



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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27th/28th FEBRUARY 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 2

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 27th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 28th	9.15am	St. Mary's	William & Sarah Munro RIP & dec'd family members
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Raymond Ojong (Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 6th March 12 – 1pm.

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 1st – 5th MARCH

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	St David	No service		
Tue	of week 2 Lent	Bill Cliffe RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	of week 2 Lent	Rosary Norbert Power RIP	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	of week 2 Lent	Maria RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	of week 2 Lent	Isobel Evans (10yrs) RIP & Parents Roger & Petra (Intentions) Stations of the Cross	12 noon 3pm	St Mary's St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £ 1087.68p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend to collect your Lent Fast day offerings on behalf of Cafod.

RETURN TO ROMANCE - STROLLING: Plenty of tickets are still available for this fundraising event at the Kings Theatre on **Sun 28th March**. Please contact Doug in the Parish Office or see Nigel Hearnden.

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 2nd March** 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 4th March** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 6th March** from 10am – 1pm. Duty Supervisors will be: Libby Beasley & Liam Morrissey 10 - 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Theresa Fleming & Anthonia Nwokora 12 – 1pm.

We do need some more volunteers to guard the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition on Saturday mornings. If you would like to help please telephone Eddie Watson on 01329 313522.

LENT REFLECTION GROUP: in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall on **Fri 5th March** and continuing each Friday during Lent, from 11am until 12.15pm. All welcome. Please bring a bible and note book.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: in St Columba's Church every Saturday at 5.20pm and St Mary's Church every Friday at 6.30pm (except First Friday in March when they will be at 3pm). Also in St Mary's every Tuesday at 11am in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: led by Fr Peter on **Fri 5th March** in St Mary's Church from 10.30am (tea/coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). The theme for the day is 'Mary, Mother of the Suffering Jesus'. Everyone is welcome.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION: organised jointly by the Union of Catholic Mothers and Catholic Women's League on **Wed 3rd March** at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham. The day will run from 10am to 3.30pm and be led by Fr Peter Glas. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and soup will be served at £3 per head. All ladies of the parish are very welcome to attend. To reserve a place please telephone 023 92 580681.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's Church, Bridgemary on **Mon 1st March** at 2pm. All mums are welcome.

ADULT JOURNEY IN FAITH: The final session will be on **Sat 6th March** in Maryhouse at 10am.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 20-24 MAY

2010: The Bishopric of the Forces invites active servicemen and women to join this pilgrimage. Reservists are very welcome. Costs for uniformed personnel are heavily subsidised: flights + 4 nights full-board hotel accommodation is £290. Further details and booking forms are available from Mgr Paul Donovan on 023 92 625193 or paul.donovan506@mod.uk

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Parents' Meeting (Eucharistic)	Tue 2nd Mar	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 6th Mar	9-11am	St Joseph's
Celebration Service	Sun 7th Mar	9.15am	St Mary's

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: A talk by Charles Wookey, Assistant General Secretary to Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales, in St John's Cathedral Hall, Portsmouth on **Thu 4th March** at 7.30pm. The talk is entitled 'The debate on Assisted Suicide - How best to meet the challenge'.

MEMORIAL BOOK: we will shortly be placing a Parish Memorial Book on permanent display in the Divine Mercy Chapel of St Mary's Church. The book will be open at each page of the year displaying the names of those from our communities who have passed away on that date, and for whom prayers may be offered. During Lent you are invited to give names for inclusion in the book to Doug in the Parish Office. Please print clearly and remember to include the date of passing away. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: A ten day pilgrimage is arranged for the **7th to 17th June 2010**. Fr Peter Glas will lead the pilgrimage as Spiritual Director. Shared accommodation (half-board) and coach transfers in Dubrovnik will cost 290 euros per person. Transport to and from Gatwick airport and travel insurance **are not** included.

Pilgrims are asked to book their own flights (over the internet is normally cheaper) as soon as possible, and the earlier flights are booked the lower the fares are likely to be. The flights we will be using are as follows:

7th June BA 2882 London Gatwick depart 09.50 arrive Dubrovnik 13.35

17th June BA 2883 Dubrovnik depart 14.30 arrive London Gatwick 16.20

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Doug in the Parish Office for more information and a booking form.

'A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS' (Sir Thomas More): A play by Robert Bolt at the New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth from **17th – 20th March**. Tickets from the box office on 023 92 649000. More details available from Antony Cruddas on 023 92 503364.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER : 'Let everything that has breath praise God'. A service prepared by Christian Women of Cameroon on Fri 5th March:

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport	10.30am	Speaker: Jean Watson
Bridgemary Methodist Church	2.00pm	Speaker: Lynne Matthews
St Mary's Church, High St, Gosport	7.30pm	Speaker: Maureen Williams

All are welcome to come along – men, women and young people.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL: Do please keep an eye on the notice boards in St Mary's Church for details of events being held at the Bible School in Nutbourne. The school is an invaluable resource and as well as holding study days and retreats it also hosts spiritual events including Adoration and Healing Masses.

FAIRTRADE: We are a Fairtrade Parish! This means that we are expected by the Diocese to hold an event to mark Fairtrade Fortnight (**Feb 22 to Mar 7 this year**). Sandy Cameron will be selling Fairtrade products in St Mary's Hall on **Sun 7th March** after the 11am Mass. We shall also be asking you to consider taking part in the Big Swap – i.e exchanging a usual purchase (tea, coffee, t-shirts or whatever) for a Fairtrade product.

LIVING OUR FAITH – COMMITMENT SUNDAY & CELEBRATION: The Living Our Faith campaign in our parish is drawing to a close and will culminate in Commitment Sunday next weekend, when anyone who has not yet pledged and would like to, may do so. We are aware that for a variety of reasons we have not been able to contact all parishioners and as a result you will find a pledge card attached to this newsletter. Please take it home to complete and return it next weekend via the collection plate at Mass or through the letter box at the Parish Office. For the purpose of ensuring confidentiality you should use a sealed envelope marked 'Living Our Faith'. **If you have pledged a gift already or are unable to pledge please discard the form.** After the 11am Mass on **Sun 7th March** everyone is invited to a celebration in St Mary's Hall in recognition of what has already been a remarkable effort by our parish. The prayerful and financial support of the campaign has been tremendous. Please do come along. The more the merrier!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S: we urgently need more volunteers to help with the children's Liturgy during the 11am Mass at St Mary's. If you are interested please see Fr Peter, talk to Tricia Stevenson after Mass, or contact Doug in the Parish Office.

WINTERSHALL: all places have now been filled. Tickets will be given out on the day of travel. Please give your payment to Doug in the Parish Office as soon as you can remembering to make cheques payable to *PRCDTR-Gosport*. Total cost per adult including travel is £23 and per child/youth including travel is £5.