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The Catholic Church in Gosport

12 July 2026 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

11	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Raymond Extance RIP	CONFESSION TIMES Wed 6:15pm-6:45pm <i>(if Mass is celebrated)</i> Sat - 12:00nn—1:00pm EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Fri 10:00am—12:00nn <i>Rosary for the Unborn at 10am</i> OUTREACH Thu from 1:00pm
12	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Ms Mary Anne Cornelius RIP Julieta Fleet INT	
13	Mon	No Service			
14	Tue	No Mass			
15	Wed	07:00pm	St Swithun	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
16	Thu	8:00AM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Fitzgerald RIP	
17	Fri	12:00nn	St Bonaventure	Angela Podmore RIP	
18	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Molly Hughes RIP	
19	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	People of the Parish Zied Solomon RIP	

Message from Fr Matthew

Dear Parishioners,

I have some important news to share with you. Beginning this September, Bishop Philip has appointed me to the parish in Thatcham, Berkshire, where I will be taking over for Fr. Kevin O'Brien who is retiring.

Sadly, this means I will soon be saying farewell to everyone here in Gosport. Despite a bumpy start, serving this parish has been a deeply rewarding experience and I am incredibly grateful for our time together over the past four years. This Sunday, as we reflect on Our Lord's parable of The Sower, I feel there is something especially good and wonderful growing in this community. May you bear much fruit.

While changes like this can be unsettling, I am very pleased to share that Fr. Nishan Mohanraj Edwards has been appointed as your new priest. Fr. Nishan has been ministering on the Isle of Wight and previously served as assistant priest in Guernsey and at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. I am certain you will find him to be a kind, generous, and holy priest.

To give you some context on why this is happening: last September, I enrolled on a psychotherapy training course. I have immensely enjoyed these studies and truly believe this training can have a profoundly positive impact on ministry and the mental health care of clergy. Because continuing these studies toward qualification will require me to travel to London multiple times a week, it was agreed that relocating me closer to London would be the most prudent step. I am sorry that my pursuit of these studies has necessitated this move, but I also believe in the long-term value this study may provide for the wider Church.

As you already know, I will be away for the month of August on a long-planned holiday to visit my family in South Africa. While the timing isn't ideal, and I do not yet have the exact date of my move, I will be back in September. This will provide a proper opportunity to say goodbye, so that I can personally thank you for how good you have all been to me.

May Almighty God continue to bless and guide you, and Our Lady watch over you always.

With my deepest gratitude to you all,

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. *Please Gift Aid your donations if possible.*



Advance Notice:

14 July Tue & 21 July Tue . There will be **NO Masses** on these days.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION—STELLA MARIS

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. Conflicts around the world are increasing risks to their safety, especially for crews travelling through regions such as the Strait of Hormuz. Many also face abandonment by employers, long separations from family, stress, and poor mental health. Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharistic Adoration happens every **Friday from 10am to 12nn followed by Mass**. This is a beautiful time to spend with the Lord in prayer and silence. You can simply come in, sit quietly, and be with Him. Come and adore

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS LAST WEEKEND

Last Saturday, we had the great joy of celebrating the First Holy Communion of our children. It was a beautiful occasion and it was truly moving to see them come forward to receive the Eucharist. Everything was very well organised and thoughtfully prepared. We are most grateful to everyone who contributed to making this celebration so special. A heartfelt thank you goes to our catechists, Jane and Mike, and their assistants, Heshani and Nancy, who diligently prepared the children over the last few months for this important milestone in their journey of faith. Thank you ever so much for all you have done. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Young people from Year 8 are encouraged to join the "Chosen Group". They will engage in a two-year Programme which they can join whenever they feel ready. Year A, focuses on preparation for Confirmation, using the "Chosen Confirmation Programme". Year B focuses on living out one's faith using the "Faith in Action (love in action) Programme". We also use the Diocesan Youth Awards to reach out to those who are engaged in other youth ministries. For enquiries, please contact the parish office.

HELP US PRESERVE THE STORY OF ST MARY'S

As part of our parish heritage project, we are seeking old photographs, documents, and memories that help tell the story of St Mary's and the Catholic community in Gosport. Do you have old photographs of our church, clergy, photographs of baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, weddings, parish celebrations, or other special occasions connected with St Mary's? Even seemingly ordinary photographs can provide valuable insights into our parish history. If you are willing, we will keep your photographs for scanning and will be returned to you as soon as possible. If you have items that you would be willing to share, or stories and memories that you would like recorded for future generations, please contact the parish office.



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.

FR DAMIAN MARTELL OF THE ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY

Next weekend, Fr Matthew will be in London for his course. In his absence, Fr Damian Martell of the St Patrick's Missionary Society will be celebrating all weekend Masses. Fr Damian will also be doing an appeal and promote a range of Mass cards and perpetual enrolment folders. Let us give him our warm welcome next week and let us pray for him and his Mission. ***This means that there will be no 12nn Confession on Saturday 18th of July.***

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8:00am Mass Readers . Could you help proclaim the Word of God at our Sunday 8:00am Mass? Additional readers are required. Training and support will be provided.

Second Collection Coordinator . We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate our second collections and appeals throughout the year.

To find out more about the roles, please speak to Fr Matthew or contact the parish office. Thank you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP—GOSPORT

14th July | Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00pm . We offer support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. We help in providing comfort, support and friendship in a welcoming, safe space. For more information, please contact Annette Hutchins at bethany.gosport@gmail.com

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.

TURN YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING INTO 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> or scan the QR code to access our parish's online shopping/giving page.



Have you been coming to Mass for a while but are not a Catholic? Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic or perhaps felt drawn to taking a deeper look into the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are a Catholic but have never got around to being confirmed? If so, Fr Matthew or Deacon John would very much like to hear from you. Why not arrange an informal chat by initially emailing the parish office or calling 02392 580 119.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sat 18th July 11am | Cathedral, Portsmouth PO1 3HG . Dcn Jack Ryan from our Pastoral Area, will be ordained by Bishop Philip in July. Everyone is warmly invited.

CAFOD APPEAL FOR VENEZUELAN EARTHQUAKE

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many of our neighbours have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged. **Our parish's support will reach families affected by the earthquakes. To donate, please scan the QR code.**



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE . LET US PRAY FOR THE RESPECT AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE IN ALL ITS STAGES, RECOGNIZING IT AS A GIFT FROM GOD.



July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Christ
11 July is the Feast of St Benedict
Diocesan Prayer: Bishop Philip
(appointed 11.07.2012)

