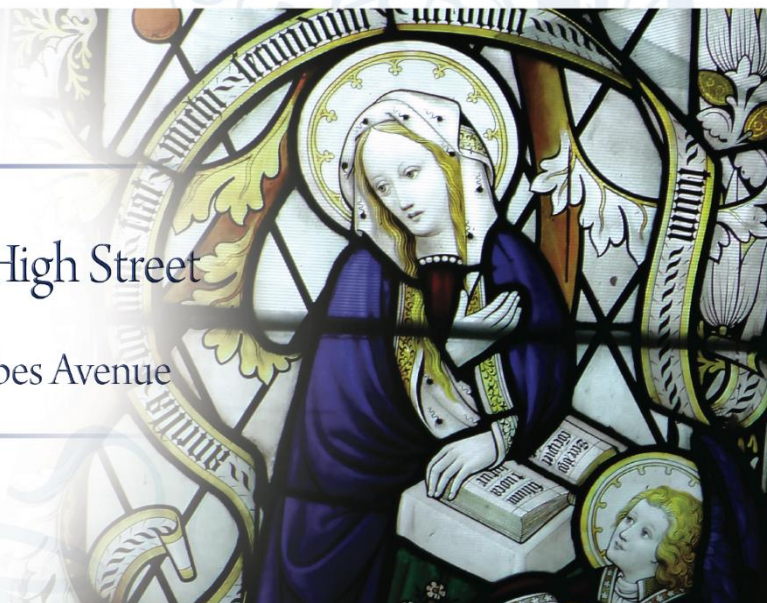


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GOSPORT



Saint Mary's High Street
Saint Columba's Nobes Avenue



19th/20th MAY 2018

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday Readings: Year 2 (B); Weekdays: Year II; Prayer of the Church: Week III

SAT 19	Pentecost Sunday	St Columba's	6pm	People of the Parish
SUN 20	" " Latin Mass	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's	9.15am 11am 5pm	Sheila Doherty RIP George Notley RIP Harry Smith & Family RIP
Mon 21	Latin Mass	St Columba's	10am	George Notley RIP
Tue 22	St Rita of Cascia	St Mary's	12 noon	Trudy King RIP
Wed 23	Feria	St Mary's	7pm	Theresa Supaphorm
Thu 24	Feria	St Columba's	10am	Ursula Sandford (Birthday)
Fri 25	St Bede the Venerable	St Mary's	12 noon	Special Intention
Sat 26	Latin Mass Trinity Sunday	St Mary's St Columba's	9.30am 6pm	Thanksgiving to St Joseph People of the Parish
Sun 27	" " Latin Mass	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's	9.15am 11am 5pm	Rose, Albert & John Bullock RIP Albert & Cathrine Mghee RIP Georgina Savege (Intentions)

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Mass at 7pm on Wednesday is preceded by the Holy Rosary at 6.30pm.

In addition to the Masses listed above, Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form will usually be celebrated in St Mary's Church at 7am, Monday to Friday.

PARISH NOTICES

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

in St Mary's Church on Saturdays from 12 noon until 1pm, or by appointment.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

on Thursdays in St Mary's Church from 8am, concluding with Pro-Life Holy Hour at 7pm. Also in St Columba's Church on Thursdays after the 10am Mass until 12 noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED:

Please pray for those who have died recently, especially George Clements, Kenny Morrison and Anne Goodson, and for those we are remembering at this time, especially Sheila Doherty, George Notley, Harry Smith, Trudy King, and the deceased of the Smith family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:

Ella Arendse, Mary Beeby, Basil Carpenter, Basil Champion, Teresa Crowley, Val Donohoe, Elisabeth Extance, Margaret Farnworth, Tony Farrugia, Theresa Fleming, Eve Fletcher, Bernadette Foster, Fr Alan Francis, Bridget Fry, Giane Goodwin, Theresa Hall, Frank & Ethel Hanham, Aileen Sullivan Hopkins, Sr Ann Hoskison, Ann Hughes, Jaqueline Jones, Stephen McLaughlin, Eileen Mahoney, Terry Matthews, Eileen Parker, Rachel Sadler, Joe Slater, Raymond Spiteri, Pat Tanner, Phillip Wallace, and Danny Watts.

ST MARY'S RENOVATIONS:

If you have not yet made a donation towards the St Mary's Beautification Project, please consider doing so, as we are still a long way from reaching our fundraising goal. Cheques should be made payable to "PRCDTR-Gosport".

PARISH FILM NIGHT:

Our next parish film night will be on Friday 25th May, beginning at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall. The film is "Siege Lord II: Day of the Siege", an historical epic about the 1683 Battle of Vienna, in which the armies of the Holy Roman Empire fought to defend Christian Europe against a massive Ottoman invasion force.

PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE:

Over the weekend of 18th/19th August, Father Pio will be leading a pilgrimage along the Way of Saint Augustine, a path that runs from Canterbury Cathedral to the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate, to commemorate the ancient journey undertaken by St Augustine, the Apostle of England, in the 6th Century, when he was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to bring the Faith to England. The walk is around 19 miles long, along which we will recite the Holy Rosary, sing hymns and have the chance to speak with others. Then, on arriving at the Shrine of St Augustine, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered. This pilgrimage is open to all who are able to maintain a good walking pace over the required distance. For more details, to sign up, or kindly to sponsor the walk, please speak to Father Pio or call the parish office on 02392 580119. The cost of the pilgrimage is £20 per person.

THE SECRET OF MARY:

A day of reflection, "The Secret of Mary", will be led by Fr Desmond Connolly at the Saint Joseph's Centre in Ashurst (SO40 7DU) on Saturday 26th May. The day begins at 10.30am and finishes at 3.30pm, and includes Holy Mass. Homemade soup will be served for lunch. If you would like to take part, please email fatherdes@icloud.com or telephone 02380 292337. If you are able to make a voluntary donation of £22 per person, your generosity would be most appreciated.



CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

Monday 21st May, 7pm

Meeting for Catechists

Saturday 26th May, **11am**

First Communion & Confirmation Catechism

Tuesday 5th June, 7pm

Meeting for Parents

1) Please note that the catechism class on Saturday 26th May will be held in St Mary's Hall at 11am (not at 9am in the school), to be followed by the Marian procession at 12 noon.

2) As Sunday 3rd June is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Eucharistic procession after the 11am Mass. Children are strongly encouraged to participate, most especially those in the Holy Communion group. Please bring as many flower petals as you can.

3) Please note that the school will be closed on Saturday 9th June, so the catechism class that was due to be held on that date will be held instead on Saturday 16th June.

GK CHESTERTON TALK:

On Thursday 14th June, the 82nd anniversary of the great GK Chesterton's death, a talk will be given by Canon John Udris, who is investigating the cause for Chesterton's beatification, from 7pm to 9pm at the Centre for Catholic Formation in London (SW17 8BS). To claim your free ticket, please telephone the Centre on 020 8672 7684.

FILIPINO NIGHT:

Our next fundraising evening is on Saturday 26th May in St Mary's Hall. This is a Filipino Night with a buffet dinner, live music and traditional dance. Tickets cost £10 per adult or £3 for children over six (children under six go free), and can be purchased from the parish office.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:

From Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th August, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph will be leading the annual St John Paul II Pilgrimage for the New Evangelisation. This is a 50-mile walking pilgrimage from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham, so participants must be able to walk long distances at a steady pace. To book, visit www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/JPII or call 01590 681874.

MARIAN PROCESSION:

To mark the end of the Marian month of May, Father Serafino will be leading a special public procession along the Gosport high street in honour of Our Lady on Saturday 26th May at 12 noon. Latin Mass will be celebrated as usual in St Mary's at 9.30am, followed by Marian consecrations and Brown Scapular enrolments for those who wish to deepen their relationship with Our Lady.

ADORATION OUTREACH:

Every Thursday, between 1pm and 3pm, a group of parishioners go out onto the high street to invite passers-by into St Mary's to light a candle and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This has proven to be a very successful outreach, and a very rewarding ministry for those involved. If you are available on Thursday afternoons, if only for half an hour or so, why not come along and take part?

IRISH ABORTION REFERENDUM:

Next Friday, 25th May, Ireland will go to the polls to vote in a national referendum on the legal status of abortion. The life of the unborn child is currently protected under the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution, but this is now under threat. Please join the "Eight Hours to Save the Eighth" campaign of Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary's Church, from 10pm on Thursday to 6am on Friday, by signing up for an hour or more. There is a sign-up sheet at the front of the church, or you can sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/savethe8th> There will also be a special Stations of the Cross at 3pm on the Friday. Your prayers and sacrifices are so much needed in this eleventh hour, so please take part in any way you can, even if simply by spending just a few minutes on the day to implore the intercession of Our Lady of Knock.

Pray For Ireland

by Fr George M. Roth



The Holy Spirit continues to sanctify every soul every minute of the day. St Francis de Sales tells us that He does this through innumerable inspirations, which are all **“the attractions, motions, rebukes, and interior compunctions, lights and intuitions which God works in us.”** The Holy Spirit does this by means of many, many graces in the form of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and related virtues, which effect the action of grace in soul. As the Holy Spirit enlightened the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday, so we pray that He will enlighten the Irish nation to vote ‘NO’ in the abortion referendum on 25th May. As Our Lady was united with the Apostles in their prayers on Pentecost, so we call on Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, to strengthen the Irish nation to see the terrible consequences of permitting abortion in Ireland.

Mary’s miraculous appearance at Knock in Ireland in 1879 was a great consolation to those who suffered through the terrible famines and extreme hardships of that era in Ireland’s history. Although Our Lady of Knock was silent, the peace and healing she brought was real and lasting. On 21st August 1879, at about 8pm, Our Lady, St Joseph, and St John the Evangelist appeared in a blaze of heavenly light. The vision also included Christ as the Lamb of God standing on an altar surmounted by a cross – a symbol of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. St John was standing with a gesture of teaching whilst holding a book, presumably the Book of Revelations, in which he described his vision of the heavenly liturgy (Holy Mass). Our Lady is reminding us of the importance of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Mass in the prayer of the Church. This is why we encourage everyone to spend at least an hour in Adoration on Thursday and/or Friday 25th/26th May, to storm heaven for the defeat of the Irish referendum to allow abortion.

We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten the Irish people with His Seven Gifts and strengthen them to overcome the culture of death, which wants to legalise abortion in Ireland. We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the *Fear of the Lord*, which is the first and fundamental lesson of the Holy Spirit, who infuses into the soul a hatred of sin and a loving fear of offending God. Let us pray that the Irish people will see the horror of abortion in the eyes of God and reject it. (Needless to say, if anyone does vote to legalise abortion, they commit a mortal sin.)

The gift of *Fortitude* strengthens the soul so that it may always be courageous in serving God and never separating itself from Him. We are weak, and we need this gift to be strong in following God. We pray that the Irish people **“hunger and thirst after justice”** (Mt 5:6) and vote for the life of the baby in womb. The gift of *Piety* enables the soul to have ardent desires to please God in all things and devote itself wholeheartedly to the service of God. If we wish to respond to the inspirations of the gift of *Piety*, we must make every effort to be kind and gentle, and to form the habit of seeing in everyone a child of God and our brother. The essence of the gift of *Piety* concerns our relationship with God, our Father, as His children. When we understand our divine filiation, we will render to all of God’s children in the womb the gift of life. The gift of *Counsel* helps us to discern what the Holy Spirit wants us to do in our spiritual life. St Thomas Aquinas teaches that **“every good piece of advice regarding men’s salvation comes from the Holy Spirit.”** We pray for the Irish people, that they will obey the inspirations of the Holy Spirit to reject abortion.

By the gift of *Knowledge*, the Holy Spirit helps us to see the nothingness of this world and of creatures: **“For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?”** (Mt 16:26) Let us pray that the Irish nation will regain its soul and choose life over the false pleasures of this world. By the gift of *Understanding*, we come to a deeper knowledge of the mysteries of our faith: **“Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.”** (Mt 5:8) We pray that the Irish people will see the beauty of the child in the womb and protect it from those who wish to kill it: **“Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.”** (Ps 50:12) Through the gift of *Wisdom* we experience God through love: **“O taste, and see that the Lord is sweet.”** (Ps 33:9) Let us pray that the Irish people will see how much God loves every child, not only to give them life in this world, but also eternal life in heaven.

In 1971, Archbishop McQuade of Dublin told the Irish people that if they allowed contraception in Ireland, a curse would befall the country. The nation did not listen to the archbishop, and for the last forty years Ireland has been cursed with a great loss of faith. Let us pray that the Irish people will not succumb to the evil plans of the devil and the culture of death by allowing the abortion referendum to pass.