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ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

01 June 2025 - Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)



ST MARY'S WEBSITE



ST MARY'S FACEBOOK

07	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	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
08	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Tressie Heather RIP Stephen Street RIP	
09	Mon	No Service			
10	Tue	12:00nn		Jennifer Stoddart RIP	
11	Wed	No Service			
12	Thu	07:00pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP	
13	Fri	12:00nn	St Anthony of Padua	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
14	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	William Cliffe RIP	
15	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	People of the Parish Stanislaw Skonieczny RIP	

REFLECTION

Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop Emeritus of Northampton, has shared his reflections on the readings for Pentecost Sunday with the diocesan liturgy project. You may be aware he was a priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth for many years before being made Bishop, and in earlier years played rugby for Portsmouth.

Acts 2:1-11

The description of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost is dramatic. The Spirit fills the timid disciples with courage. Their success in preaching to representatives of so many nations gathered in Jerusalem highlights the Church's universal mission.

Romans 8:8-17

The Spirit is central to our lives as brothers and sisters of Christ. It is only with the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us that we can be truly alive. It is only by the Spirit that we can overcome sin. It is only by the Spirit that we become children of God, that we can be free from fear, and that we can pray, "Abba! Father!"

John 14:15-16, 23-26

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples and all of us about the Trinity of love. The Spirit will come as our Helper to be with us for ever, helping us to live the love of the Trinity, to be loved by the Father who, with Christ, will come and make their home with us. The Spirit will teach us all things, above all, to live in the love of the Father and the Son, to live in the Spirit.

As I write these notes at the end of April, I wonder how the Church and the world will be on this Pentecost Sunday. We shall have a new Pope. No doubt, the need for peace, for stability, and for love in action will be greater than ever. And the Spirit, flowing forth from Christ on the cross as he breathed his last and his side was pierced, will be with us to persevere and live Christ's sacrificial love for the world.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love."

<https://www.theliturgyproject.com/next-sunday>

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

June

15 Sun - Trinity Sunday & also Father's Day

22 Sun - Corpus Christi Sunday

27 - Fri - Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Advance Notice: Fr Matthew will not be available on these dates and therefore normal Services will be affected.

11 June - Wed: No 12nn Mass (Fr Matthew on Clergy Day)

17 June - Tue: No 12nn Mass (Fr Matthew on Clergy Day)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

Eleven of our children will have their First Holy Communion on the 29th of June - Sunday. The parents will receive a letter very soon highlighting the much needed preparations for this special moment for their children and the whole family. **Please continue to pray for our FHC candidates.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to the availability of Catechists, the Children's Liturgy has been re-scheduled to 15th of June. Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 to age of First Holy Communion, takes place during the 11:15am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Second collections for the Catholic Communications Network or World Day of Communications will continue this week as we missed the collection last weekend. The theme for this year's World Day of Communications, chosen by the late Pope Francis, is 'Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts'. A collection basket will be available at the back of the church after Mass. If you wish to donate online, pls go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2ey72xt5> or use our electronic collection plate and select Catholic Comms Network.

MEMORIAL MASS—ANNE JONES RIP

On the 18th of June, Wednesday, a Memorial Mass will be held at St Mary's for Mrs Anne Jones who passed away recently. May her soul rest in peace.



BAPTISM

Are you planning for your child's Baptism? If you are expecting, it is not too early to prepare for your child's Baptism. One important requirement is for parents to attend a baptismal preparation programme. For this pathway, the next available sessions will be held in July. Application must be made by midday on 23rd June at the latest. For more info, go to www.spabpp.fyi/4sb. To access the registration form, go to www.spabpp.fyi/q09

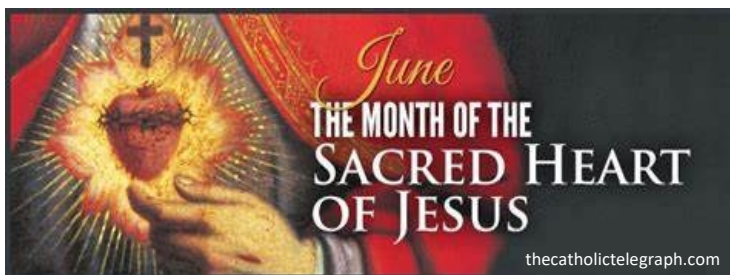
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in the hospital or will be admitted in the hospital:

Please call the following Chaplaincy Nos: QA - 02392 286 408 / War Memorial - 02382 318 000 / Southampton Hospital - 02381 206 049, and ask for a Roman Catholic Priest.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.

If you or a loved one is sick or housebound: If you are unable to participate in the Sunday Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office and arrangements will be made for you to receive Holy communion.



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.

ROSARY OF HOPE

CAFOD is joining with Missio, Aid to the Church in Need and Stella Maris in this Jubilee Year to pray the "Rosary of Hope" online on Tuesday 10 June at 7pm. All are welcome as we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together. Pope Leo XIV said, "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." He invited us to pray together, "for all of the Church, and for peace in the world."

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION—DAY FOR LIFE

On Sunday, 15 June 2025, Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, an annual occasion dedicated to cherishing and protecting human life from conception to natural death. This year's theme, 'Finding Meaning in Suffering – Hope Does Not Disappoint', draws on St Paul's words in Romans 5:5-6, reminding us that Christian hope is not mere optimism, but an unshakeable trust in God's presence — even amid the darkest trials of illness, grief, or emotional pain. The 2025 Day for Life comes at a crucial time as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill — commonly known as the Assisted Dying Bill — is making its way through Parliament. This proposed legislation would permit adults with mental capacity, diagnosed as terminally ill and within six months of death, to request medical assistance to end their lives.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE

Everyone is invited to the Shroud of Turin Exhibition showcasing a full-sized replica of the world famous Shroud of Turin. The exhibition is currently running until the **14th of June 2025, 8am-6pm**. This is Free Admission.



GOSPORT CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL)

Due to a funeral at Our Lady's in Stubbington, the CWL meeting will take place in the small meeting room at 1.30pm on Wednesday 11th June. Visitors will still be welcome.

ONLINE WORKSHOP - DEEPER INTO BAPTISM

The Light of Truth Programme offers an online workshop both for those who catechise for Baptism and for any catechist who wants to understand the 'gateway sacrament' better. This is on Saturday June 14th, 9am-12pm. Follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh76yr4> to register. Although the workshop is free, a small donation is requested.

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates! We rejoice with all our Confirmands: Lleana, Duncan, Liam, Logan, Alice, Alano, Alfred, and Amelia on this joyful celebration. Sealed with the Holy Spirit and strengthened, may you live as courageous witnesses of Christ. Congratulations!



There is Tea and Coffee in St Mary's Hall every Sunday after the 11:15am Mass. Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat and help raise funds to support various parish activities. We are looking for more volunteers to help serve tea and coffee in the hall at least once a month. Please speak to Anne Berger or Mike Slater if you are interested.