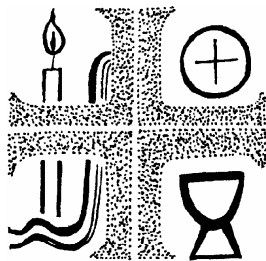


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



TWENTY EIGHTH
SUNDAY OF THE
YEAR
11th October, 2009

'The word of God is something alive and active.' Is it? Do you think it is? The author of the letter to the Hebrews claims it is.

The word of God is to be found in the pages of the Bible, especially in the Gospels.

The author of the book of Wisdom says 'I prayed, and understanding was given me.' The two quotations are connected because we can only say 'I prayed and understanding was given me' when 'The word of God is something alive and active' in our prayer. As I have said countless times before and will certainly say again and again and again, is your prayer your words to God or God's Word to you?

To hear the Word of God you don't have to be a biblical scholar you don't even have to be particularly bright, you just have to be patient.

If you do not already do so why not spend some time each week quietly listening to the Gospel passage from Sunday's Mass. Read it through slowly a few times and then relish the words, it's a bit like sucking a sweet. Let the words, especially the words of Jesus, dissolve in your consciousness.

Next, put yourself in the picture and ask where do I fit in? For example in today's Gospel, am I with the man asking 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' Am I with St Peter asking 'What about us?' When you have found yourself in the story then listen.

Do this and you will soon find out that the word of God is, as promised, something alive and active.

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TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the SVP. If you are a tax payer, please do use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Please welcome and pray for Eloise Sophie Beardmore-Gray who is being baptised during 11.00 a.m. Mass in St. Gregory's today.

Flowers in St. Stephen's today are in memory of Des Le Grys. Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 12.15 p.m. today in St. Peter's.

Sunday 11th October - Mass Count at all Masses today and for the rest of October.

REQUIEM MASS

for Deacon Ted Hogan
this Tuesday, 13th October
1.30 p.m. in St. Peter's
May he rest in peace



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Book of Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Questions of the Week

Children: How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do.

Youth: What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

Adults: How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?



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 and communications)
Sisters: St. Peter's Convent - (01962 854040)

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Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Monday 12th October - The Giles Group holds its birthday party for the disabled and their carers at 2.00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Community Centre in Alresford. All are welcome. Any enquiries to Nan McNamara on 01962 734425.

Tuesday 13th October - Requiem Mass at 1.30 p.m. in St. Peter's for Deacon Ted Hogan. May he rest in peace.

Wednesday 14th October - Hampshire Downs Liturgy Group, 7.30 p.m. at St Stephen's Community Room

Thursday 15th October - Catholic Women's League meet in Peterhouse after the 7.00 p.m. Mass. Talk on Therapeutic Care in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. All warmly welcome.

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

Friday 16th October - Charity Lunch is being organised by C.W.L. in aid of Winchester Youth Counselling Service. Please do come and support.

Friday 16th October - Mass at St. Barnabas at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 17th October - Lay Liturgical Leaders training at St Gregory's, Alresford, 10.00 a.m.-4.30 p.m. For anyone involved in leading services or liturgies of any kind, or anyone interested. Contact Catherine Christmas for further details.

Saturday 17th October - SANCTUARY - Catholic Youth Event from 7.00 to 10.00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Southampton. Games, reflection, Mass for ages 15-18. For more info: www.sanctuary-southampton.co.uk

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 18th October - World Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses. If you are a tax payer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Sunday 18th October - Youth Choir are singing at the 10.30 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's.

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.

Sunday 18th October - Mass Count at all Masses next weekend and for the rest of October.

Sunday 18th October - The Youth Group. During October half term, 14 young people from our parish youth group are going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land accompanied by several leaders and Fr Paul. They are also hoping to visit the Covenant with the Poor project in Abu Dis, and the YMCA group in Bethlehem. They are raising some of the money for this trip themselves and are doing a sponsored car wash in the church car parks next weekend during all Masses. They will be collecting donations after Masses that day and would be grateful for any support. We are also offering several assisted places on the pilgrimage as the air fares are very expensive, and if any parishioner would like to help fund these please contact Sue Broadbent via Peterhouse.

Sunday 18th October - No Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's.

We acknowledge with thanks:
Last week's collection
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,040.62



LOOKING AHEAD - PARISH

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

Sunday 1st November - Second Collection in aid of our twin Diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, West Africa.

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

Friday 6th November - Quiz Evening with Fish and Chip Supper. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend.

Tuesday 17th November - Climate Justice Event at St. Stephen's Church at 7.00 p.m. An evening of entertainment and information - for all ages. For more information contact Mike Slinn on 01962 865348.

Saturday 5th December - The Christmas Bazaar at St. Gregory's this year will be in the Community Room and Piers Armstrong the Co-ordinator. For more information, watch this space and the porch notice board, or contact Piers at Walnut Tree Houze, New Farm Road, Alresford, telephone 01962 734542 or 07908689009. E-mail: piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com

LOOKING AHEAD - DIOCESAN

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

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.

LOOKING AHEAD - OTHER

Saturday 24th October - Alton Day of Renewal at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead. Theme: 'Christ Crucified - Why?' Rosary at 11.00 a.m.. Mass 11.30 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Shared lunch at 1.00 p.m. followed by a talk by Geoff and Gina Poulter on 'To draw all to himself'. The day end at approx. 4.00 p.m. Collection to cover expenses. For more information contact Revd. Deacon John Foley on 01189 333420.

THE WAVE - Saturday 5th December, Central London: the Stop Climate Change coalition, of which CAFOD and Christian Aid are also part, is organising an Ecumenical service and a rally for climate justice ahead of the meeting of world leaders in Copenhagen to discuss the post-Kyoto treaty. Ecumenical service at 11.00 a.m. (with Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Rowan Williams) at Westminster Central Hall, followed by march starting at 1.00 p.m. from Grosvenor Square. All details on the day and information on local transport to get there are available at: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/climate/the-wave> or <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/climate/the-wave>.

GENERAL NOTICES

The October Cake Sale at St. Gregory's raised £91.40. Our thanks to everyone who made this possible

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.

Winchester Nightshelter, for the homeless, (opposite St Peter's church in Jewry Street) are currently struggling to keep their overnight guests fed. Unfortunately one of the larger local contributors has changed store policy which means there is less to give away at the end of the day. Up to 17 people need to be given a hot meal every evening. If you feel that you could support the nightshelter by offering to provide a meal at some stage over the winter it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Nightshelter directly on 01962 862050. The office is open between 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. weekdays. The people of this parish currently support a 10 week slot early in the year. I maintain the list of volunteers. Please let me know if you wish to be added to the list for 2010. Thank you. Pat Harris 01962 620979 patlunn.harris@ntlworld.com

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).

Are you a doctor, social worker or police officer with current or recent experience of safeguarding adults or children? Would you like to offer your skills and experience to the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission? If interested, please contact Angela McGrory, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator for an informal chat on 02392 816396 or 07554427064. This is a voluntary role that is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced CRB Disclosure.

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!

Key Amnesty: The keys to the Parish Centre and the Sacristy which are kept in Peterhouse are disappearing fast again so that when people call at Peterhouse to collect keys we have none here. If you have a key which you do not need, could you please put it through Peterhouse door a.s.a.p.

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

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.

Stewardship Reflection

'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' Mark 10.25



These words of Jesus are so harsh that sometimes we are tempted to ignore them, thinking that He really could not have meant them. Yet when our lives revolve around too many material possessions it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God's beloved poor.

Cycle of Prayer: This week, please pray especially for:



National: The spread of the Gospel. The Harvest, Fruits of Human Work & Reverent Use of Creation.

Justice and Peace. All Victims of War. Young People. Prisoners and their families.

Diocesan: La Sainte Union Sisters in the Diocese. Abbeys of St. Michael, Farnborough; St. Cecilia, Ryde and St. Mary, Quarr. Community of Our Lady and St. Wilfrid, Ventnor. Little Sisters of the Poor in the Diocese. Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. Parish of St. Margaret Mary, Park Gate. Hospital Chaplains in the Diocese. Churches Together in Winchester: St. Barnabas, Weeke

Living Our Faith
The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the visits following Canon Paul's appeal at Masses this week and last week. Visits rather than an appeal from the pulpit is the method that has been chosen by the diocese so that all the laity are included in receiving information about the campaign.

290 visits have been completed with another 280 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 visits are made by fellow parishioners who have volunteered for this pastoral task. The purpose of the visit is to explain the needs of our parish and diocese and the 5 year pledge system which is a different form of donation.

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: £1,057,097 from 158 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.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

10th to 17th October, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Deceased members of the Fulford family
Sun	8.00 am	With love and thanksgiving for Anthony's 7th birthday.
	10.30 am	Helen Smith RIP
	12.15 p.m.	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Michael Kilroy RIP
Mon	12.15 pm	Deacon Ted Hogan RIP
Tue	8.00 am	Intentions of Mary Pawlowski
	1.30 p.m.	Requiem Mass for Deacon Ted Hogan RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	Deacon Ted Hogan RIP
Thur	7.00 pm	C.W.L. - 'For the sick and their carers'
	7.30 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Twyford
Fri	10.00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke
	12.15 pm	Mary Lady Mannock RIP
Sat	9.00 am	Margaret Merriman 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, Alresford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass - Beatrice Hew Tompson RIP
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Dead and Founders
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 - Des Le Grys RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

11th to 18th October, 2009

(Sunday Missal pp 677 & Weekday Missal pp 776; Psalter Week 4)

Sunday	Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (B)
Monday	Feria (Luke 11:29-32)
Tuesday	St. Edward the Confessor or Feria (Luke 11:37-41)
Wednesday	St. Callistus I or Feria (Luke 11:42-46)
Thursday	St. Teresa of Avila (Luke 11:47-54)
Friday	St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque or Feria (Luke 12:1-7)
Saturday	St. Ignatius of Antioch (Luke 12:9-12)
Sunday	Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (B)

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11.
Hebrews 4:14-16. Mark 10:35-45

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.



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)
Canon Paul Townsend
Deacon Nick Reynolds
Deacon Gerard Dailly
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)
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Sue Broadbent
Deacon Gerard Dailly
Mike Elks
Peter Gregory
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Barry Poffley
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