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ST MARY'S & ST COLUMBA'S

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12 October 2025 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

11	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	CONFESSION TIMES Wed 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thu—after the 7pm Mass <i>Holy half hour with Night Prayer</i> Fri 10:00am—12:00nn <i>Rosary for the Unborn at 10am</i> OUTREACH Thu from 1:00PM
12	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Camino Pilgrims INT Zied Solomon RIP	
13	Mon	No Service			
14	Tue	12:00nn		Magdalene Schmitz RIP	
15	Wed	07:00pm	St Teresa of Avila	Christine and Jofrey RIP	
16	Thu	07:00pm	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	Ann and Clement Kouame RIP	
17	Fri	12:00nn	St Ignatius of Antioch	William Noonan RIP	
18	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP	
19	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish Alice Theresa RIP	

NEWSLETTER THOUGHT

Walking in Gratitude

In the Gospel of Luke (17:11–19), we hear the story of ten lepers who cry out to Jesus for mercy. All are healed as they go, yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. Jesus asks, “Were not ten made clean? Where are the other nine?” The one who comes back is praised not only for being healed, but for having faith that recognises grace and responds with gratitude. His turning back is more than politeness; it is the willingness to show gratitude, a return to God.

This Gospel offers a profound echo in the story of St. James the Greater, the apostle whose name is carried to the far west in Santiago de Compostela. James was among Jesus’ closest friends and the first of the apostles to give his life in witness to the Gospel. The ancient Camino, the pilgrimage route to his resting place, invites every traveller to walk that same journey of faith, praying along the way, making each step purposeful, trusting in God who heals and leads us home.

Like the healed Samaritan, many pilgrims set out seeking mercy, healing, and renewal. Along the way, many discover something even greater: the joy of gratitude. Each sunrise on the path, every shared meal, and each act of kindness from fellow pilgrims become reminders of God’s grace, His love and presence along the way.

When the road ends at Santiago, the true pilgrimage begins within. Gratitude turns walking into worship, and faith into thanksgiving. The Samaritan’s return to Jesus mirrors every pilgrim’s return to the heart of God. It beckons you, knocking at your heart, wanting you to open both your heart and your mind to love, that is Christ.

May our own journeys, whether long or short, teach us to see with thankful eyes, to trust like St. James, and to live with hearts that never tire of saying, “Thank you, Lord. ”

Inspired by the Gospel of Luke (17:11-19)

Clarinda, our parish administrator, along with seven friends, will walk the final 100 kilometres of the Camino Frances, one of the most travelled routes of the Camino de Santiago. She is inviting everyone to sponsor her pilgrimage in support of St Mary’s Church, Gosport. All expenses have already been covered, so all donations will go directly to support the parish. In gratitude, she will carry the prayer intentions of those who donate and offer prayers along the way for all supporters, whether or not a donation is made. You may donate in several ways: by scanning the QR code (left) and adding your prayer intention in the “Donation Message”, or by using the electronic collection plate in the church and choose “Camino Fundraising”, or you may use the envelopes in the church and together with your donation, write your prayer intention. Follow her Facebook page, “A Walk for St Mary’s” <https://tinyurl.com/3j23w4pd> to see her progress along the way.



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.



Advance Notice for the month of OCTOBER

NO MASS & CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSURE

20 Mon . Church and parish office will be closed.

21 - 22 Tue - Wed . Fr Matthew on clergy formation days. Both church and parish office will be closed.

27 Mon . Church and parish office will be closed.

MASS COUNTS - LAST WEEK

This weekend is the third of four autumn Sunday Mass Attendance Counts. Mass Counts is a way for the Church to measure how many people are actively practicing their faith by going to Sunday Mass, and use this information to make decisions for ministry.

NEXT WEEKEND'S COLLECTION - MISSIO

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 19 OCTOBER: invites us to unite in prayer and generosity with missionaries sharing Christ's love around the world. Here is the link to the GAYL donations page: <https://tinyurl.com/ybcbzy6p>. For more information and resources, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ydty9dx4>

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SCHEDULE

Please be informed of **some important dates in November for your diary.**

- 02 - Sun All Saint's Day Normal Mass schedule
- 03 - Mon All Soul's Day . There will be Mass at 12nn
- 04 - Tue **No Mass**
- 05 - Wed **No Mass**
- 06 - Thu Mass at 7pm
- 07 - Fri **No Adoration**



Fr Matthew will be at St Mary's Primary School, but there will be Mass at 12nn as normal

09 - Sun Remembrance Sunday

Fr Benedikt will be the presider. *Thank you to those who already handed in their knitted poppies for our Remembrance Sunday project. It is not too late to start knitting in support of this initiative! You may drop off your finished poppies in the parish office!*

CHOIR PRACTICE

For the members of the choir and those who wish to join the choir, the next choir practice, happening in the church, will be on Saturday 25th October at 2pm and Sunday 26th October at 10am before the 11:15 Mass.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Registration for First Holy Communion is now open for children in Year 4 or over. Application forms are now available. Please contact the parish office to get a copy.

PARISH RELIGIOUS ITEMS AVAILABLE

We are now offering Christmas cards from our shop. We are also happy to let you know that anyone who wishes to order religious items is welcome to do so through the parish office during office hours, browse catalogues and place your orders.

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass offered for your intentions, kindly use the envelopes at the back of the church. You may book in advance. There are still available dates in October. *The Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass.*

NO TEA AND COFFEE ON THE 19TH OF OCTOBER

There will be no Tea and Coffee after the 11:15am Mass on October 19. If you wish to volunteer two hours of your time once a month to help serve tea and coffee in the hall after the 11:15am Mass, you are very welcome to speak to Anne or Mike. They will be happy to give you more information about this Ministry. ***There is Tea and Coffee in St Mary's Hall this Sunday after the 11:15am Mass. Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat.***

A WARM WELCOME TO FR BENEDIKT TIMPE

LET US GIVE FR BENEDIKT TIMPE A WARM WELCOME AT ST MARY'S! FR BENEDIKT IS WITH US THIS WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE THE MASS AND WILL CONTINUE JOINING US ONCE A MONTH OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, COVERING FOR FR MATTHEW WHEN HE GOES AWAY ON HIS TEACHING WEEKEND.

THANK YOU FR BENEDIKT AND WELCOME BACK TO ST MARY'S.

REMEMBRANCE CANDLES ON ALL SOULS' DAY

As we approach the feasts of All Saints (moved this year to Nov 2) and All Souls (moved to Nov 3), our Remembrance Candles, which has now become a tradition of our parish in remembrance of our dearly departed, will be available from next week. Lighting a candle in memory of a loved one is a sign of hope in the Resurrection, a symbol of prayer and a gesture of love for the departed. These candles will be lit before the Altar of the Lord on All Souls' Day. If you cannot attend Mass, don't worry, we will light your candle for you. Just leave it in the basket provided. **£1 donation per candle is requested.**



GET INVOLVED - SAY YES TO MINISTRY!

Have you ever felt a tug on your heart to do more, to give back, to get involved? The opportunities to serve in St Mary's is endless. Whether you have an hour or two a week or just a willingness to assist, there is a place for you. **Interested and want to know more? Please speak to Fr Matthew, Dcn John, or contact the parish office.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

If you are planning on having your child baptised, here are the dates for the next Baptism Preparation Programme:

Meet & Greet	Saturday 8 th Nov	10am
Online Session 1	Tuesday 18 th Nov	from 8pm
Online Session 2	Tuesday 25 th Nov	from 8pm

For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2vctjens> . **Closing date is 31st October.**

TURN EVERYDAY SHOPPING INTO EVERYDAY GIVING

Give as You Live (GAYL) . With Give as You Live Online, every purchase you make helps support St Mary's without any extra cost to you. It is quick, easy and completely free. Shop as normal and raise vital funds for St Mary's. Use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/222ae5s5> to access our parish's online shopping/giving page.

SEEKER SATURDAY

Seeker Saturdays; 18th October- 11am-3pm, Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ . This monthly group will resume on **18th October**. For the diary: the Seeker Saturday dates for the next academic year are: 15th November, 6th December, 17th January, 28th February, 21st March, 25th April, 16th May & 13th June. Pope Leo XIV recently called for the creation of communities where young people can feel accepted, listened to, and encouraged in their vocational discernment. If you are discerning if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, then spending time with like-minded people can be really beneficial to any vocational journey. Contact 01329 318 869

ADORE - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

ADORE CELEBRATES FIFTY YEARS WITH A SPECIAL DAY OF RENEWAL . On 25th October there will be a special celebration of the Golden Jubilee of "ADORE" – the Alton Day of Renewal, which has helped thousands of people to renew their faith and fan into a flame the graces received at Baptism and Confirmation. The event takes place at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG24 9DX starting at 9.30 with registration and Holy Mass at 10.00. Visit <http://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2025>