



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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27th/28th MARCH 2010 – PALM SUNDAY

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	George R Light RIP
SUNDAY 28th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Mollie Kiely RIP
	11.00am	St. Mary's	Peter Foster (B'day)

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 3rd April from 10am – 12 noon.

PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1194.16p inc gift-aid. Thank you.

We have not as yet boxed in the low level central heating pipes in St Joseph's. This will happen shortly. Please ensure that children do not stand on the pipes! Thank you.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Envelopes for your Easter Offerings (for those who do not have them already) are now available in all churches. In keeping with tradition all the collections at Masses on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday will be for Father Peter. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Pope John Paul II established this feast to be celebrated by the whole Church on the first Sunday after Easter. Fr Peter will lead a service (Holy Hour) for the Solent Pastoral Area in St Mary's Church on Sun 11th April at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

As we prepare to begin the most important celebration of our faith, in union with the whole Church across the world, let us cherish and share the graces and blessings that God in his mercy and love will bestow upon each of us during Holy Week and Easter - for God's graces and blessings are many, even when life is more difficult than we would wish it to be. Father Peter and Doug wish parishioners and visitors alike, a Peaceful, Holy and Happy celebration of our faith, and offer heartfelt thanks to everyone for making our celebrations possible.

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 names on the front sheet.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: will resume after Easter. New rotas for Saturday Exposition are available in all churches this weekend.

RE-COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to be re-commissioned and receive a blessing during the Maundy Thursday Mass in St Mary's, on **1st April** at 8pm.

ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: there will be a special Children's Liturgy in St Mary's Hall during the 11am Mass on Palm Sunday. Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy in St Mary's on Easter Sunday or Sun 11th April.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 29th March** at 10am. Do come along and lend a hand if you can. Everyone welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S: all parishioners are invited to bring yellow and white flowers in remembrance of loved ones to St Mary's Church on **Holy Saturday (3rd April)** between 10am and 12 noon. Prayer labels will be available at the back of the church. **Volunteers to assist the Flower Arrangers will be most welcome.**

'INTO GREAT SILENCE': a film about the Carthusians of the Grande Chartreuse will be shown at the no 6 Cinema in the dockyard on **Tue 30th March.** It is a near silent meditation on monastic life in a very pure form. More details from Antony Cruddas on 023 92 503364.

LEE SINGERS: Present St Luke's Passion by J.S. Bach in St Faith's Church, Lee-on-the-Solent on **Good Friday (2nd April)** at 7.30pm. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

ECUMENICAL MEDITATION: in Bridgemaury Methodist Church on **Mon 29th March** at 7pm. All welcome.

THANK YOU: we had an excellent response from volunteers who came to clean St Joseph's last week. The church is looking beautifully clean and tidy, so a big thank you to everyone who came to help. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING: We are reminded that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

TRIANGLE: The latest edition of our free parish magazine is available in all churches this weekend. Special thanks to our team who work very hard to publish this magazine. Please do take a copy home with you.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: our free diocesan magazine is also available in all churches this weekend. Again, please do take a copy home with you.

COFFEE IN ST MARY'S HALL: after 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Everyone welcome.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: will meet this **Mon 29th March** at 2pm in the Meeting Room at St Columba's Church, Bridgemyr.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please make a special effort to attend these services, especially the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday Mass). This is the most important celebration of our faith.

Mon 29 th March	10.00am	No service
Tues 30 th March	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. (Everyone welcome)
	7.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross St Columba's, Bridgemyr
Wed 31 st March	6.30pm	Rosary at St Mary's
	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary's Rose Cotton RIP
Holy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's
Good Friday	11.15am	Ecumenical Witness outside St Mary's
	3pm	Solemn Liturgy at St Mary's
Holy Saturday	10am to 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's
	12.15pm	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	8pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil at St Mary's
Easter Sunday	9.15am	Mass at St Joseph's
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary's

'I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'