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

**14 June 2026 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

13	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	William Cliffe RIP	<b>CONFESSION TIMES</b> Wed 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm  <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> Fri 10:00am—12:00nn <i>Rosary for the Unborn at 10am</i>  <b>OUTREACH</b> Thu from 1:00pm
14	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	People of the Parish Zied Solomon RIP	
15	Mon	<b>No Service</b>			
16	Tue	12:00nn	St Richard of Chichester	Rev Canon Thomas Doyle RIP	
17	Wed	07:00pm		Stanislaw Skonieczny	
18	Thu	<b>11:30am</b>	<i>Requiem Mass</i>	Ann Brunt RIP	
19	Fri	12:00nn	St Romuald	William Neville Mansfield INT	
20	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	
21	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Beryl Jackson and Family INT Carolyne Lindsay INT	

**REFLECTION**

**History of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

From the earliest days of the Church, "Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side, the wounded Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of love."

General devotion to the Sacred Heart, the birthplace of the Church and the font of Love, were popular in Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries, especially in response to the devotion of St. Gertrude the Great, but specific devotions became even more popularized when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote, "He disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart." Christ emphasized to her His love and His woundedness caused by Man's indifference to this love.

**Heart of Jesus, Symbol of Love**

The Church, governed and taught by the Holy Spirit, has approved and recommended devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In our age of religious indifference, when fervor and charity have grown cold, Jesus exhibits to the world His Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's infinite love - the symbol of His own generous self-sacrificing love for men. Jesus shows His Divine Heart as a furnace whose burning rays of love are able to reanimate faith and rekindle love in hearts grown cold and ungrateful.

But why His Heart? Because in every language, in every age, the heart is regarded as the natural symbol of love and affection. What more natural and expressive symbol is there, then, of the excessive love of Jesus than His Sacred Heart? The direct and material object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the real, physical Heart of Jesus - the Heart of flesh, the living and loving Heart of our Blessed Lord; the Heart that beat in His Divine breast at the moment of the Incarnation; the Heart that loved us during the life of Jesus on earth, that poured forth its blood to the last drop on Mount Calvary; the beatified Heart now glorious in Heaven and still dwelling among us in the Blessed Sacrament; the Heart ever united to the Person of the Divine Word, to whom is due supreme homage and adoration.



Source: Sisters of Carmel (sistersofcarmel.com)

**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. *Please Gift Aid your donations if possible.*



### Advance Notice:

**17 June Wed - No Mass and Confession** . Fr Matthew will be attending a Clergy Day.

**18 June Thu - No 8am Mass.** This will be replaced by a Requiem Mass for Ann Brunt at 11:30am.

**27 July to 03 September** . Fr Matthew will be on his annual break. There won't be weekday Services during this period but our church will be open for private prayer.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM SESSION

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

27 June - Catechism Session

04 July - Rehearsals at 10am

05 July - First Holy Communion at 11:15am

11 July - Celebration Fun Day

### NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION - DAY FOR LIFE

On Sunday 21 June 2026, Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. To donate online, please scan the QR code.



### MGR VINCENT HARVEY IS BACK NEXT WEEKEND

We are pleased to welcome back Mgr Vincent who will be with us on the weekend of 20/21 June to cover for Fr Matthew who will be away on his course. Please keep both Fr Vincent and Fr Matthew in your prayers.

### SUMMER TABLE TOP SALE IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

**4th July 2026, from 10am - 1pm** . Set up from 8.30am. Donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, and preserves are very welcome. If anyone wants to lend a hand in setting up and/or manning a stall and packing away, please contact Annette at 07930833971.

### VOTIVE CANDLE DONATION UPDATE

Effective this week, the suggested donation for votive candles has increased to 50p. This modest increase is necessary to help the ongoing needs of our parish. Thank you for your understanding.

### NEW BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

You are warmly invited to join our new Bible Reflection Group which will meet on the first Friday of every month following the 12nn Mass in the upper room of the Parish Hall. Together, we will reflect on God's Word, share insights, and grow in faith. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Diocesan Prayer

June 16: Parish Prayer Groups | Canon Thomas Doyle (1896)

June 19: The Holy Father (ordained priest 19 June 1982)

### 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.**

### SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated by Clarinda Mansfield for the deceased members of the Alvarez and Bay families. May they rest in peace. ✠



### SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

### STANDING ORDER AND GIFT AID

Donating by standing order provides the parish a stable and predictable income. It also ensures continuity of donation even when you are away. If you haven't yet, **please consider donating via a Standing Order**. If you are a UK taxpayer, your donation can increase by 25% by **signing up for Gift Aid**. These are vital in helping to sustain the life and mission of our parish. Forms are available at the back of the church and from the Parish Office. Contactless Giving (DONA Machine) is also available at the back of the Church. You can also Gift Aid your contactless donation. All you need to do is register once and all succeeding donations will be Gift Aided. We continue to thank all parishioners for your kind support to our parish in so many ways. 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, and 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>

### FILIPINO MASS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH IN LEE

**4 July | Saturday at 1pm.** Everyone is invited to a Filipino Mass at St John the Evangelist Church, South Place, Lee-on-Solent PO13 9AS. The Mass will be officiated by Fr Claro Conde.

### ADOREMUS - NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

**Adoremus** is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The next **Adoremus** event is due to take place in London on **Saturday 10th October 2026**, with Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. You may attend on your own, or if you wish to attend as a parish group, please let Canon Michael Dennehy ([mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) know **by Wednesday 1st July 2026**, so that we can co-ordinate travel and book places.

### ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

HMS SULTAN 70th Anniversary Notice—Wed 24 June 2026  
Traffic Management will be closing Mumby Road/South Street for a short period due to the Parade in David Lawrence Square which will commence at 11:00 and is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. For more information, please see our notice board.

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