

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GOSPORT



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



9th/10th JUNE 2018

TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

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| SAT 9 | Tenth Sunday | St Columba's | 6pm | |
| SUN 10 | " | St Mary's | 9.15am | People of the Parish |
| | " | St Mary's | 11am | Catherine Degiorgio (Promotion) |
| | Latin Mass | St Mary's | 5pm | Capitanelli Family |
| Mon 11 | Latin Mass | St Columba's | 10am | Thanksgiving to St Joseph |
| | Requiem Mass | St Mary's | 11am | George Clements RIP |
| Tue 12 | Feria | St Mary's | 12 noon | John Berger RIP |
| Wed 13 | St Anthony of Padua | St Mary's | 7pm | Pat Salmon (Intentions) |
| Thu 14 | Feria | St Columba's | 10am | Stanislaw Skonieczny RIP |
| Fri 15 | Feria | St Mary's | 12 noon | Thanksgiving |
| Sat 16 | Latin Mass | St Mary's | 9.30am | Very Rev Canon Thomas Doyle F/M |
| | Eleventh Sunday | St Columba's | 6pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun 17 | " | St Mary's | 9.15am | Alexander Wall RIP |
| | " | St Mary's | 11am | George Notley RIP |
| | Latin Mass | St Mary's | 5pm | Owen Dugan (Vocation) |

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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, and for those we are remembering at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL:

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 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.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

Throughout June, which is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Litany of the Sacred Heart will be prayed in St Mary's Church every day during Holy Hour (7-8pm), except on Wednesdays, when it will be prayed after the 6.30pm Rosary.

NIGHTFEVER:

The next NightFever at St Mary's is on Saturday 16th June, starting at 7.30pm (straight after the 6pm Mass). What better month than June, which is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, to come before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and experience His awesome love and mercy? NightFever ends with Benediction at 10.30pm. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact Mike Slater on 02392 554537.

HANDYMAN NEEDED:

We currently have a few odd jobs around St Mary's Church and Hall that need doing. If you think you might be able to help, please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

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| Monday 11th June, 7pm | Meeting for Catechists |
| Saturday 16th June, 9am | Catechism for All Children |
| Monday 18th June, 7pm | Meeting for Catechists |

Please note that the catechism class originally scheduled for Saturday 9th June has been postponed to Saturday 16th June.

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, which is led by Bishop Declan Lang. A minibus will leave from outside St Mary's Hall at 9am, to return at about 7pm (times TBC). 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, 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.

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?

GUILD OF ST CLARE:

The Guild of St Clare is a new, parish-run arts and crafts activities group for children aged eight years and upwards. It meets in the Upper Room of St Mary's Hall between 4pm and 5.30pm on the third Saturday of every month. The next meeting is Saturday 16th June. To enrol your child in the Guild of St Clare, or for more information, please call Maxine on 07967 780354.

FLAME 2019:

Booking for Flame, which takes place on 2nd March 2019, is now open. This is a highlight national event for Catholic youth (ages 18-25) in Wembley Arena, featuring inspirational speakers and award-winning music. Last year 350 young people attended from the Diocese of Portsmouth, joining more than 8,000 others from across the United Kingdom. To book, please call Tom Sellars on 01329 318869.

SACRED HEART MINI-RETREAT:

Fr Desmond Connolly will lead a day of reflection, "Reflections on the Sacred Heart of Jesus from the French School of Spirituality", at the Saint Joseph Centre in Ashurst (SO40 7DU) on Sunday 24th June. The day runs from 10am to 4pm, and includes Holy Mass and a simple lunch. A voluntary donation of £22.50 would be greatly appreciated. To book your place, please email fatherdes@icloud.com or leave a voicemail message on 02380 292337.

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

The second collection next weekend, 16th/17th June, is in aid of Day for Life. The following weekend, 23rd/24th June, there will be a second collection for the First Holy Communion flowers fund.

God's Redemption For Original Sin

by Fr George M. Roth



In today's First Reading, we read the story of Adam and Eve in paradise. God told them that they could have all the fruits in the Garden of Eden except one: **"And he commanded him, saying: Of every tree of paradise thou shalt eat: But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat. For in what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death."** (Gen 2:16-17) God had given them numerous gifts and blessings to enable them to be in union with God and obey Him. In return, He wanted them to show their love for Him by being faithful to His request.

St Francis Fernandez, in his *Conversations with God*, writes: **"God placed man above the rest of creation, 'to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'** (Gen 1:26) God therefore endowed man with intelligence and will, so that he might freely give to his Creator a glory far more excellent than that offered to Him by any other creature. Led by His love for man, God ordained furthermore that He would raise man up so that he should have a share in His own divine life and should be able to penetrate in some way His innermost mysteries. This was an endowment far greater than anything that nature could provide. To this end, God freely endowed man with sanctifying grace, and with the supernatural virtues and gifts. He formed him in a state of holiness and justice and gave him the capacity to act supernaturally...

"Moreover, God enriched Adam's nature with other free gifts – of immunity from death, from concupiscence and from ignorance – which are called preternatural gifts. This integrity of human nature in the state of original justice derived from the perfect and free subjection of man's will to his Creator. Strengthened by these gifts, man could not be deceived in the things he knew and he was immune from all error. Man's body enjoyed immortality, not by its own power, but because of a supernatural power imprinted on the soul preserving the body from corruption so long as it was united to God. In Adam, God contemplates the whole of the human race. The gift of original justice and holiness had been given to man, not as to a single person, but as the general principle of the whole of human nature, in such a way that, after him, it would be transmitted by means of generation to all future men. We would all have been born in friendship with God and embellished in soul and body with the perfections granted by God. When the moment came, He would have confirmed each one in grace and carried him away from earth without his suffering any pain or having to undergo the moment of death. He would have come in this way to enjoy everlasting happiness in Heaven."

"And Adam said: The woman, whom thou gavest me to be my companion, gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said to the woman: Why hast thou done this? And she answered: The serpent deceived me, and I did eat." (Gen 3:12-13) Because the serpent, Satan, tempted Eve (and through her, Adam) into sin, God would punish Satan by means of a woman; already, at the first moment of sin, God had a plan to redeem man from his sin. He would send His Son, born of a perfect woman, to redeem. This woman, the Blessed Virgin Mary, would, with Her Son, crush the head of the Satan: **"I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel."** (Gen 3:15) Because She was going to be the Mother of the Redeemer, who would cooperate with Her Son in the great work of redemption, She would be the Co-Redemptrix who would crush the head of Satan. She would never incur original sin, nor any other sin. This privilege was given to Her because of the foreseen merits of Jesus' death on the Cross. In Pope Pius IX's infallible definition of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, he quotes these words of Pope Alexander VII: **"Concerning the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, ancient indeed is that devotion of the faithful based on the belief that Her soul, in the first instant of its creation and in the first instant of the soul's infusion into the body, was, by a special grace and privilege of God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Her Son and the Redeemer of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin."**

The story of creation and redemption should make us all grateful to God for His wonderful promises to man despite Adam and Eve's disobedience. In today's Gospel, we see how Jesus proves that He is God by casting out devils, but He is seen as a devil by the disbelieving Jews: **"Amen I say to you, that all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and the blasphemies wherewith they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost, shall never have forgiveness, but shall be guilty of an everlasting sin. Because they said: He hath an unclean spirit."** (Mk 3:28-30) God will always forgive those who are sorry for their sins, like our first parents, but to those who have no sorrow – who blaspheme the Holy Ghost by denying their guilt – there can be no forgiveness. This was the sin of the scribes who believed that Jesus cast out devils because He Himself was the devil: **"And the scribes who were come down from Jerusalem, said: He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of devils he casteth out devils."** (Mk 3:22)