

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Fareham & Gosport



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29th May 2011
Year (A) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Office Proper

THOUGHT FOR SUNDAY:

Change and Continuity

As we approach Ascension and Pentecost we think about Church. There is no doubt the Church exists but what is it? At Pentecost the Spirit was received by the Apostles. The first Churches were founded by those Apostles and organised with their own Bishop, Presbyters and Deacons so we call the Church 'apostolic.'

Jesus laid the foundations in accepting Peter's confession and making him the rock upon which the Church would be built. The Church is alive; a body of people with a living faith and like all living things it changes. When you see old photographs you recognise a loved one, but the person you know today while essentially the same person is also different. Reading the Acts of the Apostles is like that – recognising a friend we love – while seeing continuity and change.

I have seen many unpredictable changes. Locally we built an extension on the front of St. Margaret Mary Church, the parish Priest has changed and my parish was more recently joined with others. Universally the Mysteries of Light were added to the Rosary, some Feast days have been moved to the nearest Sunday and now the words of the liturgy in Mass are to be changed. I am sure during my lifetime I will see many changes I cannot now predict yet the Church remains true to Christ's call.

Dcn Tony Strike

FIRST FRIDAY DAY OF PRAYER: FRI. 3RD JUNE

In the midst of change, prayer is constant, unchanging and leads us to look to Heaven.

Come to a day of retreat and prayer in intercession for the parish led by Father Peter Glas. Join us for coffee / tea at the Upper Room in St Mary's Parish Hall, Gosport at 10.00 am. We have a varied day of adoration, rosary, confession, mass at 12.00 pm, bible study and sharing over lunch. We end with the Divine Chaplet rosary at 2.00 pm. We will be studying Confessor Saints. We will start the novena for the new Bishop - to find out more, contact Rebecca on 023 92 381802

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY: SAT. 4TH JUNE

The annual Rosary rally is being held at St John's Cathedral beginning with mass at 12.15 pm followed by rosary and procession in reparation and for World Peace ending with Benediction and enrolment in the Brown Scapular. The day will end with refreshments at 3.00 pm in the Discovery Centre.

THE PARISH OPEN DAY: SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 10 AM TO 2.00 PM

Are you riding a bike? Are you visiting a Church? This is your chance to get to know the parish, to explore the churches and find a welcome. Put this date in your diary, set aside a couple of hours and come.

Parish Priest:

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Associate Parish Priests:

Fr John Cooke 01489 572797

Fr Joe McNerney 01329 318869

Fr Peter Glas 02392 580119

Our Church Communities:

Immaculate Conception, Stubbington; St John the Evangelist, Lee-on-the-Solent; St Mary's, Gosport; St Joseph's Gosport; St Columba, Bridgemaury; Sacred Heart, Fareham; St Philip Howard, Fareham; St Mary's Anglican Church, Portchester; St Margaret Mary, Park Gate; The Chapel of St Thomas More, Park Place, Wickham

Parish Deacons:

Dcn Langford Vincent 01329 285617

Dcn Tony Strike 01489 572797

Parish Staff:

Rebecca Goodlad (OLSOTS); Clare Ryan (PG); Michele Edwards (F&P); Joan Hamilton (F&P); Doug Savege (G); Maria Owen (L&S).



The Catholic Church in Gosport

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Regd Charity No: 246871/2



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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 28th May – 5th JUNE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Sat	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mary Smith RIP	6.00pm	St Columba's
Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	John & Betty Kennedy RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's
	"	Les Savege RIP Georgina Savege (Intentions)	11.00am	St Mary's
Mon	Easter Week 6	No service		
Tue	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jakub Dolezal RIP	12 noon	St Mary's
Wed	St Justin	Rosary Bill Farmer (Health) & Brian Farnworth RIP	6.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	Easter Week 6	Bill Feltham RIP	10am	St Columba's
Fri	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Elisabeth & Rachel Sadler (Intentions)	12 noon	St Mary's
Sat	The Ascension of the Lord	Arendse family (Living & dec'd)	6.00pm	St Columba's
Sun	The Ascension of the Lord	Eileen Hallett RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's
	"	Dominic Kennedy RIP	11.00am	St Mary's

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 4th June.

LOCAL NOTICES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL: Tom Bailey, Bill Brunt, Margaret Chowler, Carmel Collins, Jamie Connolly - Burnett, Raymond Critchell, John & Nicky Edwards, Ella Etheridge, Keith Fosker, Gwen Gammon, Jay Gleeson, Beau Henriques, Dolores Hide, Michael Higgins, Gwen Hobley, Rosemary Kiley, Philippa, Roxanne Roberts, Brian Sell, Christy & Anita Tracey, and Darren Woods. All sick parishioners are prayed for at Mass. However, to include a person in this bulletin please contact the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: please pray for those who have died recently, especially John Burns, Esther Mary Frankland, Reg Munford, Mary (Mollie) Simpson and Tony Valente, and all who are being remembered at this time: *see names on front sheet.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: At St Mary's on **Tue 31st May** from 10.30am until 11.45am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Lesley Taylor. The following week the duty Minister will be Jean Watson. At St Columba's on **Thu 2nd June** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Please note there will be no Exposition in St Mary's on **Sat 4th June** due to a wedding.

YOUTH GROUP: will meet in St Mary's Hall on **Fri 3rd June** at 6.30pm. Year 7 and above are very welcome to come along.

JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Parents' Meeting (First Communion)	Tue 7th June	7.30pm	St Mary's Hall
Children's Session	Sat 11th June	9-11am	St Joseph's

The church offerings last weekend amounted to £1172.68p inc gift-aid. Thank you. On the weekend **of 4/5 June** there will be an Obligatory Collection after all Masses for World Communications.

LIBBY'S PLANT SALE: Thank you to Libby Beasley and everyone who supported her plant sale in aid of our sister parish of Mbetta in Cameroon. A magnificent £290 was raised on the day. Thank you also to everyone who donates to Mbetta throughout the year. Your kindness is very much appreciated not least by the children of Mbetta and their families.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE: The Friends (PTA) are busy organising the fayre and invite everyone to come along to this main fundraising event of the year on **Sat 2nd July** from 1 – 4pm. After half-term the school will be able to receive good quality items of bric-a-brac, toys, games books, DVDs, bottles etc. Donations for raffle prizes will also be gratefully received. The school contacts are Tracy and Sue on 023 92 583979.

BOOK CLUB: next meeting at Pat Miles' home, 89 Village Road on **Thu 9th June** at 7.30pm. We will review 'As I walked Out One Midsummer Evening' by L Lee. Everyone welcome whether you have read the book or not.

The Catholic Bible School
Nutbourne House, Farm Lane PO18 8SD

OPEN DAY / GARDEN PARTY: SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

In the afternoon from 2.00 – 4.30 pm
Crafts * Games * Stalls * Books * Cakes *
Refreshments * Ice-cream * Tombola * Plants *

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL FOR PENTECOST: SAT. 11TH JUNE

We plan to pray for our nation, our families, our communities, churches and Government. Join us for this special night of prayer, music and reflection followed by breakfast. All are welcome. Ring us if you plan to come on 01243 371766 or contact info@catholic-bible-school.org. Look on the website for the June programme; www.catholic-bible-school.org.

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE 2011

Congratulations if you are celebrating (this year) your 25th, 40th, 50th, or any Anniversary over 60 years. Please let your Church Office know so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation to a special Mass at 11am in St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday 18th June. Attendance by invitation only. Contact your local Church Office.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

9.00am rehearsal for 11.00 mass for the 'Celebrate Marriage 2011' at St Bede's, Basingstoke. Anyone wishing to sing in the Diocesan Choir on this occasion or at the ordination of John Chandler on Saturday 2nd July should email their details to Paul Inwood at Pinwood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or ring Paul on 01329 835583.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR MUSICIANS
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE
7.30 – 9.30 PM

An evening for all concerned with the liturgy of the Mass who participate in the music – cantors, singers, players, organists or choir masters. Come and find out about the changes, see the new music arrangements and ask questions. If you wish to come, please contact the DPF (Department for Pastoral Formation) on 01329 835583 or email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FATHER PETER'S PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the prayer group will be on Friday 24th June to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the apparitions at Medjugorje and the feast of St John the Baptist at St Paul's RC Church, Paulsgrove. For details, ring Rebecca on 02392 381802.

CALLING ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
COME FOLLOW ME.ORG.UK

Vocations for Catholics in the Portsmouth Diocese 'Invocation 2011' is a forthcoming national festival for young adults, to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from 17th – 19th June 2011.

This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are searching for the knowledge and tools to develop their own personal formation, discernment and understanding of God's Will for their lives; for some this may mean being open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life.

The event will provide "Fellowship, Catechesis, Confession and Adoration" with time for prayer, reflection and discernment through Keynote Speakers, interactive workshops and life-changing services but, above all, the opportunity to encounter the Lord. We hope that you will also take the time to find space and enjoy conversation, accompanied by inspiring priests and religious, who will journey with you sharing their wealth of experience and providing witness to their lives and vocation.

If this is for you, visit www.invocation.org.uk or contact Fr Mark Hogan; ring 01256 323595 or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

20SOMETHINGS - COMING TOGETHER,
SHARING TOGETHER, PRAYING TOGETHER
CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

Join other 20 something Catholics for social and spiritual activities, events, pilgrimages and retreats. They are sponsored by the Sacred Heart Fathers; to find out about this organisation, visit www.twentysomethings.eu or email info@twentysomethings.eu or ring 07590057813.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2012

Saturday 24th March 2012, the National Youth Congress will be holding a conference in the Wembley arena for young Catholics, entitled FLAME. If this is for you, visit cymfed.org/flame2012

THE NEW DIOCESAN GUIDELINES FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Calling: Priests, Deacons and Catechists

Come to an information evening run by the Department for Pastoral Formation on Monday 27th June at Immaculate Conception Hall, Portswood Road, Southampton SO17 3SB: 7.00 – 9.00 pm. For details, ring 01329 835583 or email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.