

Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**

20th September, 2009

The opening prayer for this Sunday speaks of God's "Law of love." Its Latin original is more precise, more modest and more pastoral. The Latin defines God's Law as love of God and of neighbour. God is asked, not to "guide" us, but to give us grace to keep that double commandment, a much more profound request. Our current English translation misses this "gift" aspect, whereas the Latin says clearly that the power to keep the commandments comes from God alone, not from inside us (as in the current 'May we love one another').

As in a great many of our English collects, this theology of God's supremacy and total giftedness is not brought over sufficiently. The proposed new translation of the Missal, on the other hand, lies close to the Latin and speaks of God founding *all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of neighbour*. Also, it asks for the grace to keep them: *grant that, by keeping your precepts we may be brought* (not simply "come" as in our present text) to eternal life. As always, God is being asked to reward what God has inspired. AG



Now that we are in September the Team and Volunteers are busy fundraising for the Living Our Faith Campaign and with the plans for the new Parish Centre. For details please look at the Living Our Faith and parish centre section of the parish website: www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

If you haven't been contacted yet it may be that we do not have your up to date details. If you are anxious about this please contact the Campaign Team at the parish office. Also, please contact us if you would like to join our team of 25 Volunteers who visit homes to explain the finer details of the Campaign. Training and support are provided. The Living Our Faith Campaign team can be contacted at Peterhouse on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and for urgent matters please call 0777 407 5861.

Total raised so far: £1,051,150 from 138 gifts

TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the Covenant with the Poor.

Welcome to Lucas Maul who is being baptised at the 10.30 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's today.

Flowers in St. Stephen's today are in memory of Margaret Jarvis.

St. Peter's Readers Rotas and Scripture Guides for October through to the end of December, are ready for collection from the Sacristy.

Ted and Pat Hogan have left Winchester to live in a care home near to one of their daughters and her family. They were finding it more difficult to manage on their own in the face of advancing years, needing more help on a permanent basis for their everyday needs. After all Sunday Masses in St. Peter's, there will be a book at the back of church where those who wish to do so may write their own wishes to Pat and Ted and this will be available until the end of September. The book will then be given to them at an appropriate time, but unfortunately this will not be in Winchester. P.JT

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Book of Wisdom 2:12.17-20

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: Letter of St. James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



Questions of the Week

Children: What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

Youth: Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others. What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

The deadline for anything to be inserted into Peterpost is midday Thursday.

CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

Canon Paul Townsend (Parish Priest)

Fr. John Catlin

Canon Alan Griffiths

Fr. Vincent Convery (Prison and Hospital Chaplain)

Fr. Brian Croughan

Deacon Gerard Dailly (01962 736389)

Deacon Nick Reynolds (01962 772393)

Catherine Christmas (Director of music, liturgy and communications)

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Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Monday 21st September - Ascent Group meets at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome.

Wednesday 23rd September - Catholic Teachers/Educators Mass at 4.15 p.m. at St. Anne's School, Carlton Road, Southampton. Reception to follow. All Catholic teachers and auxiliary staff are welcome to attend, irrespective of whether they teach or not in a Catholic School.

Thursday evenings, 24th September and 1st/8th/15th October, Hampshire Downs Youth Group Invite you to EARTH EXPLORERS - Think "Green" and join in some fun activities. We will have an art session, a quiz around town, some great activities and games and a chance to get your hands dirty volunteering with the Hampshire Wildlife Trust! There will be Pizza too. If you are at secondary school we look forward to seeing you on at St Peter's Church Parish Centre from 7.00 -9.00 p.m. Friends are welcome. Call Liza on 868714 to find out more.

Saturday 26th September - Alton Day of Renewal at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead. See St. Gregory's notices for more information.

Saturday 26 September - Winchester Rotary presents a "Help for Heroes" Concert in the Cathedral which offers a great opportunity of supporting this worthy cause. The concert will be introduced by Kate Adie OBE and will feature both the internationally renowned Treorchy Male Choir and the Adjutant General's Corps Band, one of the finest military bands in the country. Tickets are now on sale at the Cathedral Box office (01962 857275) or online at: www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/booking.

NEXT WEEKEND

Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend for the Cathedral.

Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th September in St. Peter's and **Sunday 4th October** in St. Stephen's, St. Gregory's and St. Thomas More's churches members of the Knights of St. Columba will give a presentation at the end of each Mass about their order and will invite men of the parish to apply to become members.

Sunday 27th September - Filipino Community will be taking part in the 10.30 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's.

Sunday 27th September - Harvest Festival at St. Stephen's at 6.00 p.m. The parishioners of St. Luke's and St. Mark's will join in the celebration. All are welcome.

Plainsong Choir - The St. Nicholas Gregorian Chant Choir, or Schola Gregoriana Sancti Nicolai, is male voice and dedicated to the singing of Plainsong. It was formed in 2001 with the help of the late Dr. Mary Berry of Cambridge. The choir sings monthly at the Sacred Heart Church in Fareham and, a little less frequently, at St. Peter's. There are weekly practices. New members, including complete beginners are very welcome. If interested in joining, please contact Neville McNally on 02392 862384.

The CAFOD Lunch last week raised £77.20. Many thanks.

St. Stephen's Cake Sale - Last Sunday's Cake Sale which was a huge success raised £97.74. Many thanks to all who baked and to others who bought. Liz Tipple.

The congregation at St. Stephen's are building an electronic archive of photos charting events during the forty years of the church's history. If you have any photos of significant events at St. Stephen's and would be willing to lend them to us for scanning, please contact Mark Pellegrini on 02380 696393. If you would rather, just send a copy via e-mail to mcp@pellegrini.freeserve.co.uk. Please attach a title/description and a date (if possible).

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 30th September - Space in the City: In the Autumn series of talks entitled "Prophets for our Time", eight speakers will discuss a 'modern prophet' of their choice. The first speaker is theologian and author, John Austin Baker, who will be talking about the radical Catholic missionary, Vincent Donovan. At the United Church from 12.30 until 1.00 p.m. Admission free.

Saturday 3rd October - "The Age of Stupid" - Saturday 3rd October at 7.30 p.m. This highly acclaimed film will be shown at Winchester Discovery Centre by WINACC (Winchester Action on Climate Change). Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite stars as a man in the devastated world of 2055, looking back at old footage from 2008 and asking why we didn't save ourselves when we had the chance. £5. Book at the Winchester Discovery Centre, telephone 01962 873603 or <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/wdc>

Sunday 4th October - Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 3.30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Portsmouth. All welcome.

Monday 5th October - Winchester Catholic History Group - The Cult of Saint Swithun with Dr. John Crook, Architectural Historian and Winchester Cathedral Archaeologist at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. in the Milner Hall. Non-members: £3

Wednesday 7th October - Winchester Chamber Music Festival Fundraising Concert at 7.30 p.m. in the Milner Hall with members of the London Bridge Ensemble and guest violinist, Lucy Gould, performing an attractive programme. All proceeds will go to support our third Festival in April 2010. Last year this event sold out, so I urge you to book in advance to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £22 each to include an interval glass of wine. Please phone Clare Harvey on our dedicated ticket line: 01962 841894.

Friday 9th October - Winchester Life Group are holding a fundraising sale in St. Maurice's Covert. They will be grateful for donations of goods, cakes, books, toys, bric-a-brac and children's cloths. Goods can be left in the boxes at the back of St. Peter's and St. Stephen's churches. Any volunteers for helping on the day will be very welcome. Please contact Tricia Hobbs on 01962 882244.

Saturday, 10th October - Notice for Eucharistic Ministers - Morning of Reflection for all of our Ministers of Communion. at St Peter's school, arrival 9.00 for 9.30 a.m., finishing by 1.00 p.m. after Mass in St. Stephen's church.

Thursday 15th October - The annual Mass at St. Mary's, Twyford will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 18th October - Mass for the Sick and Housebound at 3.00 p.m. followed by Tea in the Parish Centre. Would anyone able to offer a lift or anyone wanting a lift contact Martin Bell on 01962 713066.

Wednesday 21st October - Keeping them Safe Event - An evening organised for youth leaders, catechists and anyone working with young people to look at models of good practice for Safeguarding and will also consider the area of Risk Assessment from 7.00-9.00 p.m. at St. Francis De Sales, Warren Road, Wash Common, Newbury.

Thursday 22nd October - As above from 7.00 -9.00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Portchester Road, Southampton. For further information and to book a place contact: 02392 816396 or soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Saturday 26th October - Coffee Morning in aid of Orphans in Ethiopia will be in the Parish Centre at 9.30 a.m. Do please come along and support this worthy cause.

Many thanks to you all from the Augustinian Missions for the very generous contribution to the training of their students in Nigeria and Korea. £1,317.04 was raised. Fr. Mark

St. Peter's School - Starting school in September 2010 - Was your child born between 1st September, 2005 and 31st August 2006? If so, it is important that you apply for a school place by 12.00 midday on Friday, 20th November 2009. To do this you will need to collect a **St. Peter's Supplementary Information Form**, School Brochure and CR2 from your local primary school from week beginning 21st September. Although you can complete the CR2 form on line you cannot complete the St. Peter's Supplementary Information Form on line – this needs to be handed back to St. Peter's School with relevant paperwork.

The Relics of Ste Therese

Over the years of the history of our Diocese and our Cathedral in Portsmouth, we have witnessed many great events and occasions. But, for sheer intensity of prayer and real devotion, I doubt whether any have matched what we have experienced during the hours of the visit to the Cathedral of the Relics of Ste Therese.

The casket containing her bones was with us for about 26 hours and during that time, the Cathedral remained open and welcoming to about 4,500 people who came to pray. Meticulous planning and attention to detail are crucial for such events and that was particularly necessary for such a huge event as the one which we have just hosted. As far as I could see, everything went without a hitch and this was entirely due to the fireless and devoted work over many months of a dedicated team so ably led by Canon David Hopgood and Fr Steven Restori.

Liturgists, musicians, altar servers, media personnel, stewards, listeners, guides and caterers, to name but some of those responsible for all the logistics of this great event, worked wonderfully well together. They were completely and generously supported by the whole Cathedral parish community and by many other communities throughout the diocese. By working so well together, they have enabled our diocesan family to be abundantly blessed in these days.

There have been many occasions when I have been intensely proud to be the bishop of our diocese of Portsmouth, but never more so than now. I will keep the memory of these days and, I hope, the graces that have flowed from them forever in my heart. Thank you all very much.

+Crispian

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£4,214.20**

Retiring collection for :

£ 401.33



St Gregory's, Alresford

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the Covenant with the Poor. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church

Saturday 28 September - Alton day of Renewal at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead starting with Rosary at 11.00 a.m., Service at 11.30 a.m., followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, shared lunch at 1.00 p.m., Praise and Worship at 2.00 p.m., talk at 2.30 p.m. (speaker Peter Hobbs, subject 'To bear witness to the truth') ending around 4.30 p.m. There will be a collection to defray expenses. Any queries John Foley ☎ 0118 933 3420 or see poster.

Next meeting - Saturday 24th October - speaker, Geoff and Gina Poulter 'To draw all to himself.'

Wednesday 30th September - Informal get-together at 2.00 p.m. at Nan McNamara's (19 Arle Close ☎ 734425) for a cup of tea and a chat. All welcome.

Sunday 1st. November - This year's Churches Together in Alresford's Christmas Shoebox packing will be in the Pastoral Centre at 2.00 p.m. Full details of how we can contribute ask James Pinneger ☎ 01962 738788 (evenings and weekends) or jamespinnegar@btinternet.com

Saturday 5th Decemer - The Christmas Bazaar will be in the Community Centre this year and Piers Armstrong the Co-ordinator. Please ensure you take home with you Piers' flier with full information about the Bazaar.

St Paul's Sunday Missals 2009 - Regular subscribers - and any others who might be interested - it is time to order next year's Sunday Missal. A sample of these compact, excellent prayer books covering the readings for all Sundays and Holy Days is on the porch table. Please ring me ASAP ☎ 01962 732980

Hermione O'Donovan.

The "Living Faith" booklets for the next 3 months are waiting for collection in the porch today.

Covenant with the Poor collecting pot - Our thanks to all who have put money into the collecting pot in the church porch of St. Gregory's for our fund for the Covenant with the Poor. Over the past year the collecting pot has raised £259. This, with other money we had in hand for CWP, has been sent to Winchester as our efforts are now amalgamated with the others in the Hampshire Downs Parish.

The final distribution of this money is arranged by the CWP Committee on which we at St. Gregory's are represented. All payments to CWP can be gift aided, so the sums given can be increased by 28% at no additional cost to the giver. All that is necessary to gift aid any payment to CWP is for the giver to put his/her contribution in a bag or envelope and to put a note of his/her gift aid envelope number with it. This number is the same as that on your collection envelopes.

Apart from the collecting pot, our main sources of income for CWP are 15% of all the monthly cake sales and 15% of our bazaar profit. Any other contributions are, of course, very welcome.

Peter Gregory

APF Red Box Holders - Please may we have your Red Boxes to empty. Thank you for all your help towards the Missions. New Box holders are always welcome.

Nan McNamara

Please continue to pray....

For those who are sick or recovering and in thanksgiving for prayers already answered: Rod Pullen, Ben Shankland, Hermione O'Donovan, Oscar Bearman, Sybil Hodges, Julia Courtney, Julie Beck, Amanda Brown, Alba Morgante, Mary Hibbert, Angela Dore, Betty Moore's sister, Emily Hallihan, Marzi Ford-Jones, Diane O'Loughnane, Vera Hollyhock, Teresa Sentry, Bernard McIlvennie and those who have no-one else to pray for them.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St. Peter's, Winchester, and St. Mary's, Alton.

Please send Alresford news to Hermione O'Donovan (01962 732980) or Paul Kennedy (01962 735287); pbk25@btopenworld.com

To hire St Gregory's Pastoral Centre, please call Catriona Mills (01962 736160) to check availability.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK
19th to 26th September, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Sister Cecilia's Golden Jubilee
Sun	8.00 am	Margaret Anderson RIP
	10.30 am	Baptism - Lucas Maul
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Barbara Snape RIP
Mon	12.15 pm	Intentions of Sheila and Pat Feighry and family
Tue	8.00 am	Margaret Jarvis RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	Canon Patrick Curtis RIP
Thur	7.00 pm	
Fri	12.15 pm	
Sat	9.00 am	

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tue 9.00 am - 8.00 pm
Wed 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Thur 9.00 am - 5.00 pm



St. Gregory's, Alesford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass
Mon	9.00 am	Mass
Tue	10.30 am	Mass (in Latin) Mass - Founders
Wed	9.00 am	Mass
Thur	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Sat	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion



St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 9.15 a.m. Mass - Margaret Jarvis RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun. 9.00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

20th to 27th September, 2009

(Sunday Missal pp 666 & Weekday Missal pp 739 ; Psalter Week 1)

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)
Monday	St. Matthew (Luke 6:7-8.12.14-20)
Tuesday	Feria (Luke 8:19-21)
Wednesday	St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Luke 9:1-6)
Thursday	Our Lady of Walsingham (Luke 9:7-9)
Friday	Feria (Luke 9:18-22)
Saturday	Ss Cosmas & Damian, Our Lady on Saturday or Feria (Luke 9:43-34)
Sunday	Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)

Next Sunday's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29.
Letter of St. James 5:1-6. Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48



Psalm Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

NEW TO THE PARISH?



Please fill in a yellow welcome leaflet and hand it to one of the Welcomers, or drop it into the parish office (Peterhouse).

**Welcome Team
Co-ordinators:**

Clare & Paul Robinson
☎ 01962 885858

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NOT SO NEW?

However long you've been in the parish, **please fill in a parish census form** to help us update our records.

Thank you!

**SAFEGUARDING
Children
& Vulnerable Adults**

Contact Wini Meikle
☎ 01962 714509
for information and CRB forms

TELEPHONE PRAYER LINK

If you need extra support through prayer for yourself or someone you know, contact:
Eleanor Porter (01962 620833)
or Augusta Wolff (07825 757287)

HOUSEBOUND

If you are housebound, even for a short period, and would like to receive Communion at home please Contact Peterhouse
☎ 01962 852804

MINIBUS

service for people living in the Winchester area to bring you to St. Peter's 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass and take you home.
Contact Peterhouse
☎ 01962 852804

PARISH BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Jon and Dawn Egerton-Kemp
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The following are serving members of the council:
Angela Muxworthy (Chair)
Canon Paul Townsend
Deacon Nick Reynolds
Deacon Gerard Dailly
Sr Antonietta
Peter Bolger
Sue Broadbent
Catherine Christmas
Wini Meikle
Jane Reidy
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Sue Trowbridge
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Marcus Whitfield (Chair)
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Deacon Gerard Dailly
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Peter Gregory
Trish Mitchell
Angela Muxworthy
Barry Poffley
Edward Whalley

ST. PETER'S BOOKSHOP

Books, cards and religious items.

Situated in the link between the church and the parish centre, and open after Saturday 6.00 p.m. Mass and all Sunday Masses. Other opening times can be found at the back of church. Look out for the bookshop when it travels to St. Gregory's, St. Thomas More's and St. Stephen's.

Peterpost - Copies of the newsletter are available each week in larger print and sometimes in Polish. If you would like one, just ask one of the welcomers.



CHURCH FLOWERS: If you like flowers in church and would like to have some dedicated to someone special for a week, you are now able to do this. There will then be a notice in Peterpost saying that the flowers that week are specially for or in memory of We ask that you give a donation for the flowers and leave the money and details at Peterhouse when you book the date.