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**ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S**  
 The Catholic Church in Gosport



**01 June 2025 - Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

31	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Elizabeth Extance & Family RIP	<p><b>CONFESSION TIMES</b>                  Thu 6:15pm-6:45pm                  (if Mass is celebrated)                  Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm</p> <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>                  Thu—after the 7pm Mass                  Holy half hour with Night Prayer                  Fri 10:00am—12:00nn</p> <p><b>OUTREACH</b>                  Thu from 12:00nn</p>
01	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	Rose Albert & John Bullock RIP Cath Day RIP	
02	Mon	<b>No Service</b>			
03	Tue	12:00nn		Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP	
04	Wed	12:00nn		Jim Leigh RIP	
05	Thu	07:00pm	St Boniface	Pat Miles RIP	
06	Fri	12:00nn		Kathleen & William Anderton RIP	
07	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	
08	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Tressie Heather RIP Stephen Street RIP	

**REFLECTION**

Lord, you have called me: here I am

I was truly blessed to be able to travel to Rome for two days over the weekend and be present for my cousin's final vows as a religious sister of the Missionaries of Charity. Sr Mary Ryan MC was one of 19 sisters making their final vows that Saturday afternoon in the Church of St Julie Billiart within the city of Rome. Final vows, otherwise known as perpetual vows, mean a lifelong commitment to live a consecrated life as a Missionary of Charity. It is the culmination of 6 years living as a novice with temporary vows. The sisters make the traditional vows of chastity, poverty & obedience, but to these three vows the Missionaries of Charity include a fourth vow of wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor. This service of love for the unwanted, the uncared for, the homeless, the sick, the hungry and the suffering leads the Missionary of Charity sisters all over the world. The 19 sisters who made their final vows this past weekend join 5,750 other Missionaries of Charity operating around the world. Some of the sisters I met are now on their way to South Sudan, Kenya, Spain and South America amongst many other places. My cousin, Sr Mary Ryan, has been sent to Moscow where she will be caring for the mentally ill and homeless.

Make no mistake, it is a hard life and by serving the poorest of the poor they encounter conditions we might not even be able to begin to imagine. But looking on as those 19 sisters made their profession, wearing their white sari with blue striped border – they were simply radiant. The light of Christ shining within and through their whole being. It is this Light they will bring to all those whom they meet.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, who you might know as one of the Cardinals considered *papabile* by many news outlets. He shared in his wonderful homily memories of volunteering at a homeless shelter run by the Missionaries of Charity whilst he was a student priest. Cardinal Tagle and all gathered that afternoon looked on as one by one each of the sisters' names were called out, a sign of their vocational call from God to live this life of love. At the sound of their name each sister stepped forward, responding, "Lord, you have called me: here I am." It was profoundly moving.

- Fr Matthew



**TO MAKE DONATIONS:**

For BACS Transfer: Account Name: **CDP Gosport** Account No.: **00878538** Sort Code: **30-93-04** . Make all cheques payable to **CDP Gosport**, or you may scan the QR code. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available in the office.

*Please Gift Aid your donations if possible.*



## PARISH KEY DATES

### *June*

- 07 Sat - Confirmation Day** at St John's Cathedral.  
- **First Holy Communion programme - Session 9** at St Mary's Parish Hall from 9am
- 08 Sun - Pentecost Sunday and Children's Liturgy**
- 15 Sun - Trinity Sunday & also Father's Day**
- 22 Sun - Corpus Christi Sunday**
- 27 - Fri - Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Advance Notice:** Fr Matthew will not be available on these dates and therefore normal Services will be affected.

07 June - Sat : 12nn Confession is not happening due to the Confirmation Day at the Cathedral)

11 June - Wed: No 12nn Mass (Fr Matthew on Clergy Day)

17 June - Tue: No 12nn Mass (Fr Matthew on Clergy Day)

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Everyone is invited to attend on the 7th of June—Saturday at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Five of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. ***Please pray for Lleana, Duncan, Liam, Logan and Alice that they may be strengthened by the Sacraments, be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and live out their commitment to Christ with courage and joy.***

*Please be reminded that there will be NO 12nn Confession at St Mary's on this day.*

## SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Shroud of Turin Exhibition will showcase a full-sized replica of the world famous Shroud of Turin. The exhibition will run from **1st-14th June 2025, 8am-6pm**. This is Free Admission. A talk by Shroud Expert Pam Moon will take place on Sunday 1st June at 1pm following the 12nn Mass

## ORDINATIONS IN JULY

A joyful news! Two of the seminarians in the diocese: Stephen Patterson and Zacharias Parambi will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday 26th of July in the Cathedral, and Ryan Browne, a student for the priesthood, who was ordained deacon at the English College Villa at Palazzola will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 19th of July. Anyone is welcome to attend the ordinations. ***Please join us in praying that they may be strengthened in faith and be filled with the Holy spirit.***

## SECOND COLLECTIONS UPDATE - THANK YOU!

£114.71 - 26 Jan - Cathedral

£125.74 - 16 Feb - Racial Justice

£145.60 - 02 Mar - White Flower Appeal

£295.06 - 16 Mar - Cafod

£215.00 - 30 Mar - Clergy Assistance Fund

£254.59 - 18 April - Holy Places

£264.71 - 11 May - Clergy Training Fund

***Thank you for your ongoing support of our second collections.***

Second collections for June are for:

01 June - Catholic Communications Network

15 June - Day For Life

29 June - Peter's Pence

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**There is NO Tea and Coffee in St Mary's Hall today,  
June 1 - Sunday, after the 11:15am Mass.**

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## LOST AND FOUND

A number of personal items have been left behind at some point in the church and are currently being held in the parish office. If you believe you may have misplaced something, please speak to Clarinda to inquire or claim your item. ***Any unclaimed items will be disposed of accordingly if not collected by the end of June. Thank you.***

## SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated by Clarinda Mansfield for the intentions of Klara and William.



## WORLDPRIEST GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on **27 June 2025, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Worldpriest asks us to 'Pray the Rosary, unite with our country, and help encircle the world in prayer' on 27 June—Friday. This will be its fourteenth year, having grown from 24 to 2,600 prayer locations.

## PILGRIMAGES

- **Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes** . 7th July to the 11th July, gathering at Heathrow airport for a morning flight to France and returning to Heathrow on the evening of the 11th July. In Lourdes, residence (full board) at the 4\* hotel, La Solitude where all rooms are ensuite, and fitted with tea/coffee making facilities. The cost of the pilgrimage this year is £879 per person for a shared room, youth pilgrims can travel at £825. To find out more and to book a place please call 07780 221686 or email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- **Diocesan Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage** . This will be led by Cn PJ Smith. **28th July - 4th Aug**. £1,350 incl. flights, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, travel in Rome, entrance and participation fees, a pilgrim pack and much more. For more information, contact: [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## DIOCESAN FREE WILLS SERVICE

The Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers. Whether you would like to write your Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, you will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. You are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. More information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3r7hh47w>

## CARITAS: CHARITY & VOLUNTEER NETWORKING EVENT

Join Caritas for an afternoon of networking with people who are passionate about social justice through supporting people in their local community. Representatives from CAFOD, SVP, Stella Maris and Medaille Trust along with a number of parish-based projects will be there to chat, discuss volunteering opportunities and see how it might work in your community. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 2:30-4:30 at St John the Baptist, Andover SP10 3AD. For more information contact [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## PARISH MISSION WEEKEND

Ephphatha on Friday 20th June through to Sunday 22nd June at St Philip Howard. A mini-mission led by world-renowned evangelist Michelle Moran of the Sion Community. A weekend to help us learn how to spread the Gospel to others. Book your place now by contacting Dcn Larry: [lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lmurawski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## CALLED & GIFTED ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING

**Monday 7 July 7pm - 8:30pm** . Are you keen to be more fully the person that God created you to be? Are you sensing that you need to discern the spiritual gifts (charisms) you've been given to empower you spiritually and practically? If so, the Called and Gifted discernment process is for you! The Called and Gifted team in the Diocese are planning to hold an online information evening for Called and Gifted on Monday 7 July. This is intended for anyone who may be interested in hearing more about discerning charisms and the spiritual and practical benefits this can bring for individuals and communities. Please contact the parish office if you wish to register, or email your name and parish to [calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)