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## ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

**06 July 2025 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

05	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Elizabeth Extance & Family RIP	<b>CONFESSION TIMES</b> Thu 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm  <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> Thu—after the 7pm Mass <i>Holy half hour with Night Prayer</i> Fri 10:00am—12:00nn  <b>OUTREACH</b> Thu from 12:00nn
06	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b><i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	Rev John Martin RIP Mac Stephenson RIP	
07	Mon	<b>No Service</b>			
08	Tue	12:00nn		Elizabeth Woods RIP	
09	Wed	12:00nn		Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP	
10	Thu	07:00pm		Henrik Lindroth RIP	
11	Fri	12:00nn	St Benedict	James Peter Connolly RIP	
12	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Rev Canon Thomas Doyle RIP	
13	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b><i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	John David Dickens INT Teresa Crowley RIP	

### REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.



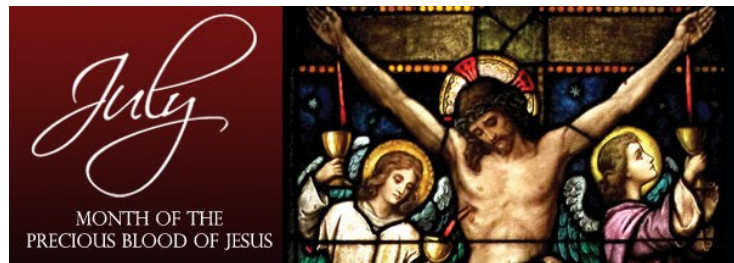
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### TO MAKE DONATIONS:

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.*





### Advance Notice

08 July - **The Parish Office will be closed.** For any urgent matters, please contact 07590643572.

18 July - **There will be no Mass and Adoration.** Fr Matthew will be attending the funeral of Canon Gerard Flynn.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next session will be on the 13th of July. Children's Liturgy is being held during the 11:15am Mass and is open for children from 4 years old and up to First Holy Communion age.

### GOING FORTH MASS AND CELEBRATION

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. You are a blessing to us and may our Lord continue to shower you with growth, joy and love. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Catechists and all volunteers who were involved in preparing our children for First Holy Communion and supporting the Mass celebrations. Thank you Mike, Jane, Heshani, Beata, Annette, Clarinda, and many others! *Please join us in the hall after the 11:15am Mass for the celebration.*



### NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION—STELLA MARIS

Next weekend is the day in the Church's year when it prays and collects funds for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Our support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. If you wish to donate online, the link is: <https://tinyurl.com/3xdzha55>

### TABLE TOP SALE IN JULY!

Our Fundraising Team is organising a Table Top Sale in the parish hall and in front of St Mary's on the 26th of July, Saturday. They need various items for the sale. We will also need volunteers to help run the stalls. Please speak to Annette after the 11:15am Mass or contact her at 07930833971. Thank you!

### CALLING ALL KNITTERS—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PROJECT

We would like to invite our keen knitters to take part in a special project for Remembrance Sunday. We know it is still a few months away, but we are planning ahead! Whether you are an experienced knitter or just starting out, your contribution is welcome. Every poppy will count and will add meaning to this tribute to those who served and sacrificed. Please contact Clarinda in the parish office for further details.

### GREEN THUMBS NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteer gardeners to help care for the church grounds. No special expertise required, just a willingness to lend a hand with weeding, planting, or general upkeep. If you are keen to contribute an hour or so of your time, or you want to know more, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Matthew. Every bit of help makes a big difference!

### 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.

**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. If this is something you believe you can help the parish with, please speak to Mike and Anne for more information.**

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated by the Mansfield family in memory of Henrik Lindroth. May his soul rest in peace. ✠



### CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Are you retiring this summer? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or phone 07710 094447

### ORDINATIONS IN THE DIOCESE

**The Priestly Ordination of Dcn Ryan Browne at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth is happening on Saturday 19th July, at 11am.** Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate are scheduled for Saturday 26th July, 11am, at St John's Cathedral. Everyone is very welcome to come to these two dates. Please keep all our Seminarians who are in formation in your prayers.

### NEW DIOCESE WEBSITE - Have a look!

The new Diocese of Portsmouth website has been launched: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you go to their "Find a Parish" and search for Gosport, it will come up with our churches of St Mary and St Columba. It will also bring up St Mary's Primary School. Please share this information to others. Thank you.



### ANNUAL NAVAL MASS AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The **Annual Naval Mass** will take place on Sea Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, in St John's Catholic Cathedral, at 10.00 am. 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!

### CATHOLIC FESTIVAL "WITNESS TO HOPE"

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL 'Witness to Hope' A Catholic festival for all the family 6th - 20th August At Worth Abbey, West Sussex. Join CELEBRATE for a relaxed, faith filled festival. All are very welcome. Visit: [www.celebratetrust.org/festival](http://www.celebratetrust.org/festival)

### The Tree of Hope

**Have you seen how much it has grown since we started a few weeks ago.** It is not too late to participate. Visit the Lady Chapel (right hand side of the sanctuary), and you will find our Tree of Hope. Instructions will be there.



### CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF ST FAUSTINA

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

### DIOCESAN FREE WILLS SERVICE

The Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers. Whether you would like to write your Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, you will be expertly supported throughout. You are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/3r7hh47w>