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## ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

### 16 March 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

15	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	<b>CONFESSION TIMES</b> Wed 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm  <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> <i>This Lent, Friday Adoration is replaced by Stations of the Cross after the 12nn Mass</i>  <b>OUTREACH</b> Thu from 12:00nn
16	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Rev John Martin RIP Zied Solomon RIP	
17	Mon	<b>No Service</b>			
18	Tue	12:00nn		Gerry Stagg RIP	
19	Wed	07:00pm	St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
20	Thu	07:00pm		Helen Killalea INT	
21	Fri	12:00nn		William Cornelius RIP	
22	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Elizabeth Extance & Family RIP	
23	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	Edwin Alvarez RIP Kathleen Hourigan RIP	

### REFLECTION

#### Confession Step by Step

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses against God and against your sisters and brothers. Confession brings reconciliation between God and the penitent, between the penitent and others, and to the individual penitent. One goes to Confession privately behind a screen or face-to-face with the priest. Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance consists of a good examination of conscience. This examination, guided by the Ten Commandments, prepares one to confess sins to the priest. Confession presumes the penitent is truly sorry with a firm resolve not to sin again.

Confession begins with the (1) Sign of the Cross and the penitent greeting the priest with the words, (2) “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was ....” (weeks, months, years). The penitent (3) confesses sins to the priest, who stands in the name of Christ and the Church. The priest will help you make a good confession. If you are unsure or uneasy, ask the priest to help. Place your trust in God, a merciful Father who wants to forgive you. Following the confession of sins, say, (4) “This is all I can remember. I am sorry for these and all my sins.”

The priest will assign you a (5) penance. The penance considers your personal situation and supports your spiritual good. It may be a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service, or sacrifice; whatever the penance, the individual is joined in some way to Christ and the cross.

The penitent will then pray an (6) Act of Contrition. This prayer expresses true sorrow for the sins confessed. This prayer may be expressed in one’s own words, or one may use a traditional version. Here is one example:

*My God,*

*I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,*

*I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.*

*I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*



The priest, acting in the person of Christ, will absolve you from your sins by saying the prayer of (7) Absolution. As the prayer is ending, the penitent makes the (8) Sign of the Cross and responds, “Amen.” The priest will express some (9) words of praise and blessing. The penitent leaves, completing the (10) assigned penance.

Source: [altoonacathedral.org/confession-step-by-step](http://altoonacathedral.org/confession-step-by-step)

#### TO MAKE DONATIONS:

For **BACS Transfer**: Account Name: **CDP Gosport** Account No.: **00878538** Sort Code: **30-93-04** . Make all cheques payable to **CDP Gosport**, or you may scan the QR code. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available in the office.

*Please Gift Aid your donations if possible.*



## PARISH KEY DATES - MARCH

**19 - Wednesday 5:30pm - First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** . In St Mary's Parish Hall upper room

**23 - Sunday - Parish Census**

**25 - Tuesday - Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**

## PARISH CENSUS: 23rd OF MARCH - GET COUNTED!

It is time, once again, to update our parishioner information. On the 23rd of March, our parish of St Mary and St Columba will be conducting a census to update our records and gather information about both registered parishioners and Catholics who have not yet joined our parish. This effort will help us better understand your needs and improve the support we provide. By collecting accurate contact details, we aim to strengthen pastoral care, enhance communication, and ensure you receive timely updates on events, programs, ministries, and opportunities for spiritual growth.



### Lent Schedule at St Mary's

#### **Stations of the Cross**

every Friday after the 12nn Mass from 07 March  
9:30am on Saturday 05 April (led by the FHC children)  
10:00am on Good Friday

#### **13 April - Palm Sunday**

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

#### **15 April - Holy Tuesday - Chrism Mass**

11:00am at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth  
*No 12:00nn Mass at St Mary's*

#### **16 April - Holy Wednesday - Spy Wednesday**

07:00pm Mass

#### **17 April - Maundy Thursday - The Lord's Supper**

8:00pm Mass, Watching at the Altar of Repose at Our Lady Chapel until Night Prayer at 11:00pm

#### **18 April - Good Friday**

10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Liturgy

#### **19 April - Holy Saturday**

12nn Confession  
8:30pm (Vigil)

#### **20 April - Easter Sunday**

(also Feast of the Annunciation)

8:00am Dawn Mass and 11:15am Day Mass

*Lent schedule for other churches within the Pastoral Area (Park Gate, Fareham, Stubbington & Lee) will be available at St Mary's Facebook page, St Mary's website, and notice board.*



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This month, the Children's Liturgy group is holding another session on the 23rd of March. The focus is Lent and we are inviting all children aged 4 to pre-First Holy Communion age to join.

## REQUIEM MASS FOR DAVID PALMER

There will be a Requiem Mass for David Palmer on the 27th of March at 11am followed by a committal at Anns Hill. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



## SUNDAY MISSAL

This Sunday Missal (Standard Edition) contains the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle. This beautiful hardback missal with two ribbons will support prayer and devotion in all seasons of life. This is available to order through the parish or by visiting [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org).



## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week, St Mary's Sanctuary Lamp is donated by Anne & Mozard Fernandes in memory of Winnie & Kevin Braganza. May they rest in peace. ✠



## THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION - CAFOD

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. You may also use the CAFOD envelope in church, or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You may use the QR code and it will take you to CAFOD's virtual envelope where you can make your donation.



## STELLA MARIS EASTER CHOCOLATE APPEAL

A donation box will be made available in the church foyer for all your chocolate donations for the Stella Maris chocolate appeal. Your donations will go to all seafarers visiting our ports in the next couple of months.

## COLLECTION OF MISSIO BOXES

Please bring your Missio boxes, beginning next week. You may drop them off in the parish office during office hours or give them to Antony Cruddas, our Missio representative, after the 8:00am Sunday Mass. Please make sure that you have written your name on the box. If anybody wishes to have a Missio box, please let the parish office know.



## PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

- ***Discerning God's Will.*** These sessions will be held at Scared Heart Catholic Church in Fareham, PO16 0NQ from 11am-3pm. The dates are: **22nd March, 3rd May and 28th June**. There will be Fellowship, Formation and food. *Booking is required.* please email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- ***SVP Mass with Anointing of the Sick - 26 March at 1:30pm.*** The Mass will be held at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ***Confession for Confirmation candidates - 29 March at 10:30am*** . The confession for all confirmands within the pastoral area will be held at St Philip Howard. Let us continue to pray for our candidates.

**Tea and Coffee in St Mary's Hall every Sunday after the 11:15am Mass. Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat.**

## SOLENT PASTORAL AREA—UPDATE

As you may recall from the last Update before Christmas, the Bishop has agreed that we should aim to establish the new parish envisaged in the 10-year diocesan plan by September 2026 - which is now "next year"! The Solent Pastoral Area Advisory Group (SPAAG) has started to make plans for this change and to help in this work, 3 subgroups have been formed.

The **St Peter Group** will focus on the ongoing formation of the laity across the Pastoral Area. It will explore what parishioners feel they need and the topics, methods and resources that would best meet those needs.

The **St Paul Group** will focus on evangelisation in the wider community of our towns and will grow out of other mission efforts such as the Zion mission happening in Fareham in June.

Finally, the **St Matthew Group** will address Pastoral Area finances, property and resources, working alongside parish Finance chairs and the Diocesan Canon Lawyer (changes such as those proposed entail a lot of processes that are enshrined in canon law).

More information about the groups will be shared as and when it becomes available and, meanwhile, these SPA updates are now being shared across all our existing parishes.