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

31 May 2026 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

30	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Bernadette Foster INT	<p>CONFESSION TIMES Wed 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Fri 10:00am—12:00nn <i>Rosary for the Unborn at 10am</i></p> <p>OUTREACH Thu from 1:00pm</p>
31	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	Ann Brunt RIP Rose Albert and John & Sue Bullock RIP	
01	Mon	No Service			
02	Tue	12:00nn		Georgina Savege RIP	
03	Wed	07:00pm	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Miss Mary Ann Cornelius RIP	
04	Thu	08:00am		Deceased of the Savege Family	
05	Fri	12:00nn	St Boniface	Deceased of the Dalli & Anderton Family	
06	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Anjenette Mabanta RIP	
07	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	CORPUS CHRISTI <i>(The Body and Blood of Christ)</i>	Parish Volunteers INT Paul Slater RIP	

REFLECTION

A reflection by Fr Gaston Forbah, priest in the Diocese of Portsmouth

Today, the Church celebrates the central mystery of our Christian Faith, namely, the Most Holy Trinity (CCC 237). By this mystery, we believe that God is one in essence, but exists as three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (CCC 253-254). Each person is fully God, eternal and infinite, yet they are not interchangeable: the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son (CCC 254).

Each Person of the Trinity participates in the work of salvation: the Father is the creator of all that exists, and He plans redemption; the Son accomplishes redemption through His life, death and resurrection; and the Holy Spirit Sanctifies and guides the Church (CCC 238).

- The Holy Trinity is the source of the unity, reconciliation and life for believers (CCC 68).
- The celebration of today gives us the opportunity to reflect on our efforts to live a life of unity, reconciliation and love in imitation of the Most Holy Trinity.
- St Paul encourages us to live a life of unity, reconciliation and love by aiming for restoration, comforting one another and living in peace with one another (Cf 2nd Reading).
- We can always go back to the scriptures to see how the Triune God presents himself as a God of unity, reconciliation and love. This truth of faith was revealed by God to Moses on Mount Sinai when the Triune God proclaimed Himself as a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness (Cf 1st Reading).
- This truth was revealed in the most splendid way by the sending of the Son out of love for the world, so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life (Cf Gospel Reading).
- The incarnation of the Son and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit brought about a concrete revelation of God as a Trinity in whom there exists perfect unity and love (Cf Opening Prayer)
- Each time we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross, we immerse ourselves in the life of the Trinity. This gesture of faith should always remind us that we are called to reflect the life of the Holy Trinity by striving to uphold values that foster growth in unity, reconciliation, and love.

Source: theliturgyproject.com

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CHANGE IN MASS TIME ON THURSDAYS

The Mass time on Thursdays is at 8:00am as a trial for 6 weeks (until 2 July). There will be NO evening Mass and NO Adoration on Thursdays. Any feedback, please speak to Fr Matthew or email the parish office. Thank you.

PARKING ON THURSDAYS

Due to the trial Thursday Mass time, parishioners attending the 8:00am Mass are requested not use the parish parking, and instead use the nearby Minnit public car park where possible (1-hr free parking). Church parking is for people hiring the hall on Thursdays who provide added income for the parish. Thank you.

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

04 July - Rehearsals at 10am

05 July - First Holy Communion at 11:15am

NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS

Thank you to our donors

Thank you to two of our parishioners who generously donated towards the purchase of our new Parish Mass Books. Your kindness and support are very much appreciated. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

In observance of Corpus Christi, all are warmly invited on the **7th of June Sunday**, to spend time in quiet contemplation and prayer in the presence of Our Lord. We are also seeking Adorers who would be willing to spend one hour with Jesus either after the 8am Mass or during the hour before the 11:15am Mass. If you are able to help, please put your name on the sign up sheet that is at the back of the church. Thank you.

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.



REQUIEM MASS FOR ANN BRUNT

A Requiem Mass will be held for Ann Brunt on the 18th of June at 11:30am. Please keep Ann and her family in your prayers at this time. May her soul rest in peace. ✠
This 11:30am Mass for Ann will replace the 8:00am Mass.



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.



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@stellamarismail.org by Tuesday 28 May.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN

Our sincere thanks to all parishioners who have supported and continue to support the Closer to Christ Campaign through your prayers and generous donations. Since the campaign in 2023, the parish received £16,822 which has been used towards the repair and maintenance of the church and parish property. So far, you have also donated:

£11,775 for diocesan vocations

£11,775 for all diocesan active clergies, and

£10,093 for all retired priests

Your generosity greatly helps in preserving and improving our parish for present and future generations. Thank you!

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, we have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- An Asset Inventory Record
- A Will Planner
- Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill

These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future. These resources are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

BE ACTIVE HAMPSHIRE AT ST MARY'S PARISH HALL

Chair Pilates . Did you know that a Chair Pilates class is being held at St Mary's Hall every Tuesday from 1-2pm? Chair Pilates is a guided movement using a chair for support, helping to build strength, improve flexibility, better balance and posture. The class is suitable for beginners and provides a welcoming space to start moving more. If interested, leave a text message to Rachel at 07363026954 / fgfitness13@gmail.com

Pope's WORLDWIDE Prayer Intention

June - **For the values of sports**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.