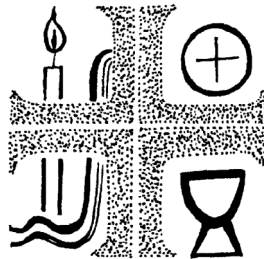


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF
OUR LADY

16th August, 2009



The reading from Apocalypse today sounds truly bloodthirsty - a heavily pregnant woman fleeing into the desert chased by a monster who wants to gobble up her newborn baby. It sounds improbable, too, with its *deus ex machina* (literally!) who comes to the rescue.

Apocalypse, so biblical experts say, does not foretell the future, it is about the persecution of Christians. The woman represents the Church in her role as Mother, always through baptism bringing forth new offspring. Her children, because they belong to Christ, are hated by the forces of evil: *if they hate you, remember that they hated me before you*, says Jesus.

The Church is not and never can be the "department for religion" of human society. In Britain and Europe, we are seeing a parting of the ways between the two, a growing sense that if the Church is to be faithful to Christ, she must challenge the ways our secular world is going.

That might become very uncomfortable for us believers. Perhaps Apocalypse is talking about the future after all.

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TODAY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please note that this feast is transferred from Saturday 15th August. The celebration is a symbol of triumph and completion for all Christians. In Mary's assumption into heaven, we celebrate the triumph of life over death, the victory of good over the power of sin and evil and the lively power of the Spirit in Christian discipleship. In Mary, we also see our destiny, because we, like her, are children of God. PJT

A special welcome to all our visitors and those who are with us on holiday. Best wishes for a good break to all those who are preparing to go away on holiday. *I am planning to take my annual holiday beginning on the 24th August and returning in time for the welcome of St Therese of Lisieux's relics on the 16th September.* PJT

Liturgies at St Peter's during August - Please note:

- **Readers** - As usual, there will be no cantors in August, so please read the psalm and Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) at 10.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Masses.
- **NO Children's Liturgy** during 10.30 a.m. Masses.
- **NO Evening Prayer and Benediction** during August.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6.10

Psalm Response: On your right hand stands the queen, in garments of gold.



2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Questions of the Week

How is Mary a sign of hope and comfort for you in your pilgrim journey?

As Mary heard God's message and gave her life to God's service, what actions for social justice are the words of the 'Magnificat' calling you to?

How can you help to feed the hungry and raise up the lowly, the poor, the marginalised?

*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
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Deacon Nick Reynolds (01962 772393)
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THIS WEEK

Monday 17th August - The Ascent Group meets in the Parish Centre at 2.15 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Saturday 22nd August - Alton Day of Renewal at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. Theme: 'Christ Crucified - Why?' See St. Gregory's notices for more information.

Marriage Care is looking for volunteers - Would you like to help improve the most important thing in a couple's life - their relationship. We are looking for Volunteer Relationship Counsellors, who should be good listeners, empathic and non-judgemental. We provide full Diploma Course training, paid by Marriage Care, and, in return, ask our counsellors to offer counselling to Marriage Care clients for a minimum of two hours a week. If you are interested, please go to www.marriagecare.org.uk/tba to download our information pack or telephone Tim Guerrier on 01962 882636.

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,621.17

Refiring collection for the SVP: £ 649.54



LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 26th August - A Warm welcome to all parishioners and friends to an Afternoon Tea Party at 19 St. Matthews Road, Weeke from 3.00 p.m. For further details, contact Eileen Gumbrell on 01962 867195

Friday 28th to Monday 31st August - CAFOD - Greenbelt Volunteers Wanted - CAFOD are looking for active volunteers (age 18+) to represent them at Greenbelt, a Christian music and arts festival, this summer. Free weekend pass and meal expenses, and in turn you'll help staff our stall and promote our Climate Justice campaign and have time off to relax and enjoy the exciting festival activities. Make your own travel arrangements there and back and bring a tent; we'll do the rest! Email: ckelling@cafod.org.uk or call 020 7095 5414 to sign up now.

Wednesday 2nd September - Covenant with the Poor meet at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Saturday 5th September - Mass at Winchester Cathedral at 10.00 a.m. The celebrant will be Fr. David Whitehead.

Saturday/Sunday, 5th/6th September - Appeal for the Augustinian Missions takes place at all Sunday Masses.

Sunday 6th September - Eucharistic Adoration Meeting, 4.30 p.m. in St Peter's Parish Centre. Adoration resumes on 8th September. This meeting is for all who are interested or already involved in this most beautiful and grace filled devotion. Contact Irena on 01962 880678.

Tuesday 8th September - The Land Speaks Arabic - "La Terre parle Arabe." This award-winning, dramatic documentary - already seen in Winchester, and presented again because of wide demand - tells the graphic story of the background and build-up to the expulsion of the Palestinians from their ancestral villages, now in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank in 1948. At the United Church, Jewry St at 7.00 p.m. The film lasts about an hour and will be followed by discussion led by Professor Nur Masalha of St Mary's University College, Twickenham, who is the commentator in the film itself. There will be refreshments and Palestinian crafts available. Everyone is very welcome.

Saturday 12th September - CAFOD Supporter's Day and Climate Justice Mass, 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. Call 01252 329395 for information or to book a place.

Thursday 17th September - Wells for India Supporters Evening from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the United Church. Social Evening, light refreshments served, donations welcome. RSVP.office@wellsforindia.org or telephone 01962 848043.

Friday 18th September - Mass at St. Barnabas at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 19th September - CAFOD Renew the Face of the Earth! Half-day for Confirmation catechists and youth leaders at St Peter's School, Winchester. Call 01329 835583 for information or to book a place.

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

Saturday, 10 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 - CAFOD Climate Justice Event at 7.00 p.m. in St. Stephen's - entertainment and information.

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



ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Timetable of the Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on 16th & 17th September 2009

Bishop Crispian has written to me hoping that our parish will be represented at one or all of the liturgies in honour of St. Thérèse (PJT)

Wednesday 16 September 2009

0930 Bishop Crispian welcomes the Relics of St Thérèse to the Cathedral and leads the Opening Liturgy (involving local Catholic schools)

1100 Bishop Crispian celebrates a Liturgy involving representatives of all the Catholic schools of the diocese

1400 Bishop Crispian celebrates Mass with Anointing of the Sick (representatives from parishes around the diocese) *Anyone who wishes to be anointed or who wishes to attend should leave their name with the Parish Office.*

1930 Bishop Crispian celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving with Canon John Udris to preach (Dean of Northampton Cathedral) *Anyone wishing to attend should leave their name with the Parish Office.*

2200 Celebration of Night Prayer
All-Night Vigil based on the Stations of the Cross celebrated by representatives from the Pastoral Areas of the diocese

0230 (2.30am Thursday 17th September) Liturgy provided by Hampshire Downs Parish. *Anyone wishing to attend should leave their name with the Parish Office.*

Thursday 17 September 2009

0700 First Mass of the day

1000 Farewell Mass and Departure of the Relics

Not a Catholic, but want to know more about the Catholic Church? Or perhaps you know someone who fits that bill. The Journey in Faith programme is for those who might be searching for a faith in their lives – or simply searching for something more – or perhaps want to know more about what the Catholic Church believes and does, possibly to support their family. The programme starts again on 23rd September. We will be meeting in the Milner Hall on Tuesday evenings during term time (roughly 8.00 p.m. to 9.40 p.m.). There are leaflets at the back of St. Peter's Church with more information about the programme. If you want to come along, or if you simply want to know more about the course, please give Nick Kelly a ring on 01962 890118.

Can you help?

- As in previous years, we would like to **welcome new students** coming to the University. Freshers' Fayre is on Saturday, 26th September. We will also provide a welcome with refreshments after Mass at the beginning of term.
 - Could you spare a little time each week (or occasionally as part of a team) to look after the **notice boards at St. Peter's** and help to keep them up-to-date?
- If you could help with either of these important ministries, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Stewardship Reflection

"The Almighty has done great things for me." All good things come from God. How can I ensure that they are shared equitably?



Living Our Faith

The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



Visits to parishioners to explain the campaign are continuing during the summer but at a slower rate due to the holiday season. We have been in contact with about 300 families and individuals so far, with another 250 or so to go. 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.

Since we started the visits in June, twenty five parishioners have volunteered to help with the visits and it would be very useful if another ten volunteers could join them as we will then be able to get around to most parishioners over the next couple of months. Training and support is provided.

The parish website has more details about Living Our Faith and about the pastoral centre project.
www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

For any queries please contact the Living Our Faith Campaign team at Peterhouse on Tuesday to Thursday and for urgent matters on 0777 407 5861.

**Total raised so far
£1,025,103 from 129 gifts**

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

National: Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights. Europe. Human Life. Seafarers.

Diocesan: In thanksgiving to Our Lady, Mother of God. Parish of St. Mary, East Hendred and Chapel of Milton Manor House. St. Casian's Centre, Kintbury. Members of Berkshire Secular Clergy Fund. Cathedral Discovery Centre. All Sacristans. Community of St. Mary, Overton.

Churches Together in Winchester: North Winchester Community Church.

St Gregory's, Alresford

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

Swine Flu: It is recommended that during the current epidemic Holy Communion will be given in the hand and not on the tongue or from the Chalice. At the Sign of Peace, please join your hands together as in prayer, turn to your nearest neighbours and bow slightly, saying 'Peace be with you.'

The flowers for today's Mass have been donated by Anne Young in memory of her mother, Joan Wootton.

Saturday 22 August - Alton day of Renewal at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead starting with Rosary at 11.00 a.m., Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 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 Judith Aylmer, subject 'To fulfil the Scriptures') 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 26 September - speaker, Peter Hobbs.

Saturday 12 September - Annual 'Bike and Stride' Day to raise funds for Hampshire's Historic Churches. Visit as many churches as you can and collect sponsorship. St Gregory's is one of the beneficiaries. Interested? Contact Rosemary Chambers ☎ 733148.

Saturday, 10 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.

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, Lynda Rattle, Diane O'Loughnane, Vera Hollyhock, Teresa Sentry, Bernard McIlvennie and those who

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
15th to 22nd August, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

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| Sat | 6.00 pm | Intentions of Sarah and Sean Smith |
| Sun | 8.00 am | Margaret Anderson RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Deceased members of the Hill family |
| | 6.00 pm | NO Evening Prayer and Benediction |
| | 7.00 pm | Basil and Joan Townsend RIP |
| Mon | 12.15 pm | Intention of Simon Shuldham |
| Tue | 8.00 am | William Meader RIP |
| Wed | 12.15 pm | Roy May RIP |
| Thur | 7.00 pm | Eileen Gibson RIP |
| Fri | 12.15 pm | Babu Varghese RIP |
| 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) No
Wed 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm) Adoration
Thur 9.00 am - 5.00 pm) until 8th September



St. Gregory's, Alresford

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| Sun | 11.00 am | Mass - Canon Alban Burrett RIP |
| Mon | 9.00 am | Mass |
| Tue | 10.30 am | Mass - Richard Spenser RIP |
| Wed | 9.00 am | Mass |
| Thur | 9.00 am | Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion |
| Fri | 9.00 am | Mass |
| 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 - People of the Parish

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

16th to 23rd August, 2009

(Sunday Missal pp 955 & Weekday Missal pp 679; Psalter Week)

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| Sunday | The Assumption of Our Lady (B) |
| Monday | Feria (<i>Matthew 19:16-22</i>) |
| Tuesday | Feria (<i>Matthew 19:23-30</i>) |
| Wednesday | St. John Eudes or Feria (<i>Matthew 20:1-6</i>) |
| Thursday | St. Bernard (<i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>) |
| Friday | St. Pius X (<i>Matthew 22:34-40</i>) |
| Saturday | The Queenship of Mary (<i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>) |
| Sunday | Twenty First Sunday of the Year (B) |

Next Sunday's Readings: Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32. John 6:60-69

Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good



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

☎ 01962 868729

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The following are serving members of the council:
Angela Muxworthy (Chair)
Canon Paul Townsend
Deacon Nick Reynolds
Sr Antonietta
Peter Bolger
Sue Broadbent
Catherine Christmas
Gerard Dailly
Wini Meikle
Jane Reidy
Clare Robinson
Liz Slinn
Steve Taylor
Sue Trowbridge
Louise Warren
Edward Whalley
Marcus Whitfield
Augusta Wolff

PARISH FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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Sue Broadbent
Gerard Dailly
Mike Elks
Peter Gregory
Trish Mitchell
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