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ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

30 June 2024 - Ss PETER & PAUL

29 Sat	06:00pm	St Columba's	<i>Vigil</i>	Mary Daly RIP
30 Sun	08:00am 11:15am	St Mary's	<i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	People of the Parish Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP
01 Mon	<i>No Service</i>			
02 Tue	12:00nn	St Mary's	Feria	Cecile Pickwood RIP
03 Wed	07:00pm	St Mary's	<i>St Thomas</i>	Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP
04 Thu	10:00am	St Columba's	St Elizabeth of Portugal	Francis Savege RIP
05 Fri	12:00nn	St Mary's	St Anthony Zaccaria	Alan & Shane INT
06 Sat	06:00pm	St Columba's	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish
07 Sun	08:00am 11:15am	St Mary's	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Colin Campbell INT Georgina Savege INT

REFLECTION

A reflection by Monsignor Canon Jeremy Garrat, priest of Portsmouth Diocese:

Peter and Paul had very different characters. Peter was passionate, impulsive and reckless; at one moment ready to die for his Lord, the next denying him in order to escape arrest. Yet Jesus saw in him exactly the qualities needed for the one who would succeed him as the rock on which his Church would be founded and who would guide it through its precarious early years as it became established. In the Acts of the Apostles we find him a man transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and showing all the qualities of a true leader: he took the initiative in finding a replacement for Judas, he was the first to preach the Christian message at Pentecost and he received the first Jewish converts to Christianity.


While Peter dropped everything and followed Jesus without a second thought, Paul was not nearly so easily won. He was the ruthless and relentless persecutor of the Christians making it his life's work to pursue and eliminate them wherever he found them. He watched impassively and approvingly as Stephen was summarily stoned to death by a crowd, even holding the tunics of the murderers while they set to their task.

It took being blinded by a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus to change him, but what a dramatic change that was! From being the most ruthless persecutor of the Church, Paul became its most fervent champion. He took the Christian message far and wide and had the gift of explaining it in terms adapted to his audience's understanding and culture, at the same time firing them heart and soul with the desire to follow Jesus.

God calls all sorts of people to serve his purposes and build his Church. It is comforting to know that Peter and Paul, though giants of the Church, were ordinary fallible people like you and me, with their weakness and faults as well as their strengths and gifts. The fact is that God can use us however imperfect, sinful and unworthy we are, to carry on his work today, the same work that Peter and Paul began and gave their lives to...



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<p>CONFESSION TIMES</p> <p>Wed 06:15pm - 06:45pm St Mary (if Mass is celebrated)</p> <p>Thu 10:30am - 11:30am St Columba (if Mass is celebrated)</p> <p>Sat 12:00pm - 01:00pm St Mary's</p>	<p>ADORATION TIMES</p> <p>Thu 10:30am—11:30am St Columba</p> <p>Fri 10:00am - 12:00nn St Mary</p>	
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FHC GOING FORTH MASS & CELEBRATION

On 7 July, after the 11:15am FHC Going Forth Mass, instead of the usual Tea and Coffee, there will be a "party" in the hall to celebrate the children making their First Holy Communion. We hope very much that you will come and join in the celebrations of this special occasion. There will be refreshment and finger food provided by the parents. **If you are able to help with some nibbles for the sharing table that would be most helpful, but not obligatory!** We look forward to sharing this occasion with all our parish family. See you next Sunday.



INVESTITURE IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. We wish to invite everyone to the sacred Investiture in the Brown Scapular at St Mary's on the 16th of July—Tuesday after the 12nn Mass. This devotional practice is rooted in the Carmelite tradition, and a "universal devotion". The Brown Scapular is available in our parish repository, if you wish to purchase one.



THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The **Peter's Pence Collection** unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. You may donate using our electronic collection plate at the back of the church or online: <https://tinyurl.com/hbu5a7h3>



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024-2025

Parents of children who will be in Year 3+ or Year 10+ next term and wishes for the children to make their First Holy Communion or be confirmed, please ensure that both they and you are registered with the parish and that you are signed up to receive the weekly newsletter by email, so that you don't miss the information that will be shared in the newsletter in the autumn. Please contact the parish office for more details.

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On Saturday 20th July, 2pm - 5pm, there will be a **Table Top sale and Family Festival.** This will be a fun, family event with tables selling crafts, cakes, food, bric a brac etc. There will also be a raffle draw on the day and the prizes (boys bicycle and exercise bike) will be displayed in the hall. Tickets are on sale now and can be bought after the Mass. If you have any items to donate for raffle prizes, please contact the parish office. Our Fundraising Team organised a calendar of events to raise funds for various Parish projects. A poster will be available on our notice boards. If you wish to be involved in any of the upcoming events, please contact Kate at 07881 375428 to find out how you can help. Thank you.

THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank once again Kate and Andrew for their wonderful work. The flowers and greenery in front of St Mary's continue to create an inviting and serene environment for everyone. Their dedication and the time they invest in making our grounds beautiful do not go unnoticed. **Thank you for your contribution and the time you dedicate every week.**



GENERAL ELECTIONS POLLING STATION

St Mary's Parish Hall is once again a designated polling station on Thursday, 4 July for the General Election from 6:30am until 10:30pm

EVENTS AND UPDATES WITHIN THE DIOCESAN

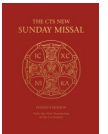
Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass. Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2pm.** It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish office.

Annual BBQ and Night Prayer with Bishop Philip and our Portsmouth Seminarians. The Vocations team are hosting the annual gathering of all the Seminarians and Seekers/Discerners on **Tuesday 30th July.** If you are interested in joining the as a new enquirer - or you know of a man/men in your parish who you think could be interested in joining the evening, please pass on details of this opportunity. For further details and to register your interest, please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Friday 20th July.

Invocation at Adoremus. Sun 15th September Invocation at St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham) Sunday 15th September 10am-5.30pm. 'The Bishops Conference is hosting a national discernment event called 'Invocation at Adoremus'. This is a fantastic opportunity for any discerners to gather with the seminarians and meet others from right across the country. There will be workshops, keynote speakers, Adoration, and opportunities to speak to people to discern their vocation. If you would like to be considered as a delegate to attend this free event, contacting: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

You may pre-order a new Sunday Missal through the parish office by enclosing £19.95 and writing your name and contact information in an envelope. Please hand it over to the parish office. **This is a limited offer.**



SANCTUARY LAMPS

If you wish to sponsor a sanctuary lamp which perpetually burns in St Mary's and also in St Columba's, please fill in a Sanctuary Lamp envelope and hand over to the parish office.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

Friday 12th July - 7.30pm. St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road. Fareham. PO14 1ND. This is an evening of scripture, reflection, adoration, silence, prayer and worship. Sit, stand, kneel, sing or don't sing ... just come and be. Followed by fellowship and seasonal light refreshments in the Hall. For more details, please contact 01329 318 869 or email; farehamporchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

GOSPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are very proud to be a part of the Gosport community that is going through regeneration. Our parish is dedicated to enriching the spiritual life of the area, and we actively support various activities and events taking place in the town centre. We invite you to visit our notice board and look at the **Town Centre News** for information on upcoming events happening in the High Street.

PARISH FINANCE

Bank Details for BACS Transfer:

Account Name: **CDP Gosport**

Account No.: **00878538**

Sort Code: **30-93-04**

Cheques payable to **CDP Gosport.**

Standing Order or GA forms are available in the office.



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