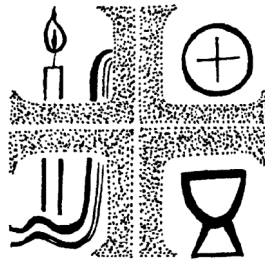


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



TWENTY SIXTH
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

27th September, 2009

"The Christ we are, the Christ we share" - John expresses his anxiety today about a man who is not a member of the group of disciples. The man is casting out devils in Jesus' name and the disciples attempt to prevent him.

Jesus tells John that they must not stop the man because he is doing a good work and he is in fact on their side. Jesus leads his listeners to consider how the mission is far bigger than their little group. As they experience the death and resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they will come to understand that their task is to recognise the presence of Christ in others and the world and to witness to that presence. Today's psalm tells us that the precepts of the Lord gladden the heart and we know that every human heart is made to experience that gladness and every soul exists to be revived, as the psalm puts it. The gladness and revival of the psalm would be described by Paul VI as being about "transforming humanity from within and making it new." (Evangeli Nuntiandi 18) This is essentially our work of evangelization which is to bring the Good News of Christ's presence and action to all.

Our task then, enabled by the Holy Spirit, is to become the presence of Christ so as to share him with others and help them recognise his presence in their lives.

This provides an opportunity for me to mention a conference entitled **"The Christ We Are, the Christ We Share"** which is planned for the weekend of the 22nd and 24th January 2010 in Bournemouth. It will be an opportunity for people involved in ministry in the Church to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others. The theme will be explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection and liturgy. The weekend will be of particular relevance to Youth Leaders, Welcomers, Liturgy Coordinators, Musicians, Catechists, Ministers of Communion and Readers, RCIA Coordinators and teams, Justice and Peace contacts, Pastoral Council and Stewardship team members, Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word for children, Bereavement Group members, Priests and Deacons and anyone who is interested in deepening their relationship with Jesus in order to share it with others. For more information please see the diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or the link on our own website: www.hampshiredowns.org.uk There are also forms available and a notice on the board. The deadline for booking is the 20th October. Anyone interested in going should contact Canon Paul at the Parish Office or contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583. PJT

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack March. His funeral will be this Thursday, 1st October at 11.00 a.m. in St. Peter's. May he rest in peace.

TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for our Cathedral.

Flowers in St. Stephen's are in memory of Nellie O'Rourke.

Today in St. Peter's members of the Knights of St. Columba are giving a presentation at the end of each Mass about their order and will invite men of the parish to apply to become members.

A warm welcome to our Filipino Community who are making a special contribution to the liturgy at the 10.30 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's. This is an opportunity to thank them for all they do to care for us in hospital and our care homes. On this occasion they have asked us to remember those who have birthdays at this time, including Dylan, Timothy, Ferdie, Jerry, Rey, Corbin, Butch, Myrna, Ronald, Harold, Emmanuelle, Eddie Boy and Gloria.

Welcome to Sophie Dickinson and Tomasz Bradshaw who are being baptised in St. Peter's today.

Harvest Festival at St. Stephen's at 6.00 p.m. The parishioners of St. Luke's and St. Mark's are joining in the celebration. All are welcome.

No Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's today.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Book of Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart

2nd Reading: Letter of St. James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48



CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

Canon Paul Townsend (Parish Priest)

Fr. John Catlin (Associate Pastor)

Canon Alan Griffiths

Fr. Vincent Convery (Prison and Hospital Chaplain)

Fr. Brian Croughan (Retired Priest)

Deacon Gerard Dailly (01962 736389)

Deacon Nick Reynolds (01962 772393)

Catherine Christmas (Director of music, liturgy, adult formation and communications)

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Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th September - The Meditation Group meets in the Parish Centre for their weekly session at 7.30 p.m. From Tuesday 6th October we will be meeting weekly at St. Stephen's Church at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. Any queries please phone Lynda d'Arcy Hughes on 01962 856243.

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" - 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>

NEXT WEEKEND

Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend for CAFOD Harvest Fast. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to use one of the envelopes provided.

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 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.

Thanks to St. Peter's School for the special part they played in the 10.30 a.m. Mass last Sunday.

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. Today is the last Sunday that the book will be at the back of St. Peter's for those who wish to write their own wishes to Pat and Ted. The book will then be given to them at an appropriate time, but unfortunately this will not be in Winchester. PJT

Sister Cecilia wishes to express her gratitude to all who contributed in any way to make her Golden Jubilee celebration such a wonderful occasion. Thanks to the many parishioners who arranged Masses to be offered, who gave various gifts, sent numerous cards and much appreciated assurances of prayers. Thanks, also, to all who worked so hard to prepare the splendid feast and to all who came and enjoyed it. May God bless you all.

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.freesevice.co.uk. Please attach a title/description and a date (if possible).

LOOKING AHEAD

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. Tickets cost £22 each to include an interval glass of wine. Please phone Clare Harvey on 01962 841894.

Friday 9th October - Winchester Life Group are holding a fundraising sale in St. Maurice's Covert. Donations of goods, cakes, books, toys, bric-a-brac and children's clothes can be left in the boxes at the back of St. Stephen's & St Peter'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.

Saturday 17th October - Lay Liturgical Leaders training at St Gregory's, Alesford, 10.00am-4.30pm. For anyone involved in leading services or liturgies in the absence of a priest. Contact Catherine Christmas for further details.

Sunday 18th October - Youth Choir at 10.30 a.m. Mass
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.

Tuesday 20th October - Scripture Reflection Group meets from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre. There will be a simple, shared meal, followed by prayer, reflection, sharing and some theological input, ending with a focus on our lives in Winchester. Please bring simple food to share.

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.

Friday 6th November - Quiz Evening with Fish and Chip Supper. Details to follow later.

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th January at Bournemouth - The Christ we are, the Christ we share - : an opportunity for people involved in ministry in the Church to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others. The theme will be explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection, and liturgy. Go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Deadline for bookings 20th October.

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 at **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.

Please see the noticeboards at the back of churches for details of Open Evenings at our Catholic Schools and colleges in Southampton, Alton and Basingstoke.

APF Mission Box Collections: Would all promoters please collect the money from their boxholders and make payments to Claire Cafrine by mid October. Would boxholders whose boxes are not being emptied regularly please contact: Claire Cafrine (884610).

Updating our Parish database - Please take a **census form**, fill in as much information as you can, and return it as soon as possible - either to the parish office (Peterhouse) or to one of the boxes in our churches. (Forms will be removed after each Mass and taken to Peterhouse.) **Many thanks to those who have already returned their forms!**

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£4,019.81**
Retiring collection for Covenants with the Poor :



Cycle of Prayer: This week, please pray especially for:
National: Thanksgiving for the Harvest. The needy and hungry of the world.

Diocesan: Parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood, Southampton. Parish of St. Patrick, Hayling Island. Community of St. Mary and St. Peter, St. Helier, Jersey. Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park. Community of St. Michael, Bembridge. Community of St. Michael, Hythe. Parish of Sacred Heart & St. Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood. Parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Totton. All Franciscan Sisters in the Diocese

Churches Together in Winchester: St. Peter's



The first use of the parish Living Our Faith funds has been authorised and the St Thomas More, Stockbridge riverbank repairs will be underway soon. The new pastoral centre plans are progressing; over the next month consultants will start on the surveys and the preliminary work necessary for such a large rebuilding project.

250 visits have been completed with another 320 or so to go so please bear with us. The visit list is not selected in any particular order so do not worry if you haven't been contacted yet. It may be that we do not have your up to date details and if you are anxious about this please contact the Campaign Team at the parish office.

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. For details please look at the Living Our Faith and parish centre section of the parish website: www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

Total raised so far: £1,051,150 from 147 pledges, with about £400,000 already in the bank. Our goal is to raise £1.8m to pay for a new pastoral centre at St. Peters, repairs to St. Gregory, Alresford and to St. Thomas More, Stockbridge.

St Gregory's, Alresford

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

Retiring collection today for Portsmouth Cathedral.

The September 100 draw will be made after Mass today.

The 'Living Faith' booklets for the next 3 months are waiting for subscribers in the porch today.

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 4th October - October Cake Sale will be after Mass next Sunday with Vanessa Albertini ☎ (01730 828321) in charge. Recently, alas, this source of Parish income has lost some of its most generous contributors. What could you cook that could sell? Then, please, let's get cooking.

Monday 12 October - The Giles Group holds its Birthday Party at 2.00 p.m. in the Community Centre for the disabled and their carers. All welcome. Any enquiries to Nan McNamara ☎ 01962 734425.

Sunday 1 November - This year's Churches together in Alresford's Christmas Shoebox packing will be in our Pastoral Centre at 2.00 p.m. For full details of how we can contribute please contact James Pinnegar ☎ 01962 738788 (evenings and weekends) or jamespinnegar@btinternet.com

The Christmas Bazaar - This year will be in the Community Centre on Saturday 5 December and Piers Armstrong the Co-ordinator. Watch this space and the Porch notice board, or contact Piers at Walnut Tree House, New Farm Road, Alresford ☎ 01962 734542 or 07908 689006. e-mail piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com.

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 and covering the readings for all Sundays and Holy Days is on the porch table. Please ring me ASAP on ☎ 01962 732980

Hermione O'Donovan.

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.

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
26th September to 3rd October, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Bill and Margaret Carter RIP
Sun	8.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Tom Craze RIP
	6.00 pm	No Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Maria Schneider RIP
Mon	12.15 pm	Jim Goodwin RIP
Tue	8.00 am	Philip Felton RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	William Meader RIP
Thur	11.00 am	Funeral Mass for Jack March RIP
	7.00 pm	Lorraine and Oswald Purnell RIP
Fri	12.15 pm	
Sat	9.00 am	John Joseph Voller RIP

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 - Neil Intention
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
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



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun. 9.00 a.m. Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

27th September to 4th October, 2009
(Sunday Missal pp 669 & Weekday Missal pp 750; Psalter Week 2)

Sunday	Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)
Monday	St. Wenceslaus, St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions or Feria (Luke 9:46-50)
Tuesday	The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Luke 9:51-56)
Wednesday	St. Jerome (Luke 9:57-62)
Thursday	St. Teresa of the Child Jesus (Luke 10:1-12)
Friday	The Holy Guardian Angels (Luke 10:13-16)
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria (Luke 10:17-24)
Sunday	Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (B)

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24.
Letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11. Mark 10:2-16

Psalm Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.



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

welcoming.team@yahoo.co.uk

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

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.

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)
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Sr Antonietta
Peter Bolger
Sue Broadbent
Catherine Christmas
Wini Meikle
Jane Reidy
Brian Roberts
Clare Robinson
Liz Slinn
Steve Taylor
Sue Trowbridge
Louise Warren
Marcus Whitfield
Augusta Wolff

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Marcus Whitfield (Chair)
Canon Paul Townsend
Sue Broadbent
Deacon Gerard Dailly
Mike Elks
Peter Gregory
Trish Mitchell
Angela Muxworthy
Barry Poffley
Brian Roberts