will be Joe Barrett. At St Columba's after 10am Mass until mid-day. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 2<sup>nd</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.

**PARISH MAY FAYRE:** on **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May** in St Mary's Hall from 10am to 2pm in order to raise money for a 'Parish Youth Fund'. Helpers are needed so please contact Sandy Cameron on 07729 929549 or Mary Rogers on 07952 505620 if you would like to be involved. **Help from some of our younger parishioners will be especially welcome but we also need help from some of our more senior parishioners!** Donated good quality items of bric-a-brac and nearly new jumble as well as, toys, **craft items, bottles, cakes, tins, plants** and tools (no knives or electrical items) etc will be much appreciated as will **raffle prizes**. However, please note, items must only be delivered to St Mary's Hall at the set times which will be advertised in this newsletter. The next of these is on **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April from 5.30 – 6.30pm** . Please do not bring items to the churches or the Parish Office. Thank you.

**ITEMS INC CAKES ETC CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE HALL FROM 4PM ON FRI 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY UNTIL 7PM AND ON THE MORNING OF THE FAYRE BEFORE 10AM.**

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN – BAKE WITH MUM/NAN:** why not get together with Mum or Nan to bake a cake for the May Fayre for delivery to St Mary's Hall on **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May after 4pm**. Rosettes will be presented for the best cakes in the under 11 age group (fairy cakes) and 11 upwards (larger cakes). Make sure you put a note with your cake saying who you are with Mum/Nan's contact details. Good luck!

**FACE PAINTERS NEEDED:** If you are are skilled in face painting, or know of someone who is, and would like to help to fundraise at the Parish May Fayre please contact Sandy or Mary as soon as possible (telephone numbers above). Alternatively talk to Doug in the Parish Office.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:** Have you been to Medjugorje? Has it changed your life? Do you wish to share and explore the spirituality of Medjugorje? Come to the First Friday Devotions on **1<sup>st</sup> May** when 'Medjugorje' will be the theme of the day. Father Peter will lead the day having just returned from pilgrimage there. All are invited. We shall begin at 10am in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall with tea and coffee. Devotions begin at 10.30am in St Mary's Church. Mass will be at 12 noon approx and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Fr Peter is delighted that new Ministers of Word & Communion were commissioned and many of our existing ministers re-commissioned during a beautiful Mass on Holy Thursday. Those ministers who were unable to attend will be commissioned/re-commissioned during the 11am Mass on **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

**CONCERT:** Hymn writer and musician Fr John Glynn and his band 'Aquila' will be performing at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Portchester on **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm. There will be two sessions of 45 minutes each with a break in the middle of approx 20 minutes. Refreshments will be provided. For more details please contact Rebecca on 023 92 381802.

**SOLENT PASTORAL AREA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** From **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> to Sat 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009**. Fr John Humphreys will lead the pilgrimage. Cost is £450 per person (a deposit of £50 is payable when booking). Cheques should be made payable to 'Pilgrimage Options'. There will be a meeting at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stubbington after the 9.30am Mass on **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May**. For further details please contact Liz Chidlow on 01329 664627; Joan Baker on 01329 664798; or Stubbington Parish Office on 01329 664260 between 10am and 1pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday only.

**STUDY DAY AT THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL, NUTBOURNE:** 'When Israel came out of Egypt' (Exodus) to be led by Fr Laurence O'Keffe OSB on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am to 3.30pm. Prior booking is helpful though not essential. Tel 01243 371766. Suggested donation payable on the day is £15 per person.

**YOUTH WEEKEND:** Fr Peter invites the youth of the parish to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination with an outdoor Mass followed by a barbecue on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 6.30pm. If you have not received your invitation please see Jean Watson after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May** is the Diocesan Youth Day at Oaklands Catholic School. During the morning there will be many activities and workshops to suit all ages – teenage through to young adults. The Archbishop of Bamenda will celebrate Mass followed by a barbecue. There will be a charge of £5 for this day. If you are interested please contact Fr Peter, Doug in the Parish Office or Jean Watson.

**APF RED MISSION BOXES:** Joe Barrett has banked all the donations from the mission boxes for the first half of the year. The total raised was £1755. The boxes will be emptied again in September. Thank you to all our box-holders, and to Joe and his team of Promoters who work so hard on behalf of the missions. This is another magnificent effort. If you would like a mission box in your home please give Joe a call on 023 92 587339 or contact Doug in the Parish Office. Most people who have a mission box fill it with small change - it's amazing how it all adds up so do please think about having a box in your home!

**VULNERABLE ADULT AND CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS**

**TRAINING SESSIONS:** Diocesan policy is that all parishioners who engage with children and/or 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 Doug in the Parish Office. The nearest training sessions are as follows: Child Protection Awareness – St Colman's Church Hall, Cosham on **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April** from 6.30 – 9pm); St Margaret Mary, Park Gate on **Thu 14<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville on **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm. Vulnerable Adult Awareness – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate on **Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30 – 9pm; St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park on **Thu 11<sup>th</sup> June** from 6.30 – 9pm. We will do our best to arrange lifts for all those attending.

**'FRANCIS':** a compelling new drama which will be performed at Park Place, Wickham on **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May**. Details and booking forms can be found in all churches or telephone Park Place on 01329 833043.

**GOSPORT FAIR FOR ALL:** At the Gosport Discovery Centre on **Thu 30<sup>th</sup> April** from 3 – 7pm. Find out what is available in Gosport! Discuss your needs on job seeking, learning, education, child care, housing, support and lots more!