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ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

15 June 2025 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year C)



ST MARY'S WEBSITE



ST MARY'S FACEBOOK

14	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	William Cliffe 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
15	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	People of the Parish Stanislaw Skonieczny RIP	
16	Mon	No Service			
17	Tue	No Service			
18	Wed	12:00nn	<i>Memorial Mass</i>	Ann Jones RIP	
19	Thu	07:00pm		Teresa Crowley RIP	
20	Fri	12:00nn		Jim Loveday INT	
21	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Anjinette Mabanta RIP	
22	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Corpus Christi (The Body & Blood of Christ)</i>	People of the Parish Zied Solomon RIP	

REFLECTION

The Outpouring of the Spirit

In the Old Testament, God promised that in the last days, in the days of the Messiah, he would pour out his spirit on all of his people. In Acts 2:14-18, the apostle Peter quotes this promise to explain what is happening when the apostles speak in tongues at Pentecost. This outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost marks the beginning of the period promised so long ago.

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But why would God want to mark this great new beginning, the fulfilment of the Messianic promise, the start of the Church, by having the apostles speak in all the myriad languages of the polyglot world of their time? There are so many other things the Spirit might have done! Later, filled with the Spirit, the apostles heal the lame, cure the sick, cast out demons. Why didn't God mark the beginning of the outpouring of his Spirit by something more glorious than the ability to communicate with others without a translator?

Here we should remember the story of the Tower of Babel, told early in Genesis, not so long after the Fall. The people building the Tower of Babel all spoke one language; but they used this power that the commonality of language gave them, for evil, building a tower that reached to heaven. God defeated them by the simple expedient of multiplying their languages and leaving them unable to understand each other.

Now, in the new age, Christ offers all people salvation from their sin, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In this age of the Spirit-filled church, all human beings are invited into communion with the Lord and with each other. Human beings can be trusted with unity when they are incorporated into the one body of the Lord.

And maybe that is why God marks the beginning of the reign of his Spirit in the Church by overturning the Babel of human language. Filled with the Holy Spirit, human beings can be given again what they lost at the Tower of Babel, not for storming heaven, but for proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth.

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PARISH KEY DATES

June

22 - Sun - Corpus Christi Sunday

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

29 - Sun - First Holy Communion at the 11:15am Mass

Advance Notice: There will be no 12nn Mass on 17 June. Fr Matthew will be attending a Clergy Day in Windsor parish.

THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS!

A big "thank you" to the kind parishioner who donated our new set of Mass Books. Even though you have chosen to stay anonymous, please know how grateful we are. Thank you for your support.

22 JUNE - CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 22nd of June, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, a special feast that honours the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. On this day, there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 11am. All are warmly invited to spend time in quiet prayer and adoration before the Lord, truly present in the Eucharist. **We warmly invite you to spend an hour in quiet prayer and accompany our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church.**

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" - Matthew 26:40

27 JUNE - FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This is also the Annual Worldpriest Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests. We are being asked to 'Pray the Rosary, unite with our country, and help encircle the world in prayer'. **There will be a Rosary at 10am during the Adoration and a special Sacred Heart prayer service after the 12nn Mass. Please join us!**



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

We congratulate Chinasa and Ferdinand who will be married at St Mary's Church on the 21st of June. Please keep them in your prayers. We also welcome Rev Chukwunonso Nnebe-Agumadu who will celebrate the Nuptial Mass.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK - DAY FOR LIFE

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. 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. Online Donation link: <https://tinyurl.com/cracv4d8> or you may use the parish electronic plate: Day For Life

ADULT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in **becoming a Catholic** or do you know someone who is? Did you miss out on the **Sacrament of Confirmation** as a teenager and would like to be confirmed? Please speak to Fr. Matthew or Dcn John, or email the parish office.



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.



RETRouvaille CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Marriages in difficulty? Do you feel alone? Frustrated, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille might be able to help. No group therapy or group work. Email in@retrouvaille.org.uk or contact 07887 296 983

The Tree of Hope: A Parish Invitation

As we journey through the **Jubilee Year 2025**, we are called to be *Pilgrims of Hope*—walking in faith, trusting in God, and keeping Christ at the centre of our journey. As part of this, we invite you to join our parish in a simple but meaningful project: **The Tree of Hope**.

How to Take Part: After Mass, you will find *Packs of Hope* at the back of the church, each containing leaf and dove cut-outs. Take one home or fill it in after Mass—write a prayer, a word of thanks, or a message of hope. If you would like, decorate it to make it more personal. Then, bring it back any time during the week or on Sunday and place it on the *Tree of Hope* in the Lady Chapel. There is no right or wrong way to do this, and there is no limit - just let your heart guide you. Each message will add to a growing testament of faith, trust, and encouragement, reminding us that God is always working in our lives. Together we will build an ever-growing canopy of prayers, gratitude, and hope.

Each week, let us watch our Tree of Hope grow. Let us build something special *together*—one message, one prayer, one act of hope at a time. Come, be a part of it.



PARISH MISSION WEEKEND

Ephphatha on Friday 20th June through to Sunday 22nd June at St Philip Howard. A mini-mission led by world-renowned evangelist Michelle Moran of the Sion Community. A weekend to help us learn how to spread the Gospel to others. Book your place now by contacting Dcn Larry: lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CALLED & GIFTED ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 7 July 7pm - 8:30pm. Are you keen to be more fully the person that God created you to be? Are you sensing that you need to discern the spiritual gifts (charisms) you've been given to empower you spiritually and practically? If so, the Called and Gifted discernment process is for you! The Called and Gifted team in the Diocese are planning to hold an online information evening for Called and Gifted on Monday 7 July. This is intended for anyone who may be interested in hearing more about discerning charisms and the spiritual and practical benefits this can bring for individuals and communities. To register, please contact the parish office or email your name and parish to calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Happy Anniversary!!

We joyfully celebrate the anniversary of Dcn John Cumpsty's ordination to the diaconate! This week marks 23 years since he responded to God's call to service. Please join us in praying for Dcn John, his wife Marjorie, and their entire family.

MISSIO

The latest Missio newsletter is now available in the church foyer. If you wish to have a Missio Box to take home, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope

POPE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: 'THAT THE WORLD MIGHT GROW IN COMPASSION'



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 initiatives. Please speak to Anne or Mike if you wish to volunteer once a month.