

Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



THE MOST HOLY
TRINITY

7th June, 2009

The Living Our Faith Campaign

A while ago I mentioned that over 100 young people would be either confirmed or receive Holy Communion for the first time this year in our parish. Couple this with the faith, prayer and Christian life of the 1,300 or so people who share in the Eucharist each Sunday, including the sick and housebound, and we have a massive sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit moving us to mission and working in the lives of so many. Please pray for the young people who will be confirmed this week by Bishop Crispian.

Last Sunday we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and this Sunday we honour the love of God in the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the communion of the Trinity. Jesus, the Son and Word of the Father, assures us today that he has the authority of God and with that authority he sends us to make disciples of all nations.

That mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and to testify to the Lord's resurrection claims our energies and resources as a Christian community because it is a divine commission. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that "The faithful all lived together and held everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed." (Acts 2.43, 43)

Since the earliest times Christian communities have been marked by the generosity with which they gave of their resources to support the mission. Ours is no exception. The existence of so many fine buildings in our parish, the ancient cemetery of St. James and the memory of so many people who gave their time and even their lives that the mission might thrive is a testimony to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit.

All this is why I am so pleased to commend to you the Living Our Faith campaign and to request your support as it is launched this weekend across the parish. It is a campaign to which I am passionately committed and which will dominate our thoughts during the coming weeks

Please read carefully the information on the centre pages of this week's Peterpost and welcome fellow parishioners to your home as we begin this public phase of the campaign. We continue the process of building our diocesan and parish community to make it stronger and more ready to serve the world. We are all challenged to be generous and sacrificial as the Lord has been generous and sacrificial in his love for us.

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TODAY

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

NEXT WEEKEND

Retiring Collection at all Masses next Sunday for the work of the S.V.P. If you are a tax payer, please remember to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes which can be found at the back of church.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 12.15 p.m. next Sunday in St. Peter's.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40

Psalm Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



PLEASE NOTE NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS ON FRONT OF PETERPOST

Gerard Dailly will be ordained to the permanent diaconate on Sunday, 28th June at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be running minibuses to this event, so if you require a lift, please contact the Parish Office on 01962 852804. There will be a celebration at 6.00 p.m. in the School on that day. Once he is ordained Gerard will join the parish clergy team and will work in all the Worshipping Communities. He will assist the priests at Masses and at Baptisms and funerals throughout the Parish of Hampshire Downs.

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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 Nick Reynolds (01962 772393)

Catherine Christmas (Pastoral Assistant)

Steve Roach (Student for the Priesthood)

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

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Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9th June - Mass in the Chapel at Winchester University at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday 10th June - Just 10 Mission continues until Wednesday, 24th June. Please come along to Winchester Cathedral for the Just 10 Mission between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m. every Wednesday. The talks will be broadcast to other venues at the same time. The rest of the topics of the talk, given by J John, will be 'HOW TO ... Take God seriously (this Wednesday) - Know the real God and Live by priorities.' (see the website for further details: www.just10winch.org.uk).

Thursday 11th June - Mass at St. Stephen's at 10.30 a.m. with Corpus Christi Procession. All are welcome to come along.

Friday 12th June - Hunger Lunch in the Parish Centre in aid of CAFOD. Price: £3. Do please support.

Friday 12th June - Confirmation Mass at 7.00 p.m. in St. Peter's.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 14th June - Please note that next Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This is a feast of the Lord and used to be kept on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. For the past few years, feasts of the Lord, i.e. the Ascension, Corpus Christi and the Epiphany are always kept on the Sunday following their previous date or day. This was a decision made by our Bishop's Council. PJT

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 16th June - Parish Diary Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. This is a very important meeting to discuss and book dates for 2009/2010 and develop an overview of activities across the whole parish. All groups are kindly requested to send a representative.

Friday 19th June - Hyde/Abbots Barton Area Mass at 7.30 p.m. at Victoria House (Victoria Road, off the Andover Road). The Home Rise residents are especially invited to join us. Those able to offer or require a lift, please ring 864764 or 868660

Saturday 20th June - Training session for Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults at Brockenhurst Presbytery: 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - Vulnerable Adults. 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. - Child Protection. The Diocese requires this training for everyone volunteering with Children or Vulnerable Adults. To book a place, please contact Wini Meikle on 01962 714509. For other dates and venues, please look at the board at the back of the church.

Sunday 21st June - Mass for the Anointing of the Sick and Housebound is at 3.00 p.m. followed by tea in the Parish Centre. Anyone able to offer a lift or anyone wanting a lift please contact Martin Bell on 01962 713066.

Tuesday 23rd June - Scripture Reflection Group meets in the Parish Centre for their usual simple meal starting at 7.15 p.m. followed by prayer, reflection on a scripture reading and theological input at 8.00 p.m., finishing at 9.15 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday 5th July - Annual Mass at St. Andrew's, Tichborne is being celebrated at 6.30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated in memory of the deceased members of the Tichborne family who are buried there. St. Andrew's is the Anglican Parish Church and contains a Catholic Chapel above the Tichborne vault. Everyone is welcome and the Mass will be that of the Sunday and fulfils the obligation.

Sunday 12th July - Youth Choir Concert at 3.00 p.m. in the Milner Hall.

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,943.57**



St Gregory's, Alresford

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

After Mass today there is wine and snacks in the Pastoral Centre to celebrate the marriage of Deacon Nick and Lis and in gratitude to Nick for all he does for us.

Monday 8 June - The Giles Group meets in the Community Centre at 2.00 p.m. and the subject is 'the Winchester Soroptimists.' Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Geoff Sayer ☎ 01962 732530.

Friday 12th June - Confirmations 2009 - Our prayers and best wishes go to Salan Gibbs, George and Henrietta Tyler, Jonathan Lewin, Alex Berryman and Martin Weaver from St. Gregory's are being confirmed in St. Peter's at 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 14 June - First Communions 2009 - James Reynolds and Vivien Thirkettle will make their First Communions at the 11.00 a.m. Mass in St Gregory's, followed by refreshments and nibbles in the Pastoral Centre. They and their families have our prayers and best wishes.

The Cake Sale last Sunday raised £106.90.

100 Club - The May draw winner was Del Brook

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 6th to 13th June, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	William Brown RIP
Sun	8.00 am	Friends and relatives of the Voller family
	10.30 am	William Kirkby RIP
	6.00 pm	<u>NO Evening Prayer and Benediction</u>
	7.00 pm	Peter Cook RIP
Mon	12.15 pm	Manolo and Theresa RIP
Tue	8.00 am	James Wheble RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	Margaret Manning RIP
Thur	7.00 pm	Marangeta Singh-Sata RIP
Fri	12.15 pm	Philip Felton RIP
	7.00 p.m.	CONFIRMATION MASS
Sat	9.00 am	Bridie Halford 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
Mon	9.00 am	Mass
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Rev Patrick Savage RIP
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



Living Our Faith began as a response to parish needs identified by Canon Paul and has combined with the Diocesan campaign to raise funds to support seminarians and the training of the laity. All parishes are supporting this vital development and in Hampshire Downs we have been asked to raise £330,000 for the diocese and £1.47 million for the parish.

The Hampshire Downs campaign will ensure that all of our worshipping communities are maintained and improved. It will include:

- *A new Pastoral Centre at St Peter's serving all our worshipping communities and supporting all our ministries*
- *The partial reroofing of St Gregory's along with repayment of the loan for St Gregory's parish centre.*
- *Much needed modification of the toilet facilities and improvements to the riverbank at St Thomas More.*

The total target for the Hampshire Downs campaign is £1.8 million. Of course this is an ambitious target, but we are already half way there and success will underpin the development of our Catholic Community in the years ahead.

While the Hampshire Downs portion of the campaign understandably concentrates on improving our facilities, the greater purpose is the further development of our pastoral mission. Building our relationship with each other, creating a welcoming atmosphere and celebrating our faith community are central to our Catholic principles.

Living Our Faith office

A campaign office staffed by volunteers is based in Peterhouse on Tuesday to Thursday each week. If you have a query about the campaign, email:

livingourfaith@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

and the team will respond as quickly as possible, or call Sue Broadbent on 07774 075861.

Keeping you informed

Each week in Peterpost we will update you about the progress of the campaign — and answer questions and concerns as they arise. You can also check the Living Our Faith section of the new parish website:

www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

Campaign Prayer

This prayer will be used across the diocese as we seek the Lord's blessing for the Living Our Faith campaign. In the parish we will use it at all Masses and parish meetings and we invite all parishioners to include it as part of their prayer life over the coming weeks.

God our Father, for more than a century you have blessed your people in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

We have endeavoured, by your grace, to contribute our talents to building a community of believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as our foundation. We ask that under the guidance of your Holy Spirit and the patronage of Mary, Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, and St. Edmund of Abingdon, you will bless our efforts to embrace the 'Living Our Faith' campaign and so enable us to grow continually as your people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Giving something back....

"St Peter's Parish is an important part of our family life: we have benefited enormously from the sense of community. This was a chance to give something back, and to help keep that community solid for other families in the future." a parishioner

Talk to other parishioners about the campaign

Two weddings and a funeral

Over £800,000 has already been raised towards the Hampshire Downs fundraising target of £1.8 million.

The following people are among those who have already been visited and pledged their support for the campaign. You may recognise some of them so if you have questions or concerns they will be happy to speak with you after Mass or you can email them.

Peter Bolger: peter@kingswellpoint.plus.com
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"This parish has been central to our lives since we arrived in the area over 20 years ago: family weddings in St Peter's Church and a funeral. All members of the family have made friends through the Church. We really wanted to contribute to the excellent proposals for the Hampshire Downs Parish. And the Diocesan plans for good and well trained priests are essential for the Church's future. The only dilemma was how much we could afford to pledge: there is no absolute answer, but I would encourage all fellow parishioners to push out at the edges"

Questions and Answers

Why have some people already been visited?

A campaign as large as this needs to have different phases so that we learn about what is effective as we go along. Because this is such a large parish (about 700 families and individuals), visits will take some time to complete. Our goal is to reach every Catholic family over the next few weeks.

Do I have to be visited?

We hope the visits will be enjoyable! Because we have such an ambitious fundraising target we are keen to discuss the programme with individuals. This gives everyone an opportunity to ask questions – and in a less formal setting than a public meeting.

The person who visits you will explain more about **Living Our Faith**. They will answer your questions and will leave you with more details.

You will be asked to think and pray about making a contribution but you will not be expected to do so at the meeting. You will certainly not be expected to discuss your personal circumstances with your visitor!

Can I just make a donation?

Obviously all donations are welcome. But to reach our fundraising target we need people to think about how they might contribute over the longer term. A pledge over five years allows individuals and families to consider larger commitments than they could usually consider as a one-time gift. Experience from other campaigns shows that donors who made a pledge were able to consider gifts four or five times larger than those who made one-off donations.

Will there be any social fundraising events?

Our traditional way of fundraising will feature towards the end, particularly as celebrations and thanksgiving for a successful campaign. Our priority at the moment is to organise the individual visits. We are recruiting 40 parishioners as visitors and training them during the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer as a visitor please get in contact.

If you have ideas about events please let us know and we will coordinate them to avoid clashes.

Over £800,000 already raised!
Nearly halfway to £1.8m target!