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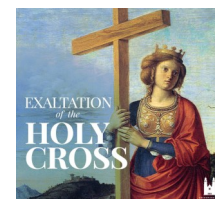
## ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport

### 14 Sep 2025 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Year C)

13	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 <i>Rosary for the Unborn at 10am</i>  <b>OUTREACH</b> Thu from 1:00PM
14	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b><i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i></b>	Elsie Hill & Barbara RIP People of the Parish	
15	Mon	<b>No Service</b>			
16	Tue	12:00nn	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	Sandra Budden INT	
17	Wed	12:00nn	St Hildegard of Bingen	Clarinda & William Mansfield INT	
18	Thu	07:00pm		Innocent Odinukwe INT	
19	Fri	12:00nn	St Theodore of Canterbury	Mgr John Gauci RIP	
20	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	
21	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b><i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP Zied Solomon RIP	

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU.  
 BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS, YOU HAVE  
 REDEEMED THE WORLD.



### WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR ?

Many may think that you have to be Special; Educated; Worldly; or perhaps clever?? All the above helps but the main and most important asset is to be caring and considerate which appears to be the moto of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, here in Gosport.

Last term three of us governors did a 'walk about' around the school and the lessons going on throughout the school were all focusing on Mathematics. It was so interesting to see that right from the reception class to year 6 there was a consistency in all the maths that were taught. By consistency I mean that often using concrete or tangible materials the teaching pattern starts at the beginning and continues to more complex levels throughout the school. This method encourages growth and creates confidence in learning. Throughout the school there is an authoritative kind of love and all the children seem to be well behaved, happily engaging and enthusiastic.

Being a school governor is a privilege and certainly an eye opener to the current educational curriculum. The character and compassion of the teaching fraternity shines through when you see how all children, including those who have additional needs, are lavished with time and attention. The school is rightly proud of their achievements in improving not only the education of all children but making their lives happy and secure whatever their achievements. It makes you think that to show the true measure of the school is not just in the academic results but also in personal and social growth of each child. If you are looking for a brilliant school to send your child to then look at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School and visit the school; feel the atmosphere of their authoritative kind of love and know that your child will be in good hands.

And as a footnote, if your child is at St. Mary's perhaps you would like to write a testimony or indeed go one better and apply to become a school governor.

Kathleen Jones BSC; MSc; Foundation Governor; Past Mayor of Gosport

### 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

**15-17 Sep / Mon-Wed - Parish Office Closure** . Clarinda will be on her scheduled annual leave.

**21 Sep / Sun - Start of Children's Liturgy** . This is open to all children 5 to 9 years old. The date has been moved from the normal second Sunday of the month due to the International Mass and celebration.

**06 - 08 Oct / Mon - Wed - No Noon Mass** - Repair works to the church trusses is scheduled at this time.

### INTERNATIONAL MASS - CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

Today, we come together to recognise the rich diversity of culture here at St Mary's. At this International Mass, we celebrate the many nations, languages and traditions that make up our community. On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, may this celebration continue to carry our faith with joy, and live as one at the foot of the Cross. *Please join us in St Mary's Hall after the Mass.*



### SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### 14 Sep—Catholic Education Service *This Weekend*

Our Second Collection this weekend is in support of the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service represents the Catholic Bishops' Conference and works to promote and support Catholic education across the country. Below is the link to the GAYL page: <https://tinyurl.com/se7xj2uy>

#### 21 Sep—Home Missions

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formally known as Home Mission Sunday) is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel—a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. This year, the Church commemorates a significant milestone: the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. To donate online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ycxaa3cf>

### IMPORTANT UPDATE: NEW SCHEDULE FOR TRUSS REPAIRS

Please note that the scheduled date for the truss repairs has been changed. The new repair dates are from **6 October to 8 October - Mon to Wed**. Please be reminded that there will be no Masses during this period in order to give time for the builders to do their work. *Your generosity in helping to preserve and care for the fabric of St Mary's is deeply appreciated.*

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR DCN JOHN

Please keep Dcn John in your prayers. We ask God's healing hand to restore him to strength and peace, and for comfort and encouragement during this time.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PROJECT

*You may start dropping off your finished poppies in the parish office!* Thank you to those who already handed theirs in. It is not too late to start knitting. If you need wool, please speak to Clarinda in the parish office.

### Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope

15 September - Jubilee of Consolation

20 September - Jubilee of Justice

26 to 28 September - Jubilee of Catechists



### FUNERAL NOTICE

On the 24th of September - Wed, a Requiem Mass will be held for John Crowley ✠ at St Mary's Church at 12nn followed by a committal at Anns Hill Cemetery at 1:15pm. May his soul rest in peace. Please remember John and his family in your prayers.



### MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October  
[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: +44 7887 296 983

### OPEN CHOIR PRACTICE

**20th of September at 2pm  
at St Mary's**

We would like to invite you to join us for an Open Choir Practice. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone, children and adults alike, who enjoys singing or is curious about joining the choir, to come along, take part, and experience the joy of making music together. No prior experience is required, just bring your voice and enthusiasm. Come and sing with us, meet new friends, and discover if choir membership might be right for you. This is happening on the 20th of September at 2pm.



### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by the De Guzman family for the intentions of Dennis Taturan.



### DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

Did you know that you can receive a copy of the parish newsletter straight into your email inbox? Preferring it this way reduces paper use and printing costs, and also helps the environment. Please email the parish office [office@stmarysgosport.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysgosport.org.uk) if you wish to get the copy of the newsletter straight to your inbox.

### ST LORENZO RUIZ - PROCESSION & HOLY MASS

In honour of St Lorenzo Ruiz, there will be a Holy Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday the **27th of September from 1:30pm**. Please join us. Food Everyone is invited to attend.

### UNWANTED BOOKS NEEDED

Do you have any unwanted books that are in good to very good condition? We are looking and accepting books with bar codes or ISBN for our charity fundraising initiative. Please bring them to the parish office anytime during parish office hours. Thank you.

### SACRAMENTS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)** . Registration for First Holy Communion is now open For children in Year 4 or over. Please contact the parish office to get a copy of the registration form.

**CONFIRMATION** . Are you or do you know a child in Year 8 or above? CHOSEN our Pastoral Area Confirmation Group will be holding an information evening on Friday 26th September from 7 -8:30pm at St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road to which young people in Years 8 and above together with their parent/carer are invited to come along and find out more about the group. If you would like to know more please message Sue on 07739 099 000, or contact the parish office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)** . Registration is on-going for children aged 7 and 14 who are not yet baptised or have been baptised in another Christian tradition but wish to become Catholic (and not merely for Catholic School entry). Please speak to Fr Matthew or contact the parish office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** . This Programme is offered to anyone who is not Catholic or who have been baptised in another Christian tradition but wish to become Catholic. RCIA is also offered to Catholics who were baptised as Catholics but never confirmed. The group starts on Wednesday 24 September 2025 and is set to meet in Sacred Heart Church Hall in Fareham at 7:15pm. In the words of Christ, 'Come and see!' To find out more, please contact Deacon Larry & Yvette at: 01329 318 869 / [lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).