



The Catholic Church in Gosport

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28th/29th MARCH 2009 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY

SATURDAY 28th	6.00pm	St. Columba's	Peter Foster (B'day & family intentions)
SUNDAY 29th	9.15am	St. Joseph's	Edwin Joshy (Thanksgiving)
	11.00am	St. Mary's	People of the Parish

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

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST WEEKDAYS 30th MAR – 3rd APR

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	Lent wk 5	No service		
Tue	Lent wk 5	Tricia Cosens (Health)	10.00am	St Mary's
Wed	Lent wk 5	Rosary	6.30pm	St Mary's
		Mass of Our Lady	7.00pm	St Mary's
		Renee Collins RIP		
Thu	Lent wk 5	No intention	10.00am	St Columba's
Fri	Lent wk 5	No intention	12 noon	St Mary's
		Stations of the Cross	3.00pm	St Mary's

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lenten Penitential Service at St Joseph's on Tue 31st March at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

The parish offerings last weekend amounted to £1297.28p inc gift-aid. The total collected for the Clergy Assistance Fund was £290.30p. Thank you.

This weekend there will be a short talk after each Mass from Libby Beasley about gift-aid. The envelopes for the new tax year are available in the respective churches.

Next Sunday there will be a collection after all Masses for Easter flowers to decorate our churches.

Envelopes for your Easter Offerings (for those who do not have them already) are now available in all churches. They are marked 'Clergy Offering'.

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 31st March** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Pat Miles. The following week the duty minister will be Anna Oliver. (Please note the duty minister should also assist Fr Peter during Holy Communion). At St Columba's on **Thu 2nd April** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 4th April** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Tressie Heather & Juanita White 10 - 11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Theresa Fleming & Anna Oliver 12 – 1pm.

The Exposition rotas for April are now available in the respective churches. If you would like to join the team of parishioners who supervise Exposition in St Mary's on Saturday mornings please contact Eddie Watson on 01329 313522.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will be at 5.20pm in St Columba's Church every Saturday and at 6.30pm in St Mary's on Fridays. Please note, however, on the First Fridays Stations will be in St Mary's at 3pm only.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST PAUL – ST PAUL AND THE SACRAMENTS: the final session will be in **Maryhouse** (Parish Office) from 11am to 1pm on **Thu 2nd April**.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: at St Mary's Church on **Fri 3rd April** beginning at 10.30am (tea/coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon and there will be Stations of the Cross at 3pm. All are welcome.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: at St John's Church, Lee on **Wed 1st April** at 2pm. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING: We are reminded that Good Friday is a day of strict fasting for all Catholics and we must refrain from eating meat. Those in the age range 15 to 65 years may eat 2 snacks and one meal only unless medical conditions dictate otherwise. This is the teaching of the Catholic Church.

RED MISSION BOXES: During the next week or two Promoters will be calling to empty the Red Boxes. Thank you so much for your support of the Missions. Our parish always donates so generously.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING AND REFRESHER SESSIONS: the final session with Fr Peter will be in St Mary's Hall on **Fri 3rd April at 7.45pm**. This session is mandatory for new ministers and all existing ministers are also asked to attend to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this ministry. New ministers will be commissioned during the Maundy Thursday Mass.

Please note, existing Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned during the Maundy Thursday Mass also.

PARISH MAY FAYRE: on **Sat 2nd 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.** Donated good quality items of bric-a-brac and nearly new jumble as well as books, cds, videos, toys, craft items, bottles, cakes 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 one of these is **Thu 2nd April** from 8 – 9pm. Please do not bring items to the churches or the Parish Office. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: will meet in Maryhouse on **Wed 1st April** at 2pm. The guest speaker will be Honora Power who will give a talk on meditation. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: the latest edition of our diocesan magazine is now available in all churches. Please take a free copy home with you.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MARY'S: on **Mon 6th April** after 10am Mass. Please do come along and lend a hand if you can. It will be nice to see some of our younger parishioners helping. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

ROSARY BEADS FOUND: a set of blue and silver Rosary Beads have been found in Kent Road, Bridgemarky. If you think they might be yours please talk to Marilyn Hayles at St Columba's Church or contact Doug in the Parish Office.

HELP NEEDED: Phil and Mary O'Brien do a superb job of maintaining the grounds at St Joseph's Church. On **Wed 15th April** they would very much appreciate some help to fill a large skip with piles of garden waste etc. If you can help please be at St Joseph's for about 10.30am. Younger parishioners will be welcome.

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/Sunday). This is the most important celebration of our faith.

Mon 6 th April	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tues 7 th April	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
	7.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross St Columba's, Bridgemarky
Wed 8 th April	6.30pm	Rosary at St Mary's
	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary's
Holy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's
Good Friday	11.15am	Ecumenical Witness outside St Mary's
	3pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary's
Holy Saturday	9.45am	Blessing of the Food at St Mary's
	10am to 12 noon	Confession 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 Columba's
	11.00am	Mass at St Mary's

Please note, with only one priest ministering to our parish it is difficult to ensure that everyone's needs are catered for. The services are timetabled to ensure that this happens to the best of our ability. Father Peter looks forward to welcoming parishioners and visitors alike to all of the above services and especially to the Easter Triduum. Thank you for your co-operation and support.