



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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25th/26th JULY 2009 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year I; Prayer of the Church: Week 1

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 25th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Maria RIP
SUNDAY 26th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	No intention
	11.00am	St. Mary's	People of the Parish

There will be no Confessions on Saturdays at St Mary's during August. However, Fr Tony Day will be available before weekday Masses to hear Confessions if required.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 27th – 31st JULY

<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	Private Intention	10am	St Mary's
Wed	St Martha	Rosary No intention	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of the day	Terry Franklin RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	St Ignatius of Loyola		No service	

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1074.11p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

PRAYER PETITIONS: for Medjugorje can be handed to Fr Peter or Doug in the Parish Office by no later than Wed 29th July. Please seal your petition in an envelope and do not include any money. 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 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 28th July** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Pat Miles. The following week the duty Minister will be Anna Oliver. At St Columba's on **Thu 30th July** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 1st Aug** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Liam Morrissey & Neil Shaw 10 -11am; Bill & Mo Feltham 11am – 12pm; Theresa Fleming & Anna Oliver 12 – 1pm.

Rotas for Saturday Exposition are now available in the respective churches.

HOLY WATER: is available at the back of St Mary's Church for anyone who wishes to take some home. Please fill your own container. Water is a symbol of life and Holy Water has been used for centuries to bless and for spiritual protection.

CANDLE PRAYER: you will see a beautiful prayer next to one of the candle stands in each church. Please do use this prayer when you light a votive candle.

FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST: Please note there will be no First Friday devotions at St Mary's in August as Fr Peter will be away.

CELEBRATE SOUTHAMPTON – FAITH AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY: At St Mary's College, Bitterne Park on the weekend of **26/27 September**. Guest Speakers include: David Payne, John Vaughan-Neil, Steve Murray and David Matthews. Drama from Steve Murray and various local youth groups. Variety of workshops and seminars as well as a full programme of activities for children and young adults. For more information visit www.celebrateconference.org or telephone Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058.

FANNING THE FLAME: A Summer Camp for 10 – 25 year olds in the New Forest from **17th – 21st August**. For further details please contact Sr Maria Natella O.P. on 01590 681 874 or visit www.ftfcm.com

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 3rd Aug** at 10am. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST JOSEPH'S: on **Wed 29th July** at 1pm. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. There were only three people last time.

QUIZ NIGHT AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER: in St Mary's Hall on **Fri 31st July** at 7.00pm in support of the Parish Youth Fund. Tickets are now only available from the Parish Office or from Sandy Cameron on 023 92 503763 and cost £6 per person. Just order your meal when you buy a ticket! Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be included but please bring your own alcohol. A variation on bingo plus quiz and raffle will be held. Maximum of 8 persons per quiz team. Please do support this event and the youth of our parish.

THANK YOU: to the volunteers who came to help prune and weed at St Columba's last weekend. Though few in number we achieved a great deal and the garden is now looking good.

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL – STAFF VACANCIES: The school currently has vacancies for the following members of staff for September 2009: Two **Learning Support Assistants** – temporary posts for one year, term time only. **Evening Cleaners** – permanent posts. **Catering Assistant** to work in the canteen, permanent part-time post. **Business Manager**, permanent full time post. For further details about these vacancies please see the school website at www.oaklands.hants.sch.uk or contact the school on 023 9225 9214.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet on **Tue 28th July** in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's Church, Bridgemary at 2pm. All mums are welcome.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Fr Peter and Doug wish all parishioners a happy summer holiday season and a safe journey to all those who are travelling. We welcome all visitors to Gosport. Have a lovely rest from your normal routine but remember your Christian duties continue because there is no holiday from God! God blesses us all.

MESSAGE FROM FR PETER: I will soon be away leading a youth pilgrimage to Medjugorje, followed by a private retreat and then my summer holiday. During my absence our Parish Administrator, Doug Savege, will be in charge of things. As on previous occasions, Fr Tony Day has kindly agreed to celebrate all Masses and will be available for spiritual and sacramental needs. Please help them to ensure that parish life continues as normal in all areas. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 12th Sep	<i>Cafod Supporters Day & Climate Justice Mass – Basingstoke</i>
Wed 16th – Thu 17th Sep	<i>Visit of relics of St Therese of Lisieux - Cathedral</i>
Sat 19th Sep	<i>Cafod's Renew the Face of the Earth – A half day for Confirmation Catechists – Winchester</i>
26th – 27th Sept	<i>Celebrate Southampton - Faith & Fun for the whole family (See above)</i>

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CATHOLIC CHURCH REGULATIONS: SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC

During the current swine flu epidemic, in keeping with the latest guidelines that I have received, I recommend that the following measures be implemented in Catholic Churches throughout the diocese from this weekend:

- 1) The Sign of Peace during Mass: instead of a handshake each member of the congregation is asked to hold their hands as in prayer, turn to their immediate neighbours, bowing slightly and saying “Peace be with you”.
- 2) Holy Communion is to be given only on the hand, not on the tongue or from the chalice.
- 3) Ministers of the Sacred Host are asked to ensure their hands are washed with sanitizers (provided) before and after ministering communion.

These regulations will remain in place until further notice. It is hoped that the reasons for this temporary policy will be understood and appreciated. They have been made out of particular pastoral concern for the vulnerable, namely, the elderly, children and those with underlying health problems.

Bishop Crispian Hollis
