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## ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

The Catholic Church in Gosport



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### 05 October 2025 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

04	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Crispo Alvarez RIP	<b>CONFESSION TIMES</b> Wed 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
05	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Tabone, Tuema and Dalli Family RIP People of the Parish	
06	Mon	<b>No Service</b>			
07	Tue	<b>No Service</b>			
08	Wed	<b>No Service</b>			
09	Thu	07:00pm	St John Henry Newman	Aliyamma RIP	
10	Fri	12:00nn			
11	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	
12	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Camino Pilgrims INT Zied Solomon RIP	

### A Walk for St Mary's - The Camino Way

For centuries, pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of Saint James. The ancient pilgrimage is a series of routes tracing their way across Europe and converging at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. This site is said to be the resting place of St James the Apostle.

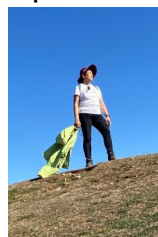
Many undertake this pilgrimage as a time for reflection, gratitude, and renewal of faith. Inspired by the Jubilee 2025 theme: *Pilgrims of Hope*, Clarinda Mansfield, our parish administrator, along with seven friends, will walk the final 100 kilometres of the Camino Francés, one of the most travelled routes of the Camino de Santiago. The group intend to complete the journey over six days, walking roughly half a marathon each day.

As part of this pilgrimage, Clarinda is inviting everyone to sponsor her pilgrimage in support of St Mary's Church, Gosport. All expenses have already been covered, so all donations will go directly to support the parish. In gratitude, Clarinda will carry the prayer intentions of those who donate, and offer prayers along the way for all supporters, whether or not a donation is made. Everyone is invited to support Clarinda on this fundraising initiative.

Updates, reflections, and photos from the Camino will be shared on Clarinda's Facebook page: **"A Walk for St Mary's"** <https://tinyurl.com/3j23w4pd>, where a QR code for donations can also be found. Donation envelopes will be available in the church foyer, or you can speak to Clarinda directly. You can visit the parish office for more information.

"Thank you for your support through prayers, kind words, and contributions. It means more than words can express. **Buen Camino!**"

- Clarinda



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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 for the month of October**  
**NO MASS & CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSURE**

**06 - 08 Mon - Wed** . Repair works to the church trusses is scheduled at this time. The church will be inaccessible. Parish office will remain open.

**07 Tue** . Fr Matthew on clergy formation day. No Mass

**Oct 20 Mon** . Church and parish office will be closed.

**21 - 22 Tue - Wed** . Fr Matthew on clergy formation day. Both church and parish office will be closed.

**27 Mon** . Church and parish office will be closed.

**MASS COUNTS - THIRD WEEK**

This weekend is the third of four autumn Sunday Mass Attendance Counts. Mass Counts is a way for the Church to measure how many people are actively practicing their faith by going to Sunday Mass, and use this information to make decisions for ministry.

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION - CAFOD**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day collection is on Sunday 5 October. It's a day when we're asked to pray, eat simply and give generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Harvest is a way for us to offer new signs of hope this Jubilee year, by giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in our volatile world. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave to Gift Aid your donation.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PROJECT**

Thank you to those who already handed their knitted poppies in. It is not too late to start knitting in support of this initiative! **You may drop off your finished poppies in the parish office!**

**LAST SATURDAY'S TABLE TOP SALE**

Thank you to our Fundraising volunteers, Annette, Adriana and Ann for doing a fantastic job of setting up tables last Saturday and sold various items (bric-a-brac, clothes, books, cakes, etc) to raise funds for St Mary's. **They managed to raise £76 to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the church. Thank you!**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Registration for First Holy Communion is now open for children in Year 4 or over. Application forms are now available. Please contact the parish office to get a copy.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOOK DONATIONS!**

We would like to thank everyone who donated books to support our fundraising initiative. We have received an overwhelming number of contributions! Thank you! **At this time, we are pausing further donations while we sort and organise the books we have collected.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME**

If you are planning on having your child baptised, here are the dates for the next Baptism Preparation Programme:

Meet & Greet	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am
Online Session 1	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	from 8pm
Online Session 2	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	from 8pm

For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2vctjens>

**PARISH RELIGIOUS ITEMS AVAILABLE**

We are happy to let you know that anyone who wishes to order religious items (e.g. rosaries, medals, prayer books, crucifixes, missals, gift items, Christmas items and more) is welcome to do so through the parish office. Stop by the parish office during office hours to browse catalogues and place your orders.

*October* IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY IS ON OCTOBER 7.

**REMEMBRANCE CANDLES**

As we approach the feasts of All Saints (moved this year to Nov 2) and All Souls (moved to Nov 3), our Remembrance Candles, which has now become a tradition of our parish, will be available in mid-October. Lighting a candle in memory of a loved one is a sign of hope in the Resurrection, a symbol of prayer and a gesture of love for the departed. These candles will be lit at St Mary's from the eve of All Saints Day through All Soul's Day. A £1 donation per candle is requested.

**JUBILEE WALK IN NOVEMBER**

On the 15th of November - Saturday, one of our parishioners will go on a Jubilee Walk to celebrate the Jubilee theme: Pilgrims of Hope. This will begin at St Mary's Church going to Bayside Cabin and back. It will be a gentle prayerful walk through our local area. Along the way, the Rosary will be prayed, there will be pauses for reflection and prayer, and there will be stops for refreshments. Anyone is welcome to join, whether for the whole duration of the walk or just part of it. It will be suitable for all ages. If you would like to participate, please speak to Clarinda or contact the parish office. Thank you.

**Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope**

4-5 October—Jubilee of the Mission

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8-9 October—Jubilee of Consecrated Life



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The next meeting of the Gosport Section of the CWL will be on the **8th of October**. For more information, contact [margieboulter@aol.com](mailto:margieboulter@aol.com) or 01489 575663.

**CATECHIST DAY**

If you have not signed up yet, it is not too late to sign up for our Catechist Day with Bishop Egan **October 11th** at Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR. This is the day that has been part of our ongoing Catechist formation and will be running from 10am and ends with a lunch at 12:30pm. Register at <https://forms.office.com/e/Q02B8UparY>

**SEEKER SATURDAY**

**Seeker Saturdays; 18th October- 11am-3pm, Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ** . This monthly group will resume on **18th October**. For the diary: the Seeker Saturday dates for the next academic year are: 15th November, 6th December, 17th January, 28th February, 21st March, 25th April, 16th May & 13th June. Pope Leo XIV recently called for the creation of communities where young people can feel accepted, listened to, and encouraged in their vocational discernment. Seeker Saturday gather for exactly that purpose. If you are discerning if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, then spending time with like-minded people can be really beneficial to any vocational journey. This time together includes prayer, discussion, Mass, Adoration and lunch too.

**A CATHOLIC FUNERAL**

**Guidelines for Funerals and for the Care of the Terminally Ill.** The leaflet enables Catholics to leave instructions about their own funeral for their next of kin, and in addition, some notes are given for the care of Catholics who are terminally ill. You may find them here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpyje57d>. **If you wish to have a copy of the guidelines, please contact the parish office.**

**TURN EVERYDAY SHOPPING INTO EVERYDAY GIVING**

**Give as You Live (GAYL)** . With Give as You Live Online, every purchase you make helps support St Mary's without any extra cost to you. It is quick, easy and completely free. Shop as normal and raise vital funds for St Mary's. Use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/222ae5s5> to access our parish's online shopping/giving page.