



# The Catholic Church in Gosport

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## **28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday readings: Year 3 (C); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week 1

### **CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**                      6.00pm    St. Columba's                      Jean Connolly RIP

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**                      9.15am    St. Joseph's                      Joan Kirby RIP

11.00am    St. Mary's                      Sr Mary Healy RIP

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 12 – 1pm.**

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST 30<sup>th</sup> NOV – 4<sup>th</sup> DEC**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>
Mon	St Andrew	No service		
Tue	Wk 1 Advent	John 'Taff' Keegan RIP	10am	St Mary's
Wed	Wk 1 Advent	Rosary Ken Foster RIP & Foster Family	6.30pm 7pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Thu	St Francis Xavier	Alice (Health)	10am	St Columba's
Fri	Wk 1 Advent	Marjory Ramage RIP	9.15am	St Joseph's

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy at St Mary's this Sunday. It will resume next week. If anybody would like to help with the Children's Liturgy please contact Doug in the Parish Office. We do need more helpers!**

**The Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £1109.85p inc gift-aid. Thank you.**

**DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS.**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** after 10am Mass until 11.30am. The duty Eucharistic Minister will be Lesley Taylor. The following week the duty Minister will be Jean Watson. At St Columba's on **Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** after 10am Mass until 12 noon. Also at St Mary's on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** from 10am – 1pm. The duty Supervisors will be: Juanita White & Frances Parker 10 -11am; Joe & Jean Barrett 11am – 12pm; Norman & Sylvia Haskell 12 – 1pm.

*New rotas for Saturday Exposition are available for collection in all churches.*

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS:** on **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** in St Mary's Church beginning at 10.30am (tea/coffee in the Upper Room from 10am). The theme is 'Mary, Icon of Faith'. The day will be led by Fr Peter and include Mass at 12 noon as well as a special Advent Liturgy at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

### JUNIOR JOURNEY IN FAITH

Children's Session (Preparation for nativity play)	<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	St Mary's Hall	2 – 4pm
Children's Session	<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	St Mary's Hall	2 – 4pm
Nativity & Carol Service followed by mince pies & mulled wine.	<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	St Mary's Church	4pm

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** At St Joseph's Church, Ann's Hill on **Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** in St Mary's Hall on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** from 4 – 6pm, for all children in the parish aged 5 – 14 years. The amazing 'Balloon Man' and Father Christmas will be making an appearance. Tickets at £5 each are available after Mass or from Doug in the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU:** to all those made up the 'scratch choir' at St Mary's last Sunday. The singing was beautiful.

**HOME VISITS:** If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like a visit from Fr Peter during Advent for Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing, please give the details to Doug in the Parish Office or talk to Fr Peter. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC:** We will continue collecting donations for the Fayre on **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** and each Wed thereafter until **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**. Please bring your items to St Mary's Hall between **6 and 7pm only**. Please do not bring your donations to the parish Office or any of the churches. Donations of good quality items including bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, preserves, bottles etc will be gratefully received. Cakes should be brought to the hall on the morning of the fayre from 8am. Unfortunately we cannot accept electrical items. **Joe & Jean Barrett and Amanda Field have kindly volunteered to collect donations from parishioners who really can't make the Wednesday evening drop off times. Joe & Jean can be contacted on 023 92 587339 and Amanda on 023 92 529020. Thank you.**

**'STEP INTO THE STREAMS' (a practical strategy for becoming like Jesus):** A day for men at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** led by James Catford, Chief Executive of the Bible Society. The day will run from 10am to 3pm. Prior booking though helpful is not essential. Please telephone 01243 371766. Suggested donation is £15.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** on **Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** in Maryhouse at 7pm.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** Any Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Children's Liturgists who have not attended the appropriate training for working with children or vulnerable adults should sign up for one or both of the following:

Child Protection training at St Jude's School Hall, Fareham on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010** from 10am to 12.30pm.

Vulnerable Adult training at St Jude's School Hall, Fareham on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010** from 1.30pm to 4pm. You must reserve a place by calling Soraya Ciccarone at the Diocesan Office on 023 9281 6396.

**CHRISTMAS INDIAN MEAL:** at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 12.30pm, in support of the renovation work at the centre. Cost is £15 for adults and £8 for children under 10 years. Booking forms are available in all churches or contact Sr Judith at Park Place on 01329 833043.

**SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANEL:** Volunteers are required to become panel members for schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth. These panels enable parents to exercise their right to appeal when their application for a school place for their child has been turned down. Panel members must have no connection with the school for which appeals are being heard. Training will be over two days on **Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Jan** and **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb**. For further information and to enrol please contact: Admin Officer, Dpt for Schools at Park Place on 01329 835363 or email: [schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**TRAIDCRAFT:** Christmas stock is now available from Sandy on the Traidcraft Stall at St Joseph's Church. There are lots of gift ideas at very reasonable prices. Please do support Traidcraft and remember you will be helping producers in less developed parts of the world to earn a fair wage, as well as supporting our twin parish of Mbetta in Cameroon.

**SISTER ANN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH BRING AND BUY SALE:** on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 39 Western Way, Alverstoke. Starting with tea/coffee at 10.30am. Cost is £3 per person with proceeds going towards Sr Ann's work with inner city children. Everyone is welcome just pay on the day.

**THANK YOU:** to all those who purchased quiz sheets on behalf of the Harbour Cancer Support Centre in Gosport. Good luck with your entries.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** will meet in the Parish Rooms at St Columba's, Bridgemarky on **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov** at 2pm. All mums are welcome to come along.

**ADVENT LUNCH:** on **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** at the Church of Our Lady of Walsingham in Portchester, 12.30pm for 1pm. Come and join us for lunch with a quiz and seasonal music provided by some of the children of the community. Please bring a dish and your own drink. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided. Entrance is £2.50 per person. Children free (up to 13 years).

**WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET:** will be held in the Inner Close of Winchester Cathedral from **27<sup>th</sup> Nov** until **20<sup>th</sup> Dec**. One of the stalls will be selling icons, crucifixes, other church items, and souvenirs made in the Convent of St Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus. Proceeds from this stall will help the poor, the homeless, and the orphaned in that part of the world as well as those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

**LIVING OUR FAITH:** some parishioners will have heard of the 'Living Our Faith' campaign which is in its early phase in our parish. This campaign has come out of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 'Go Out and Bear Fruit' and is being, or soon to be, implemented in all of the parishes and pastoral areas in our diocese. At this very early stage I have asked some parishioners to assist me in getting the word out to as many as possible in the parish as we begin this programme. They have been very generous in offering their support and time in this early stage. You may receive a letter from me asking you to see one of them. Please welcome them as they seek an opportunity to tell you more about 'Living Our Faith'. *Fr Peter*

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAT MADDEN:** 'I would like to thank you, the parishioners of Gosport, for your warm welcome last Saturday evening and Sunday morning. I look forward to the next time when I will celebrate Mass with you and for you. I would also like to thank Father Peter for his great support and kindness since I came to this Pastoral Area. God bless you all and let us continue to pray for each other'.