

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GOSPORT



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



26th/27th MAY 2018

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

SAT 26	Trinity Sunday	St Columba's	6pm	People of the Parish
SUN 27	"	St Mary's	9.15am	Rose, Albert & John Bullock RIP
	"	St Mary's	11am	Albert & Cathrine Mghee RIP
	Latin Mass	St Mary's	5pm	Georgina Savege (Intentions)
Mon 28	Latin Mass	St Columba's	10am	Thanksgiving to St Anthony of Padua
Tue 29	Feria	St Mary's	12 noon	Ayaan Binoy
Wed 30	Feria	St Mary's	7pm	Harvey & Fiona Ward RIP
Thu 31	Feast of the Visitation	St Columba's	10am	
Fri 1	St Justin	St Mary's	12 noon	Rosamund Knight (Birthday)
Sat 2	Latin Mass	St Mary's	9.30am	Gladys Mackey RIP
	Corpus Christi	St Columba's	6pm	John O'Malley RIP
Sun 3	"	St Mary's	9.15am	People of the Parish
	"	St Mary's	11am	John Roger Henton RIP
	Latin Mass	St Mary's	5pm	Anderton 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



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, 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.

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.

ST MONICA'S GROUP:

The St Monica Mother's Prayer Group will meet again in St Mary's Church at 7pm on Tuesday 5th June. 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.

RADIO IMMACULATA:

Remember that the Marian Franciscans' internet radio station, Radio Immaculata, broadcasts 24/7, and can be listened to live and on demand at radioimmaculata.org.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

Tuesday 5th June, 7pm	Meeting for Parents
Monday 11th June, 7pm	Meeting for Catechists
Saturday 16th June, 9am	Catechism for All Children

1) 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.

2) 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.

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.

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?

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING:

If you have been approached by Jane about serving the parish as a fire safety volunteer, please remember that the fire safety training course will take place at 7pm on Friday 1st June in St Mary's Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:

This month's First Friday devotions take place at Sacred Heart Church in Fareham on Friday 1st June. Holy Rosary at 9am, followed by Holy Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During Adoration, there will be Sacred Heart devotions and a meditation on Jesus' Carrying of the Cross, and the Sacrament of Confession will also be available. The day's devotions end with Benediction at 10.30am. The following day, Saturday 2nd June, join us at St Mary's Church for First Saturday devotions, which begin with the Holy Rosary at 9am. Sung Latin Mass is celebrated at 9.30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a second Holy Rosary and a meditation on the Scouring at the Pillar. 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.

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 10am and 12 noon 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 07967780354.

Faith Seeking Understanding

by Fr George M. Roth



We know from the story of Abraham that one day he saw three men in the distance. He thought at first that they were angels, but when he went to meet them and saw them more closely, he bowed down to the ground and adored them saying: **“Lord, if I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away from thy servant.”** (Gen 18:3) This was the Triune God in human form!

The term ‘Circumincession’ describes the inner life of the Blessed Trinity. The Servant of God Fr John Hardon, SJ explains it thus: **“The mutual immanence (within-ness) of the three distinct Persons of the Holy Trinity. The Father is entirely in the Son, likewise in the Holy Spirit; and so is the Son in the Father and the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit in the Father and the Son.”** The Father loves Himself and begets the Son (His only-begotten Son). The Father and the Son love each other, and from this love proceeds the Holy Spirit. The Father is not prior (before) or superior to the Son, and neither the Father nor the Son is prior or superior to the Holy Spirit. They are all equal and co-eternal. The only distinction is one of relations: the Father is the Father to the Son, and the Son is the Son to the Father. The Father is not the Son, nor is the Son the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father and the Son, and is neither the Father nor the Son. Divinity and divine perfections are one and the same. How can we respond to this deepest of mysteries, save to bow our heads in silent adoration? The Blessed Trinity is a mystery that we can never understand; all we can do is have, as St Anselm says, **“Faith seeking understanding.”**

The mystery of today's feast is the greatest of all the mysteries of our Catholic Faith. No finite mind can grasp it, nor mortal tongue express it. St Augustine was contemplating this divine mystery when he was down by the sea. He saw a little boy carrying water from the sea in his pail and emptying it into a hole in the sand. When he asked the little boy what he was doing, the boy answered, **“I am trying to empty the sea into this hole.”** St Augustine replied that this was an impossible feat, as the sea was so vast and the hole so small. To this the boy responded, **“Neither can you understand the Blessed Trinity with your finite mind.”** The boy, who was really an angel, then disappeared. Even in heaven, where our eyes will forever behold God face to face, we shall never be able to fathom the depths of this mystery or comprehend it fully. We can only adore it!

In various ways, God has left His imprint on His creation. St Paul tells us, **“For the invisible things of him, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made.”** (Rom 1:20) God created man according to His image: **“And God created man to his own image: to the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.”** (Gen 1:27) God also stamped His image, to a certain extent, upon all of creation. Everywhere we find traces, marks or imprints, as it were, of the Blessed Trinity, because everything was created by the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Ghost. All of creation can be divided into three worlds: the spiritual (invisible), the material (visible), and the human, which is both spiritual (possessing a soul) and material (possessing a body). Man's likeness to God is a trinity in the soul, which consists of our memory, understanding (intellect) and will. The memory is like the Father, from whom all things proceed; the understanding is like the Son, who comes from the Father; and the will is like the Holy Spirit, who comes from the love of the Father and the Son. In the visible world, we distinguish things as animal, vegetable or mineral. Every material object is either solid, liquid or gas. Every corporeal thing has three dimensions: length, depth and width. Time is present, past or future. We see the Blessed Trinity in a seed: from the seed (the Father) comes the plant (the Son), and from the plant comes the fruit (the Holy Spirit). The Three Divine Persons have left Their imprint upon all creation: **“O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are his judgments, and how unsearchable his ways! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and recompense shall be made him? For of him, and by him, and in him, are all things: to him be glory for ever. Amen.”** (Rom 11:33-36)

We can only adore the divine mystery of the Blessed Trinity. Our finite minds are not capable of understanding God. We will contemplate the beauty of God for all eternity in heaven, where, as St Paul tells us, **“eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love him.”** (1 Cor 2:9) If our world is so beautiful, what must God, who created it out of nothing, be like? **“O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God!”** (Rom 11:33)