

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GOSPORT



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



30th/1st JULY 2018

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

SAT 30	Thirteenth Sunday	St Columba's	6pm	Kathleen Daily (90th Birthday – Thanksgiving)
SUN 1	“ “  Latin Mass (Most Precious Blood)	St Mary's St Mary's  St Mary's	9.15am 11am  5pm	People of the Parish Owen Dugan (Vocation) Capitanelli Family
Mon 2	Latin Mass	St Columba's	10am	Roberta RIP
Tue 3	Feast of St Thomas	St Mary's	12 noon	George Clements RIP
Wed 4	St Elizabeth of Portugal	St Mary's	7pm	Marian Franciscans (Vocations)
Thu 5	St Anthony Zaccaria	St Columba's	10am	Private Intention
Fri 6	St Maria Goretti	St Mary's	12 noon	Viyviyan Tothill RIP
Sat 7	Latin Mass Fourteenth Sunday	St Mary's St Columba's	9.30am 6pm	Tersilio RIP Margaret & George Hamel RIP
Sun 8	“ “  Latin Mass	St Mary's St Mary's  St Mary's	9.15am 11am  5pm	People of the Parish Owen Dugan (Vocation) Sewell Family (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

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

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

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**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.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED:**

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those we are remembering at this time.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:**

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**ST MARY'S RENOVATIONS:**

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to the St Mary's Beautification Fund, which currently stands at about £16,000. If you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so, as we are still a long way from reaching our fundraising goal. Cheques should be made payable to "PRCDTR-Gosport".

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**PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE:**

Over the weekend of 18th/19th August, Father Pio will be leading a pilgrimage along the Way of Saint Augustine (Canterbury Cathedral to the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate), to commemorate the 6th Century journey undertaken by St Augustine, who was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to bring the Faith to the English. The walk is around 19 miles long. Upon 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.

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**THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD:**

From the time of the Passion, when Christ poured out His Blood for our salvation, the faithful have practised devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. Holy Mother Church encourages us to honour the Precious Blood at all times, but especially during the month of July. Consider making an act of love to the Precious Blood every day this month, such as the Act of Consecration to the Precious Blood of Jesus or the Litany of the Precious Blood.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP:**

"I am sure that, like me, you were saddened by the report last week about the deaths of hundreds of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in the period 1989 to 2000, caused by the inappropriate prescription of opiates and painkillers. It is a terrible tragedy. Let us pray for the repose of those who have died, for their families, and for justice and reconciliation. I have released a short Pastoral Message about this, which you can read by picking up a copy from the back of your church."



### **GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE:**

On Sunday 8th July, a group of parishioners and two friars will be participating in the Diocese of Clifton's annual pilgrimage to Glastonbury led by Bishop Declan Lang. A minibus will leave from outside St Mary's Hall at 9am, to return at about 7pm. The day begins at the Shrine of Our Lady with the Holy Rosary at 11.30am, and ends with the Pilgrimage Mass at 3.30pm. The procession, which is led by the Bishop, commences at 2.15pm. The Sacrament of Penance will be available from 12 noon until 3pm. If you would like to join the pilgrims travelling from Gosport, please contact the parish office.

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### **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 highly rewarding ministry for all those involved. If you are available on Thursday afternoons, if only for half an hour or so, why not come along and take part?

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### **GUILD OF ST CLARE:**

The Guild's Summer Craft Class will be held in St Mary's Hall on Wednesday 25th July, from 10am to 12 noon. This is open to all children aged eight years and above, although they must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. All craft materials will be provided. If you would like your child to take part, please call Maxine on 07967 780354.

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### **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

This weekend's second collection is for Peter's Pence. Next weekend, 7th/8th July, there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

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### **ANNUAL NAVAL MASS:**

takes place in St John's Cathedral at 10am on Sunday 8th July, followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Please call 02392 723660 for details.

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### **FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:**

Next month's First Friday devotions take place at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, on Friday 6th July, beginning with the Rosary at 9am. Mass follows, and afterwards there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, during which there will be a meditation on the Crucifixion of the Lord and Sacred Heart devotions. Confessions will be heard after Mass, up until the devotions end with Benediction at 10.30am. The following day, Saturday 7th July, join us at St Mary's Church for First Saturday devotions, which begin with the Holy Rosary at 9am. Sung Latin Mass is then celebrated at 9.30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a second Holy Rosary and a meditation on the Crowning with Thorns. Confessions will be heard throughout the morning, which ends with Benediction at 12 noon. The Marian Group will then meet in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall, where there will be a shared lunch and Marian catechesis by one of the friars.

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### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Rehearsals and confessions for children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday 8th July will take place on Friday 6th July at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. On the day of their First Communion, we ask that all children and their parents assemble in St Mary's Hall at 10.30am.

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### **ST MONICA'S GROUP:**

The St Monica Mother's Prayer Group will meet again in St Mary's Church at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd July. This is an opportunity for mothers of the parish to come together to pray the Holy Rosary and participate in a short Bible study session.

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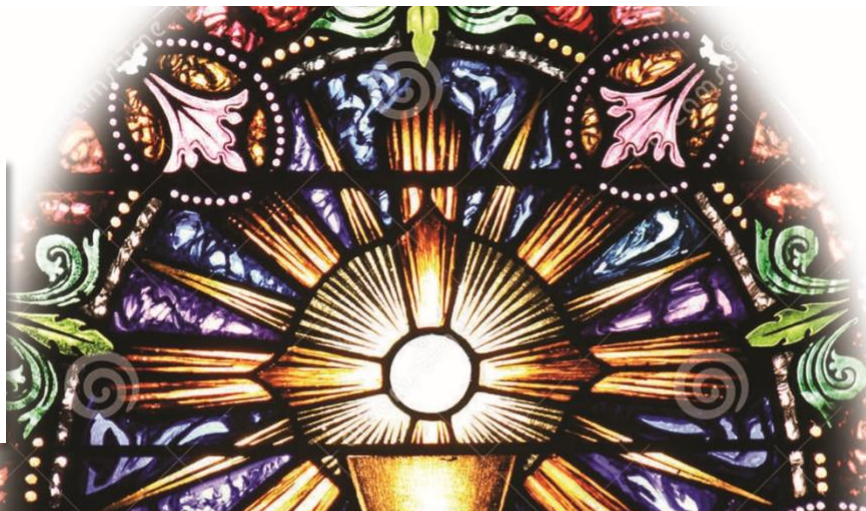
### **NEW COUNTERS' ROTA:**

for July-September has now been published. If you are a counting volunteer, you will find your copy in an envelope addressed to you at the back of St Mary's Church.



# Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament (Part 1)

by Fr George M. Roth



Fr John Hardon, in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, defines adoration as **“the act of religion by which God is recognised as alone worthy of supreme honour because He is infinitely perfect, has supreme dominion over humans, and the right to human total dependence on the Creator. It is at once an act of mind and will, expressing itself in appropriate prayers, postures of praise, and acts of reverence and sacrifice.”** We all need to adore Our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist, as it is our greatest treasure. The Eucharist is threefold: it is a presence in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle; it is a sacrifice upon the altar in the Holy Mass; and it is a union with Jesus in our body and soul with Holy Communion. All we can do is thank God (Eucharist means thanksgiving) and adore Him, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Blessed Eucharist. The following meditations are excerpted from *In Sinu Jesu* (“In the Bosom of Jesus”), the teachings of Jesus and Mary as communicated to a Benedictine priest during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

**[Jesus:] “And this shall come to pass through the intimate action of My Spirit. Where I am present in the Sacrament of My love, there also is the Spirit of the Father and of the Son. It is by the Holy Spirit that My Eucharistic presence is My glorious presence to the Father in heaven, and it by the Holy Spirit that My Eucharistic presence touches the souls who adore Me to unite them to Me, and to bear them up even before My Father’s face...”**

**“As for you, this has already begun, even though you may not always feel that you are living in My friendship and in the intimacy of My most holy Mother. Our eyes never leave you, not even for a moment, and Our Hearts are united in loving affection for you, even as they were for My beloved disciple and friend, Saint John. Live in this grace. Do not refuse what We would give you in abundance. Remain confident. We bless you, My Mother’s hand in Mine. We bless you, and those for whom you have asked Our blessing...”**

**[Mary:] “I am the Mother of Mercy, Mater Misericordiae, honoured by the Church in her chant to Me. I do turn towards you My eyes of mercy, and I am ever willing to help poor sinners. Let sinners come to Me; I will never turn them away. Let them appeal to My Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart; they will never be disappointed.**

**“As for you, dear son of Mine, persevere in praying to Me. Hold fast to My Rosary and beware of every ploy of the Evil One to separate you from it. My Rosary is your safeguard and your weapon in the fight against the forces of evil. At the same time, for you it is a remedy and a comfort. Do you not see how the Rosary has stabilised you? Do you not experience its healing and all its benefits? Pray My Rosary and teach others to do the same...”**

**[Jesus:] “My Heart has a particular love for you, a love that My Father destined for you alone and for no other from all eternity. How it grieves My Heart when the unique love I offer a soul is spurned, or ignored, or regarded with indifference! I tell you this so that you may make reparation to My Heart by accepting the love I have for you and by living in My friendship. Receive My gifts, My kindnesses, My attention, My mercies for the sake of those who refuse what I so desire to give them. Do this especially for My priests, your brothers...”**

**“My Heart thirsts for the love of the saints. To those who come to Me I will give love and holiness, and in this shall My Father be glorified. My friendship is a pure gift. (cf. Mt 10:8 & Eph 2:8) It is the gift of My Sacred Heart and I offer it freely. So few souls understand this. You are sanctified by living in My friendship. All the rest is secondary. Love Me and believe in My unconditional love for you. Trust Me. Show Me that you have confidence in My merciful goodness, especially when you experience weakness, or shame, or fear, and I will renew the grace of My love in your heart. I will uphold you with the gift of My unfailing presence. I am the friend who will never forsake you. Let that be enough for you...”**

**“You and so many of your brother priests do not know Me as I would have you know Me. Many of you are strangers to My Heart. Come close to Me. Remain in My presence. Seek My Eucharistic Face. Learn of My love for you, and you will begin to trust in it. I am not harsh. I am not a taskmaster. I am your divine friend. I am your advocate, your comforter, your refuge in every trial. Those who persevere in seeking My Eucharistic Face will begin to read there all the secrets of My Heart; that is, the unsearchable depths of My love for souls and, in the first place, for My priests...”**

**“Never miss an opportunity to greet Me, to adore Me, to remain with Me, even if only for a moment, in the Sacrament of My love. In eternity you will see the inestimable value of every moment spent in My Eucharistic presence...”**

**“To adore Me is to see My Face and to approach My heart, full of wonder and of holy fear, and above all, full of love. Adoration is the wordless confession of My divinity. Adoration proclaims that I am all and that all else is nought. (cf. Eph 4:6, I Cor 15:28 & Is 40:17)**

**“When Saint Francis repeated during the hours of the night, ‘my God and my all!’ he was offering Me the adoration in spirit and in truth that My Father desires (cf Jn 4:23-24). His prayer ascended through Me even into the presence of the Father. So it is with every prayer addressed to Me. All who reach the Father must pass through Me.” (cf. Jn 14:6)**