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

24 May 2026 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

23	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	<p>CONFESSION TIMES Wed 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm</p> <p>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></p> <p>OUTREACH Thu from 1:00pm</p>
24	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Kathleen Bernadette Savage RIP Zied Solomon RIP	
25	Mon	No Service			
26	Tue	12:00nn	St Philip Neri	Anjenette Malanta RIP	
27	Wed	07:00pm	St Augustine of Canterbury	Donna Sherley INT	
28	Thu	08:00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	Miss Mary Ann Cornelius RIP	
29	Fri	12:00nn		Holy Souls in Purgatory	
30	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Bernadette Foster INT	
31	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	People of the Parish Rose Albert & John & Sue Bullock RIP	

REFLECTION

Commentary by St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430)

“As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:21)

The happy day has dawned for us on which Holy Church makes her first radiant appearance to the eyes of faith and sets the hearts of believers on fire. It is the day on which we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit by our Lord Jesus Christ, after he had risen from the dead and ascended into glory.

In the Gospel it is written: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water shall flow from his heart.” (Jn 7:37-38)

The Evangelist explains these words by adding: “Jesus said this about the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.” (Jn 7:39)

Now, the glorification of Jesus took place when he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, but all was not yet accomplished. The Holy Spirit still had to be given; the one who made the promise had to send him.

This is precisely what occurred at Pentecost. [...]

The tongues in which they spoke as the Holy Spirit filled them were a foreshadowing of the Church’s preaching of the Gospel in the tongues of all nations.

After the flood, in pride and defiance of the Lord, an impious generation erected a high tower and so brought about the division of the human race into many language groups, each with its own peculiar speech which was unintelligible to the rest of the world.

At Pentecost, by contrast, the humble piety of believers brought all these diverse languages into the unity of the Church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together.

Like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love. [...]

So then, my fellow members of Christ’s body, you are the fruits of unity and the children of peace. Keep this day with joy, celebrate it in freedom of spirit, for in you is fulfilled what was foreshadowed in those days when the Holy Spirit came. [...]

If you yourselves are established in that unity you have the Holy Spirit among you, and nothing can separate you from the Church of Christ which speaks in the language of every nation of the world.

TO MAKE DONATIONS:

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CHANGE IN MASS TIME ON THURSDAYS

From 28th of May, the Mass time on Thursdays will move to **8:00am** for a 6-week trial period. There will be **NO evening Mass and NO Adoration on Thursdays** for the duration. Fr Matthew would greatly appreciate your feedback, both positive and negative, regarding these changes. You can speak to him in person or email the parish office. Thank you.

MAY HIGH STREET PROCESSION

Flores de Mayo

31st May after the 11:15am Mass. We would like to invite you to our annual High Street procession as we pay homage to Mother Mary through prayers, Marian procession and flower offering. Our procession will commence after the 11:15am Mass. We request attendees to bring your rosaries and to bring flowers to offer to Our Lady. **Refreshments will follow after the Service and procession. Please bring food to share. If you wish to help in the preparations so that our procession runs smoothly, please speak to Elsie.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM SESSION

To parents of our FHC candidates, please take note of the following catechism dates for your diary.

02 June - Parents' Evening at 7pm

13 June - Sacrament of Reconciliation after the catechism class

27 June - Catechism Session

05 July - First Holy Communion

11 July - Celebration Fun Day

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We have the great blessing of celebrating three baptisms this week! As these children are welcomed into our Catholic family, please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers, asking God to guide and bless them on their spiritual journey.

24 May - Nicholas Robert

26 May - Talia Teresa and Asher



MASS INTENTIONS

Of all the good deeds we can do for our deceased, the Church recommends the celebration of Mass as the most beautiful gift to offer for this intention. As a matter of fact, *"from the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead"* (CCC 1032) In addition to the Masses celebrated for our deceased, we can have Masses celebrated for the living. Let us not forget the intercessory dimension of the Mass, an impetratory sacrifice. Have a Mass celebrated on the occasion of a grace received ("in thanksgiving"), for a baptism or wedding anniversary, or to ask for healing or deliverance. The Roman Missal offers numerous forms for votive Masses or Masses for particular occasions.

<https://www.communautesaintmartin.org/>

To have a Mass offered for your intentions, kindly use the envelopes at the back of the church. Please book in advance. The next available dates are in June. Suggested donation is £10

SPONSOR A SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like to have a sanctuary lamp lit for a specific prayer or in loving memory of a family member, we invite you to sponsor one. **Please use the envelopes at the back of the church. Suggested donation is £5**

There is tea and coffee in St Mary's Hall every Sunday after the 11:15am Mass. Please join us for a friendly cuppa and chat. All donations we receive in the hall during tea and coffee becomes part of the building fund.

Reminder: There will be NO TEA & COFFEE this Sunday, the 24th due to a private event happening.

SECOND COLLECTIONS UPDATE

We thank everyone who continue to support our Second collections. Here's the update on how much we have collected:

£293.90 - CAFOD (March)

£140.18 - Clergy Assistance Fund (March)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next Children's Liturgy session will be on the 14th of June during the 11:15am Mass. This activity is for all children aged 4 and up to First Holy Communion age. Our Volunteer Liturgists will be welcoming them on the 14th.

WELCOMERS' MEETING

All Welcomers are invited to attend an upcoming meeting on the 19th of June Friday after the 12nn Mass. In the meeting, we will talk about the role and mission of Welcomers in the life of the Church, practical guidance and expectations for the ministry, and Health and Safety procedures and responsibilities. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, experiences and questions. **We would also like to extend this invitation to anyone interested in becoming a Welcomer. If you enjoy meeting people, helping others feel at home, and serving the parish, we would be delighted to welcome you to this ministry. No registration needed. Just join us on the 19th.**



MISSIO BOXES FOR COLLECTION

If you have a Missio Box at home, it is the time of year for us to collect them. Please bring them to church on a Sunday or any day during the week that is convenient for you. There is an opportunity to Gift Aid your Missio donation if you are a taxpayer. Please speak to Antony after the 8am Sunday Mass or contact the parish office. All Missio boxes need to be in by 7 June. Thank you.



SEMINAR AND DISCUSSION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Tuesday 26 May: A seminar and discussion on *Violence against Women and the Bible*. This event is for anyone working in catholic parishes, services and education, including clergy. Full details on this flyer. Register at <https://csan.charitysuite.com/events/w8agsksi>.

STELLA MARIS MASS

8 June 2026 Monday at 12.15pm: the Stella Maris Mass for seafarers and fishers in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by light refreshments. Please confirm your attendance by emailing roland.hayes@stellamarisemail.org by Tuesday 28 May.

HEART TO HEART WOMEN'S RETREAT

19 - 22 June 2026. A three-day retreat for women (whether single, married or religious), based on principles of Ignatian spirituality. Guided by Fr Bernard Murphy, CFR and Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, the retreat will seek to draw participants closer to the Lord through a greater attentiveness to His will. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bdej7bcr>

DISCERNMENT RETREATS

These are for single catholic women aged 18-35 who are open to discerning a monastic vocation. The next Retreats are **7th-9th August & 9th-11th October at Minster Abbey, Benedictine Monastery**. For more information and to book a place, please contact Sister Walburga at ministervocations@gmail.com. The website for the Monastery is www.minsterabbeynuns.org

'CELEBRATE' FESTIVAL

15-19 August 2026 - CELEBRATE Festival, one of the UK's leading Catholic family events returns to Worth School in West Sussex and tickets are now available. The Festival expects to welcome around 1,000 attendees for five days of worship, teaching and community with the theme 'Let There Be Light'. For more information, go to: <https://www.celebratefestival.org/>