

# Peterpost

Newsletter for the  
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



PENTECOST SUNDAY

31st May, 2009

I was a tremendously fickle boy. I used to go through fads and phases like nobody's business: cub scouts, athletics club, football, rugby, dramatic groups etc. One of my many passing fancies was a plastic kite that I received as a birthday present. With feverish anticipation I would hurl the kite into the air, ready for a gust of wind to lead my air-born toy into all manner of aeronautical acrobatics. Invariably, however, the kite would land with a resounding crash on the grass next to my feet, due to a distinctly disappointing lack of wind.

My kite would have had a field day on Pentecost Sunday; we're told that the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of "a powerful wind from heaven". Now I know that there are precious moments in our lives when we do experience God with tangible intensity. But if you're anything like me, the day-to-day normality of life seems a long way from the scenes of the upper room in Jerusalem. Does this mean that the Spirit is not at work in our lives?

In the Old Testament, Elijah experiences the Spirit of God not as a dramatic hurricane, but as a gentle breeze. And perhaps this is more like our experience: the gentle breeze of a kind word, of a smile, of shared laughter, of the sun flickering through the leaves of a tree, of a sponge pudding with melted chocolate in the middle... The Spirit is as powerful as a rushing wind and as disarmingly tender as a flickering flame. Ultimately, the Spirit is less about exterior proofs and more about interior reality. The Spirit lives within us and within our weakness, providing us with the hope to keep going when life seems pretty grim. The Spirit is less about an extravagantly acrobatic kite and more about the love that gave it as a gift in the first place.

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## TODAY

**United Pentecost Service** at Wesley Methodist Church, Weeke at 10.30 a.m. today.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**No Evening Prayer and Benediction** in St. Peter's next Sunday  
**Living Our Faith Project:** I am really grateful to all those who have supported the first 'quiet' phase of our parish and diocesan fund raising appeal which is called 'Living our Faith.' Over the past months many have contributed and worked so that we can launch the project and invite everyone to take part. The public launch will be next Sunday and the appeal and its purpose will be described and explained at all the celebrations of Mass in the parish. PJT

### We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection  
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,689.87  
Retiring collection for World Communications: £704.13



## TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Psalm Response:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**2nd Reading:** Galatians 5:16-25

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 15:26-27;16:12-15



## Questions of the Week

**Adults:** Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

**Youth:** When have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

**Children:** When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

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

**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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## PARISH OFFICE

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## St. Peter's Catholic Primary School:

Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB  
**Headteacher:** Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 1st June - Winchester Catholic History Group -** 'Cardinal Wolsley' by Dr. Stella Fletcher, Research Fellow at the University of Warwick at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. in the Milner Hall. All welcome. Non-members £2

**Wednesday 3rd 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 ... Stop driving yourself crazy (this Wednesday) - Take God seriously - Know the real God and Live by priorities.' (see the website for further details: [www.just10winch.org.uk](http://www.just10winch.org.uk)).

**Friday 5th June - Mass** at St. Barnabas, Weeke at 10.00 a.m. Over 20 people went to the Mass in May. Everyone welcome. Phone 853060 if you need a lift. Elevenses after!

**Saturday 6th June - Mass in Winchester Cathedral** is at 10.00 a.m.

**Saturday 6th June - Speaking Up for CAFOD** - CAFOD Portsmouth are holding a special training day from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Hall, St. Joseph's, Queen's Road, Aldershot for anyone interested in speaking about CAFOD in their local community. Numbers are limited, contact CAFOD on 01252 329385 to book a place or e-mail [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

**Urgently needed** for St. Peter's Youth Theatre's imminent production of Little Shop of Horrors: 1 old style (if possible) cash register; 2 large metal dustbins; 1 large dust sheet; 1 medium man's leather jacket and 2 wheelie hospital style screens. If you can help in supplying any of the above, please contact Deb Falconer on 843638 or Julia Bray on 853813. Please remember to keep Friday 3rd or Saturday 4th July free to come and watch the youth of our parish in action in the not to be missed 'Little Shop of Horrors' Watch this space for future updates.

**Wanted - Help with running Pat-a-Cake Toddler Group** which meets in the Parish Centre from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on Wednesday mornings. Would be equally glad to have help from someone with or without small children of their own. Contact Louisa Maschio on 01962 886768

**Graphic Designer or Graphic Design Student?** The Journey in Faith would like to develop a small line of publicity material: Posters, leaflets, cards advertising the course. We have the words to put in, but are really looking for help in making these items look as appealing and professional as possible. If there is any willing talent out there in the Parish, your help would be very much appreciated. If you can help please call Nick Kelly on 01962 890118 or Piotr Nahajski on 01962 868714.

### Stewardship Reflection

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

1 Corinthians 12:406

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By giving each of us different gifts, God made sure that the Church would have the combination of talent and treasure that was needed to do God's work. However, what happens if one of us does not bring out contribution to God's altar? God's plan is not fulfilled. Some important work is left undone.



## LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

**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.

**Thursday/Friday, 18th/19th June - I've always wanted to draw** - a 2 day drawing course in the Parish Centre from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. For beginners or those wanting to refresh their skills, the course is run by Rosemary Stokell, a professional artist and tutor with a warm and encouraging style: £30 for the 2 days including a light lunch. For more details call Sharon Bethell on 01962 620631.

**Friday 19th June - Hyde/Abbotts 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.

**Friday 26th/Sunday 28th June - Marriage Encounter**

**Weekend** at West Wickham, Kent, giving married couples time to look at their relationship. An enrichment experience, and not for couples with serious problems. The weekend is spent listening to a series of presentations on various aspects of relationships, including the Catholic Church's Vision for Marriage. Contact Chris & Mary Farrall 01962 620289 for more details or see notice boards.

**Sunday 5th July - Young people from Bethlehem YMCA** are attending 7.00 p.m. Mass in St. Peter's

**Saturday 11th July - 'Domestic Abuse and the Church'** - The day aims to raise awareness of physical, psychological or emotional abuse suffered by both men and women and to offer practical advice. Please see notice at the back of churches.

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

**I would like to express my gratitude to Martin McElroy** for all his work in planning the music at St. Peter's over the years. Martin has devoted many hours to this work and has provided an exemplary service.

He has produced monthly lists and has spent time pondering the weekly scriptures to ensure that our liturgy is in tune with the Word of God.

Thanks also, Martin, for your continuing encouragement and support to all involved in the celebration of liturgy. Catherine Christmas has taken over the role of music planning.

**The Parishes of Southampton, Eastleigh  
and Hampshire Downs**  
seek to appoint a - **Youth Development Leader**

Based on a successful earlier initiative, this exciting new post is a collaboration between several lively and active parish communities who wish to reach out to young people and develop youth ministry in their areas.

The successful candidate will:

- be a committed Catholic
- be experienced in youth ministry and hold a relevant qualification
- be able to take on a leadership role with volunteers for the parishes in developing our youth ministry
- have excellent creative and communication skills
- be dedicated to young people; their spiritual and human development.

**Salary scale: £20,000 to £22,000**

**This post is fulltime and carries an initial 3 year contract.**

**Induction and supervision provided**

**Relocation expenses can be negotiated**

Download the application pack from <http://forum.catholicyouthwork.com/index.php/topic,1052.0.html>

Or for further details and application pack, contact:

**Father John O'Shea**

**St Josephs and St Edmunds Parish Southampton**

**14 Rockstone Place**

**Southampton**

**SO15 2EQ**

**Telephone: 023 8033 3589**

**Email: parish@catholic.co.uk**

Closing date for applications: noon Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Interviews: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Post to commence on 1st September 2009 or soon after

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**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
CATHOLIC PARISH OF HAMPSHIRE DOWNS  
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester)**

**Use your administrative skills  
in a challenging environment!**

A vacancy has arisen for an exceptional administrator with wide experience to put in place and manage robust systems and procedures to provide a comprehensive administration service to this busy parish.

The job is based at St. Peter's, Winchester.

Induction and ongoing training will be provided for the successful candidate.

If you like a challenge and are interested in this vacancy, please contact Canon Paul Townsend

by email at [canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk),

or by telephone: 01962 852804 (Extension 22)

*Deadline for applications is 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009*

## St Gregory's, Alresford

**The Cake Sale** Is after Mass today.

**100 Club** - The May draw is after Mass today.

**Wednesday 3rd June - Just 10 Mission** - 'Stop driving yourself crazy' - The sixth talk is from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. in Winchester Cathedral. You can see it by video link in St. John's, here in Alresford at the same time. Details of the future talks are on the porch notice board.

**Sunday 7th June - A date for your diary** - After Mass, there will be 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. Enquiries to Rosemary Chambers ☎733148 or Hilda Carr ☎735822.

**Monday 8 June - The Giles Group** will meet in the Community Centre at 2.00 p.m. when the subject will be '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 who will be 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. in St Gregory's, followed by refreshments and nibbles in the Pastoral Centre. They and their families have our prayers and best wishes.

**Sunday 28th June - Gerard Dailly** will be ordained Deacon for the Hampshire Downs parish at 3.00 p.m. at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Our prayers and best wishes go to Gerard and his family. For more details, please see the front page of Peterpost.

**Flowers for Dedication** - If you wish to dedicate flowers for a special occasion one week e.g. In Memory, Anniversary etc, we are happy to do this and mention the dedication in the Newsletter. Please liaise with Anne Vail on 732096 regarding donations and requests.

**Pastoral Centre Caretaker** - We are very much indebted to the wonderful team who have continued to clean our Church over the years. However we are in urgent need of someone to take on the mantle of Caretaker for the Pastoral Centre as Catriona is stepping down. If you feel you could step into her shoes for a couple of hours a week, please contact either Richard White 777258 or Anne Young 773718 asap.

**Compilation of a Parish Events Diary** - Work is currently underway to compile a Parish Events Diary, which will incorporate details of regular events across all four worshipping communities. I have been asked to gather details of regular events at St Gregory's or events happening around Alresford which may have an impact on the St Gregory's worshipping community. I would be grateful for your help in identifying local events and would rather be advised of key dates several times over rather than not at all. To assist in this process, I have produced a form which is located on the table in the entrance to the church. Please complete the form by 7th June. Alternatively please contact me, by this date, on 01962 771843. Thank you for your assistance. *Margaret Berryman*

**St. Gregory's** recent annual donations on behalf of Cabrini Children's Society raised in excess of £150. They have been in touch to ask us to pass on their appreciation for your continued support of their work. It may be of interest to note that 97% of all the donations raised through the parishes goes directly to the projects. If you would like to find out more about their work or get involved, you can contact Ann on 020 8668 2181 or e-mail at [ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk](mailto:ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk).

**Please pray for:** those who are sick or recovering, and in thanksgiving for prayers already answered: Courina Bolger, 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, Mary Talbot, 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](mailto: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**  
30th May to 6th June, 2009

**St. Peter's, Winchester**

**Masses:**

Sat	6.00 pm	Bob Barrett RIP
Sun	8.00 am	Intention of Eileen Gumbrell
	10.30 am	Margaret and Tom Carroll RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Jamie Gentleman RIP
Mon	12.15 pm	Emma Turner RIP
Tue	8.00 am	Rev. Patrick Savage RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	Penny Gallon
Thur	7.00 pm	June Howard RIP
Fri	10.00 a.m.	Mass at St. Barnabas
	12.15 pm	Molly and John O'Donoghue RIP
Sat	10.00 am	Mass in Winchester Cathedral Andrew Gardiner 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 - Intentions of Pope Benedict
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Hamish Bruce 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



**St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge**

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

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

31st May to 7th June, 2009  
(Sunday Missal pp 567 & Weekday Missal pp 534; Psalter Week)

Sunday	<b>Pentecost Sunday (B)</b>
Monday	St. Justin (Mark 12:1-12)
Tuesday	Ss Marcellinus & Peter or Feria (Mark 12:13-17)
Wednesday	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions (Mark 12:18-27)
Thursday	Feria (Mark 12:28-34)
Friday	St. Boniface (Mark 12:35-37)
Saturday	St. Norbert, Our Lady on Saturday or Feria (Mark 12:38-44)
Sunday	<b>The Most Holy Trinity (A)</b>

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40.  
Romans 8:14-17. Matthew 28:16-20

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



**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  
Louise Warren  
Edward Whalley  
Richard White  
Marcus Whitfield  
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