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ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

07 July 2024 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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
08 Mon		No Service			
09 Tue	12:00nn	St Mary's	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions		Penny & Christopher Medland INT
10 Wed	07:00pm	St Mary's	Feria		Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP
11 Thu	10:00am	St Columba's	<i>St Benedict</i>		Fitzgerald RIP
12 Fri	12:00nn	St Mary's	Feria		A.V. Joseph RIP
13 Sat	06:00pm	St Columba's	<i>Vigil</i>		Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP
14 Sun	08:00am 11:15am	St Mary's	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		Cecile Pickwood RIP People of the Parish

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

Source: Loyola Press – (www.loyolapress.com)

CONFESSION TIMES			ADORATION TIMES		
Wed	06:15pm - 06:45pm	St Mary (if Mass is celebrated)	Thu	10:30am—11:30am	St Columba
Thu	10:30am - 11:30am	St Columba (if Mass is celebrated)	Fri	10:00am - 12:00nn	St Mary
Sat	12:00pm - 01:00pm	13 July NO CONFESSION at St Mary's			



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the First Holy Communion on 30 June 2024. May your hearts be filled with joy and may the Holy Spirit guide you as you continue to love Jesus Christ who is present in the Eucharist.

Let us continue to pray for them and their families.

Refreshment and finger food will be available in the hall after the 11:15am Mass to celebrate this special occasion.

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. All are welcome to participate, whether you are being enrolled in the scapular for the first time or you wish to have a new scapular blessed. **The Brown Scapular is also available in our parish repository, if you wish to purchase one.**



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.

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.**



NEXT WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

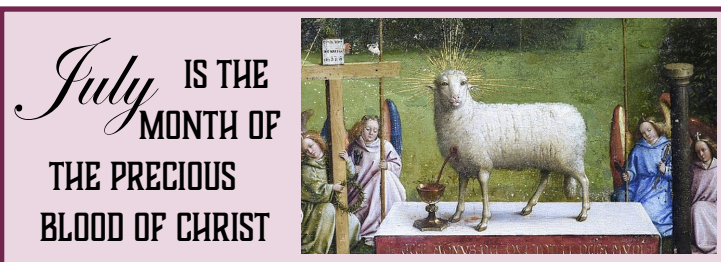
For the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Let us show our support by raising vital funds to ensure Stella Maris can support everyone who needs help. You may donate "Stella Maris" using our electronic plate in St Mary's Church.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next Children's Liturgy is on **14 July during the 11:15am Mass**. All children 4 years old and up until the children have received their First Holy Communion are invited.



PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On Saturday 20th July, 2pm - 5pm, there will be a **Table Top sale and Family Festival**. There will also be a raffle draw on the day and the prizes (boys bicycle and exercise bike) will be displayed in the hall. We need your help and kind donations, please.

- Books for our bookstall
 - Cakes, homemade or shop-bought for the cake stall
 - Pre-loved items for the bric-a-brac stall
 - Soft toys and bags of sweets as prizes for games
 - Raffle prizes
- Volunteers to help on the day will be very much appreciated. Please contact Kate at 07881 375428 to find out how you can help. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) - GOSPORT

Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are meeting in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington, on **Wednesday 10th July AT 1:30pm**. We welcome visitors, so do come along. For more information, please contact Marguerite Boulter 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com or Maria Owen 07790378097 mariaeowen@gmail.com

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

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We are delighted to announce the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Ambrose Chou and Tom Hiney at **St John's Cathedral on 13 July at 11am**. Everyone is very welcome to come to their Ordinations and we would encourage you to do so. *Later this month, the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Stephen Patterson and Zacharias Parambi will also take place.*

There will be no 12nn confession on Saturday, 13 July.

Please keep all our Seminarians who are in formation in your prayers as they come to the end of their academic year.

We pray that as you continue to discern the Lords call in Seminary, be assured of our prayers for your formation. May you grow in virtue, understanding, and holiness as you prepare to serve Christs Church as a priest. Amen

ANNUAL NAVAL MASS

The **Annual Naval Mass** will take place on **Sea Sunday, 14th July, in St John's Catholic Cathedral, at 10.00 am** with Bishop Paul Mason, the Bishop of the Forces, as Principal Celebrant. The dress for serving personnel is Number 1 uniform with medals and veterans are encouraged to wear their medals. The Mass will be followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Discovery Centre – all welcome!

VOCATIONS

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

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP

19th - 23rd August. FAITH, FUN, FELLOWSHIP (FTF) St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. Ages 11 - 21 years The camp is run by the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running FTF streamed events for over 20 years; 70 places available. Mass, Teaching, Crafts, Workshops, Sports, Q&A, Praise and Worship, Talks, Dramas, Team Activities, Great Food, Adoration. You'll make friends for life! Please book ASAP to avoid disappointment. For more information please visit: www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2024

PARISH FINANCE

Bank Details for **BACS Transfer**:

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Account No.: **00878538**

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

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