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ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

11 May 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)



ST MARY'S WEBSITE



ST MARY'S FACEBOOK

10	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Elizabeth Extnance & Family RIP	CONFESSION TIMES Thu 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thu—after the 7pm Mass <i>Holy half hour with Night Prayer</i> Fri 10:00am—12:00nn OUTREACH Thu from 12:00nn
11	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	Fourth Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish Zied Solomon RIP	
12	Mon	No Service			
13	Tue	12:00nn	Our Lady of Fatima	Douglas Savege INT	
14	Wed	12:00nn	St Matthias	Francis Savege RIP	
15	Thu	07:00pm		Mary Stone RIP	
16	Fri	12:00nn		Norbert & Honora Power RIP	
17	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	
18	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Maureen Wesley RIP Ms Mary Anne Cornelius	

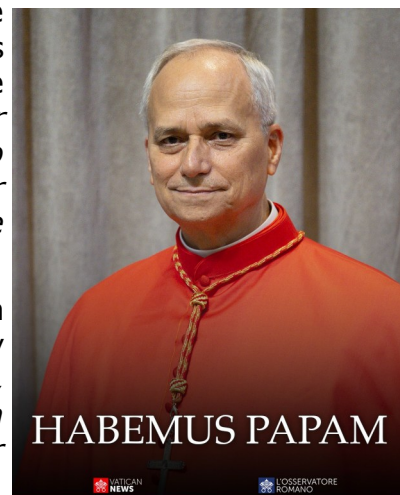


Habemus Papam!



With great excitement and joy many gathered in St Peter's Square, and millions more, tuned in from around the world through television and live streams, as white smoke plumed from the Sistine chapel with the peel of bells signifying that the successor of St Peter, the 267th Pope in history had been elected by the cardinals. Appearing on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica the crowds were greeted for the first time by the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, the papal name taken by Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost. He is the first Augustinian Pope, being a priest and missionary in the Order of Saint Augustine, who served for many years the peoples in Peru. From 2023 until 2025 he worked in the Vatican as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. It is being much commented upon that Cardinal Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, is the first Pope from North America, being a native of Chicago and born in 1955, though he also holds Peruvian citizenship. For many, his election came as a surprise and I am sure we will be hearing and learning a lot more about our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. After greeting the crowds with words of peace and unity, he asked for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Pompeii, saying, *"Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love. So let us pray together for this mission, and for all of the Church, and for peace in the world. We ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother."*

After leading the crowd in praying the *Hail Mary* he imparted a solemn blessing upon the city of Rome and upon the entire world. Let us pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and *may the Lord preserve him, give him long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies. Lord may your hand be upon your holy servant. And upon your son, whom you have anointed. Amen.*



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PARISH KEY DATES

May

18 Sun - Marian High Street Procession

23 Fri - No Service. Fr Matthew will be away.

29 Thu - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of obligation). There will be a midday Mass and the regular evening Mass.

June

07 Sat - Confirmation Day at St John's Cathedral.

COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

The Rosary group meets every night at 8pm on WhatsApp. If you would like to join and participate in praying the Rosary as part of the group please contact Anthonia 07773185812 or Clare 07774664409. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - FHC CANDIDATES

On the **17 of May Saturday**, all children attending the **First Holy Communion programme** will have their first **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. All participants are requested to arrive in the parish hall as normal, that is 9:00am. *To all our parishioners, please include our FHC candidates in your prayers.*

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to Deacon John and all those who worked towards making the Lenten and Easter season so special within Gosport parish. A great deal of work goes into the preparation: all the polishing & cleaning, the beautiful displays and flower arrangements. The dedication and care of all those involved in supporting the liturgies through welcoming, serving, singing & reading, and in other ways little & big. I am so grateful and thank God for you. My thanks and appreciation also for your immense generosity in the Easter offering. May the peace of Christ be with you this Easter season and forever. - *Fr Matthew*

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this week is for the Clergy Training Fund. CTF supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. To sustain a Seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. Online donations may be made through <https://tinyurl.com/mdbnfkcj>. You may also donate using our electronic collection plate that is in the church foyer.

REQUIEM MASS FOR JACQUELINE "JACKIE" GULVIN ✕

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Jackie Gulvin RIP. There will be a Requiem Mass at **Sacred Heart Church on Thurs 15th May - 11am** followed by a burial at **Anns Hill Cemetery**. *May she rest in peace & rise in glory.*

TEMPORARY CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY SCHEDULES



Fr Matthew is currently studying part-time to hopefully qualify as a priest-therapist. The first course runs for six months. But as the lessons are held on Wednesday evenings, this unfortunately interrupts the parish schedule for the next six months. *Therefore, Wednesday schedules are temporarily changed until the end of September 2025. During this time, 7pm Mass is replaced with a Noon Mass, and Wednesday Confessions are now on Thursdays from 6:15 - 6:45pm.* Apologies for this temporary disruption to the parish schedule. Please keep Fr Matthew in your prayers.

Flores de Mayo



During this month, the Holy Rosary is prayed at 10:45am. There will be a Marian procession on the 18th followed by the crowning of Our Lady. **Please bring flowers as there will be an opportunity to offer flowers after the procession.** If you think you can help with the carrying of the statue of Our Lady, please let Elsie know. The Children's Liturgy group will also take this opportunity to gather the children in church after Mass to learn how to pray the Rosary. **Please bring food to share in the hall afterwards.**

WORLDPRIEST GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on **27 June 2025, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Worldpriest asks us to 'Pray the Rosary, unite with our country, and help encircle the world in prayer' on 27 June—Friday. This will be its fourteenth year, having grown from 24 to 2,600 prayer locations.

Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope

10-11 May Jubilee of Marching Bands
12-14 May Jubilee of the Eastern Churches
16-18 May Jubilee of Confraternities



PASTORAL EVENTS

(Gosport . Lee . Stubbington . Fareham)

- **Open RCIA Coffee Morning** . 10am until 11.30am on Saturday, May 17 in the hall at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, for people interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. If you're not a Catholic (or were baptised a Catholic and not confirmed), then come along and find out more about our course. There's no obligation to sign up. For further information, call Deacon Larry on 07425161769 lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
- **Evangelisation Mini-Mission** . St Philip Howard in Fareham from June 20-22. The mini mission will focus on evangelisation and how to share the Good News with those around us who may have no faith. The event will begin with at 7.30pm on **Friday, 20th June**, gathering again on Saturday morning at 9.30 for a day of prayer, talks and workshops with an evangelisation theme. If you would like to attend the mini mission, please register by contacting Deacon Larry Murawski at 07425 161769 lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CARITAS: CHARITY & VOLUNTEER NETWORKING EVENT

Join us for an afternoon of networking with people who are passionate about social justice through supporting people in their local community. Representatives from CAFOD, SVP, Stella Maris and Medaille Trust along with a number of parish-based projects will be there to chat, discuss volunteering opportunities and see how it might work in your community. Saturday 7th June 2025, 2:30-4:30 at St John the Baptist, Andover SP10 3AD. For more information contact caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition will showcase a full-sized replica of the world famous Shroud of Turin. The exhibition will run from 1st-14th June 2025, 8am-6pm. This is Free Admission. A talk by Shroud Expert Pam Moon will take place on Sunday 1st June at 1pm following the 12nn Mass

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - GOSPORT

The Gosport Section of the Catholic Women's League are going to meet at 1:30pm in the Hall of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Stubbington on Wednesday 14th May. There will be a talk about Canine Partners, and visitors are welcome. For more information, contact 01489 575663 margieboulter@aol.com or 07790378097 mariaeowen@gmail.com