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25 OCTOBER 2026 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

24	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the Parish	CONFESSION TIMES Tue & Thu: 9-9:45am Fri: 11 – 11:45am Sun: 10:30 – 11:00am EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Tue & Thu: 9am Fri: 11 – 11:45am ROSARY for the unborn Fri – from 10:00am OUTREACH Thu from 1:00pm & last Saturday of the month
25	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Brian Davies RIP Zied Solomon RIP	
26	Mon	6:00pm		Captain Dugmore RIP	
27	Tue	10:00am		Georgina Savege RIP	
28	Wed	No Service			
29	Thu	10:00am		Georgina Savege RIP	
30	Fri	12:00nn		Valerie Shaw	
31	Sat	06:00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	Angela Stubbins RIP	
01	Sun	08:00am 11:15am	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Cecil Frank Wallace RIP People of the Parish	

REFLECTION

The poster's central inclusion is that: **no person falls outside God's love or the call to love and serve others, for example -**

- **People across conflict and authority:**
an angry man, a police officer, protesters, and those they oppose.
- **People across immigration views:**
immigrants, an immigrant mother, and people who believe immigrants should not be present.
- **People across abortion views:**
a woman at an abortion clinic and someone protesting abortion.
- **People across work and environmental divides:**
an environmental protester and an oil worker.
- **People across faith, identity, and orientation:**
Muslims, Christians, atheists, priests, gay people, straight people, and people with differing theology.
- **People facing personal struggles or harm:**
people with addiction or alcoholism, people whose lifestyles are not understood, and people who have caused hurt.
- **People with differing beliefs and politics:**
Conservatives, Labour supporters etc., , and those who think, vote, believe, or live differently.

The message distinguishes between:

loving people from endorsing every belief or action:

it calls Christians to love, serve, see, and treat every person as made in God's image, and to follow Jesus' example of washing others' feet.

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NEW PARISH MASS BOOK

We normally order 100 copies at £4.95 per copy. If you wish to donate towards the purchase of new Mass Books that will be used from 29 November, please contact the parish office.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend is Bamenda Sunday, a celebration of a partnership between our two dioceses where we learn, pray and support each other. An important part of the link has been the support we have sent over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact on the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda, and it most sincerely appreciated by them. Please give as generously as your contributions really do transform lives. Follow <https://portsmouth.org.uk/bamenda/donate/> or use the QR code to see the different donations options and gift aid if you can. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are in need of any unwanted gifts, and donations for our Christmas Raffle. If you have any that you wish to donate, kindly drop them off in the parish office during office hours or you may bring it at any of the Masses and give it to Fr Nishan. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

01 Nov Sun	All Saint's Day
02 Nov Mon	All Soul's Day
08 Nov Sun	Remembrance Sunday
27 Nov Fri	Special Service of Remembrance 6pm
04 Dec Fri	Advent Service – Preparing the Way 6pm
13 Dec Sun	Parish Christmas Party 4pm
19 Dec Sat	Filipino Christmas Mass (Simbang Gabi) 6pm
22 Dec Tue	Bringing the Joy of Christmas (visit to care homes)
24 Dec Thu	Christmas Eve Mass 5pm & 9pm
25 Dec Fri	Christmas Day Mass 11am
Further details will be provided soon.	

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES REMINDER

November 1 Sun – All Saints Day | We would like to request children to dress up as Saints on this Day. Please speak to Elsie or Clarinda for more information.

November 2 Mon – All Souls Day | As a tradition, votive candles will be available at the back of the church where you can write the names of your deceased loved ones you wish to remember. **The candles will be lit at the 6pm Mass on this day. We request a £1 donation for each votive candle.**

There will also be a Pastoral Area evening Mass at St Margaret Mary in Parkgate at 7:30pm. All those who died over the last 12 months will be remembered and read out during Mass and there will be an opportunity to light a candle at Mass for them.

November 8 Sun – Remembrance Sunday and Blessing of Graves | We invite all parishioners to the Remembrance Service and observance of the 2-minute silence starting at 11am by St Mary's War Memorial. This will be followed by the 11:15am Mass.

At 2pm, there will be a blessing of graves at Anns Hill Cemetery. Do join us.

SPECIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – 27TH NOVEMBER

We would like to invite everyone to join us for a special Service of Remembrance on the 27th of November at 6pm, as we come together in prayer to remember our loved ones. During the service, the names of our departed parishioners will be called, and a family member or representative will be invited to come forward to light a candle in their memory.

If you wish to take part in the candle-lighting, please contact the parish office by the 24th of November to confirm your attendance and the name of your loved one. This will help us make the necessary arrangements for the Service. All are welcome to join us.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who want to have their child baptised at St Mary's are asked to attend a programme to help them prepare for this important sacrament. We generally run four or more preparation programmes a year. The next one will be held in November 2026. The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 29 October 2026. Before filling in the online Baptism Preparation Form, please ensure that you will be available to attend the following events:
Meet and Greet introduction – 07 November 10am Exact venue to be announced nearer the date.

Online Session 1 – Tuesday 10 November 8:00pm – 9:30pm

Online Session 2 – Tuesday 17 November 8:00pm – 9:30pm

Please contact the parish office for more details.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in the hospital or will be admitted in the hospital, please call the following numbers: QA 02392 286 408 | War Memorial 02382 318 000 | Southampton Hospital 02381 206 049, and ask of a Roman Catholic Priest. **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**, please contact the parish office if you know of any elderly or housebound people who would appreciate being offered the sacraments at home. **If you or a loved one is sick or housebound** and are unable to participate in the Sunday Eucharist, please contact the parish office and arrangements will be made for you to receive Holy Communion.

Diocesan Prayer: Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Solent Pastoral Area

FOUNDATION MASSES

Foundation Masses are annual Masses said for 25 years for the repose of the soul or for the intention of someone. The minimum donation is £100. Contact the parish office for more information.

CALLING OUR YOUNG SINGERS

We invite interested children and their parents to a Meet and Greet in the parish hall on the 1st of November after the 11:15am Mass to meet with our volunteers and to learn more information. **Thank you to those who already expressed interest! We need more children!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COUNT COLLECTION

Following the recent retirement of our longtime counter, Doug Sherley, we are looking for two trustworthy individuals with strong attention to detail, to help count our weekly collections. To find out more, please speak to Anne Berger, Mike Slater or to Clarinda.

MASS COUNT

Following the recent Mass Counts done for 4 weeks from 20 September to 11 October, the average attendance are: Sat 6pm – 40 | Sun 8am – 44 | Sun 11:15am – 133 | Total Average - 217

CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Fr Nishan is introducing new Mass times for Tuesday and Thursday effective this week. Instead of 12nn, the Masses on these days will now be at 10am with Eucharistic Adoration and confession at 9:00am to 9:45am. These trial Mass times will be in place until further notice. Please speak to Fr Nishan if you have any questions regarding the time change.

THE RELIC OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

Saturday 31 October at St John's Cathedral (PO1 3HG) | 12.15pm
Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip, followed by individual or family blessings. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. All welcome and bring your petitions to this little saint!

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Bethany Bereavement Group – Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
Bible Reflection Group – Every 1st Friday of the month
Children's Liturgy – Every 2nd Sunday of the month