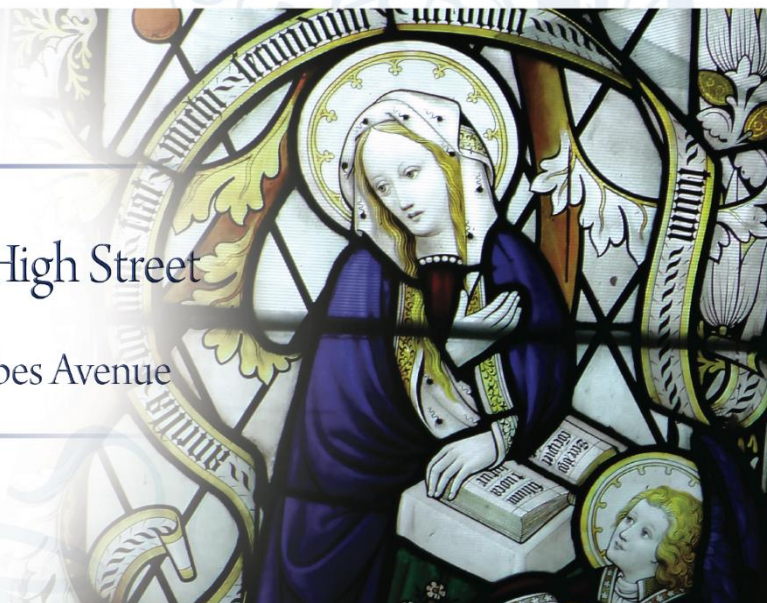


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GOSPORT



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



12th/13th MAY 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SAT 12	Seventh Sunday of Easter	St Columba's	6pm	Bosoni & Chiesa Families RIP
SUN 13	" " Latin Mass	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's	9.15am 11am 5pm	People of the Parish George Notley RIP Martin John Mackey & Family RIP
Mon 14	Latin Mass Requiem Mass	St Columba's St Mary's	10am 12 noon	Rev John Martin F/M Dennis Hobbs RIP
Tue 15	7th Week of Easter	St Mary's	12 noon	Fra John Gerard (Vocation)
Wed 16	Requiem Mass 7th Week of Easter	St Mary's St Mary's	11.30am 7pm	Alice Doherty RIP Farrugia Family RIP
Thu 17	St Dunstan	St Columba's	10am	
Fri 18	St John I	St Mary's	12 noon	Mary Stone F/M
Sat 19	Latin Mass Pentecost Sunday	St Mary's St Columba's	9.30am 6pm	James Anthony Thorpe (Special Intention) 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

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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 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.

ST MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP:

Please note that from now on the St Monica Group will meet only on the first Tuesday of every month, at 7pm in St Mary's Church. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION:

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Network.



CHILDREN'S CATECHISM:

Monday 21st May, 7pm

Meeting for Catechists

Saturday 26th May, 9am

First Communion & Confirmation Catechism

Tuesday 5th June, 7pm

Meeting for Parents

200 CLUB:

The 200 Club sells the numbers 1 to 200 for 25p each per week for the chance to win a quarterly prize of £100. You can buy as many numbers as you like, and there are also weekly and monthly consolation prizes of £10 and £5 to be won. If you would like to support the parish by joining the 200 Club, please contact the parish office. All proceeds go towards the St Mary's Beautification Project fund.

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.

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.

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:

Last Thursday, between 1pm and 3pm, 54 people accepted an invitation to come into St Mary's to light a candle and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Five parishioners, supported by Father Serafino, covered those two hours. Thank you so much to the volunteers who turned out to help. If you are available on Thursday afternoons, if only for half an hour or so, why not come along and take part? With your help, who knows how many more hearts will be touched... and lives changed?

CONFIRMATIONS:

Congratulations to Denis, Ryan and Molly, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday, 19th May, at St John's Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Begotten Of God

by Fr George M. Roth



In His Last Supper discourse, Jesus told His disciples, **"I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you."** (Jn 14:18) They would not be orphans after Jesus' Ascension into heaven. In today's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father that all His apostles will be kept in the Father's name and be one with Him and the Father: **"And now I am not in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom thou has given me; that they may be one, as we also are."** (Jn 17:11) Jesus will not leave His followers as orphans; He has sacrificed His life for them, and they are one with Him and the Father.

Throughout this Last Supper discourse, which is Jesus' "Last Will and Testament" to His apostles and disciples, Jesus seeks to impart joy: **"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be filled."** (Jn 15:11) This joy is only possible if we keep His Commandments: **"If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; as I also have kept my Father's commandments, and do abide in his love."** (Jn 15:10) If Jesus abides in us, we will be filled with His sanctifying grace and His virtues. St John tells us in today's Epistle that we will be filled with Jesus' love for one another because He is love itself: **"...for God is charity (love)... My dearest, if God hath so loved us; we also ought to love one another."** (I Jn 4:8-11) By loving our neighbour, we become begotten children of God, who abides in us: **"If we love one another, God abideth in us, and his charity is perfected in us."** (I Jn 4:12)

The great American playwright Eugene O'Neill, who was a Catholic, wrote *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, a sequel to his autobiographical play, *Long Day's Journey into Night*. In the former play he depicts several characters who are without love for God and neighbour. They are misbegotten souls who plot and scheme to overcome their human condition. Jim Tyrone, the protagonist, is incapable of love, constantly haunted and tormented by guilt over his mother's death after her life-long addiction to morphine. He is typical of the many in this world who are without joy and love, which can only be given to us by God's grace. So many souls who live disjointed lives without God believe that one religion is as good as another. They do not love God, nor keep His Commandments! When the effects of sin occur in their lives, they become depressed and without any hope. It is for these lost souls that Jesus prays in today's Gospel: **"And now I am not in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom thou has given me; that they may be one, as we also are. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name. Those whom thou gavest me have I kept; and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the scripture may be fulfilled."** (Jn 17:11-12) Judas, **"the son of perdition"** who betrayed Jesus, was the only apostle who was lost. He was the misbegotten soul of whom Jesus commented, **"...but woe to that man by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed: it were better for him, if that man had not been born."** (Mt 26:24) Judas and all who fail to love God and their fellow man are the misbegotten souls for whom it would be better never to have been born.

Today's Gospel, from Jesus' Last Supper discourse, is a prayer for His apostles, who believe and follow Him. Jesus prays to His Father that they may have the same joy that is in Him and the Father: **"And now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy filled in themselves."** (Jn 17:13) Jesus wants His apostles, and all those who believe in Him, to be kept from evil and sanctified in His truth: **"I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. They are not of the world, as I also am not of the world. Sanctify them in truth. Thy word is truth."** (Jn 17:15-17) All who believe in Jesus Christ and are baptised in the Holy Spirit are begotten in the love of Jesus Christ, and will be saved. Jesus had told Nicodemus that it was important to be born again (begotten) in order to enter the kingdom of heaven: **"Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."** (Jn 3:5) Those who are **"born again"** (begotten) of the Holy Spirit are those who love God and their neighbour as Jesus commanded His followers. Those who did not keep the Commandments, who are lost in hell for all eternity, are the misbegotten souls who would have been better off not having been born.