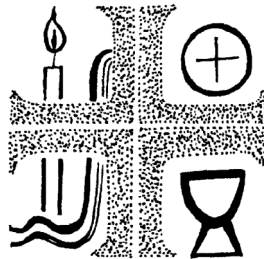


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



SOLEMNITY OF
SS. PETER AND PAUL

28th June, 2009

I have always been inspired by heroes. As a child I hero-worshipped a vast array of stars: from footballers such as Kevin Keegan, to cricketers like Ian Botham, via the 6 Billion Dollar Man (I realise that this will mean nothing to many of you!). I loved to be inspired to work harder, run faster, train longer.

I still yearn to be inspired and one of my greatest inspirations in the faith is St Paul. As we come to the end of the Year of St. Paul I have been reflecting on why he is such an important figure for me. I could list any number of reasons, such as his courage in the face of danger or the beautiful eloquence of his letters. But for me, the fundamental reason why St. Paul inspires me is that he fell head over heels in love with Jesus. And he couldn't stop talking about him! When you fall in love you never miss an opportunity to talk about that person, you simply savour the sound of their name. It was exactly like that for Paul. Jesus turned this man's world upside down, leading him to declare that he was literally "overwhelmed" by the love of Christ.

One of the most important roles of a Permanent Deacon is to speak of this overwhelming love of Christ, both by proclaiming the Gospel and by living the Gospel. Like Paul, Gerard Dailly has had his world turned upside down by Jesus, and his ordination today is a wonderful witness to that faith. Let's pray for him as he begins his ministry; let's pray for his wife Sue and their children Abigail and David as they share in this ministry. And, let's pray for ourselves, that we never lose that child-like ability to be inspired, to be awestruck and to rejoice in the heroic. SR

TODAY

Congratulations to Gerard Dailly and his family as Gerard is ordained to the Permanent Diaconate this weekend by Bishop Crispian. I would like to thank Gerard and Sue, Abigail and David for so generously entering the process of formation over the past few years. I would also like to thank Gerard's support team in the parish who have journeyed with him since my arrival here. Gerard will join the team of ordained ministers and will preach, baptise, preside at weddings, funerals and other liturgies throughout the parish of Hampshire Downs. PJT

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for Peter's Pence.
No Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's today.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 5th July - Annual Mass at St. Andrew's, Tichborne will be celebrated by Canon Paul at 6.30 p.m. St. Andrew's is one of the few Anglican churches in the country which has a chapel within it set apart for Catholic worship. The provision was made by kindness of King James I who was a regular visitor to Tichborne. This celebration is a precious part of our Catholic heritage and will be celebrated in memory of the deceased members of the Tichborne family who are buried in the vault underneath the Catholic chapel. Our martyrs' window in St. Peter's contains the two Tichborne martyrs Nicholas and Thomas who were executed during the Elizabethan persecution.

Young people from Bethlehem YMCA are attending 7.00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's next Sunday.

No Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's next Sunday.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Psalm Response: From my terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd Reading: St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8.17-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 15:13-19

Questions of the Week

"Who do you say I am?"

Who is Jesus for you?

Which images or words do you use to describe Jesus or to help you to grow in your relationship with him?



Phil Harris: Phil Harris is to be ordained to the diaconate on the journey to priesthood on the 12th July in Rome. Anyone who knows of any reason why he should not receive the Sacrament of Ordination should put it in writing to me as soon as possible. PJT

The Just 10 Mission is now over. Thanks to Clare McKenna and Steve Taylor and all those who helped in the organisation. PJT

We acknowledge with thanks: Last week's collection

Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester: £3,745.87

Retiring collection for the Covenant with the Poor: £2,931.37

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)

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

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Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 30th June - An evening with Shabiba Shah (refugee from Afghanistan who is talking about her life in conversation with Mary Lean, a writer and journalist) at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. at St. Luke's Centre, Mildmay Street, Stanmore.

Tuesday 30th June - The Meditation Group meets in the Parish Centre for their weekly session at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. Phone 01962 856243 for details.

Friday/Saturday 3rd/4th July - St Peter's Youth Theatre Little Shop of Horrors!

St. Stephen's Church at 7.30 p.m.

Please come and see our young people in this fun musical.

It is suitable for young and old alike

ALL profits to Covenant with the Poor.

Tickets: £5 and £3 for concessions and are available after weekend Masses or drop a cheque with a SAE and your requirements into Peterhouse.

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

After Mass Tea Club - We are looking for some kind people to join the rota for making tea and coffee for our fellow parishioners after 10.30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Volunteers do between one and four duties per year and would be welcomed with open arms by the club. Tel: Susanna Church on 01962 774262 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. or e-mail: rwsusanna@yahoo.co.uk

Caring for our churches: The smell of polish when I went into St. Peter's on Wednesday morning reminded me of the cleaning team whose presence and work is reflected in the beautiful way the church is kept. In fact all our churches are looked after by devoted teams of committed people and I would like to express my thanks to them. PJT

St. Peter's School Minibus Service – drivers wanted - We are looking for more drivers for September for the school minibus service, one morning or afternoon a week. No previous minibus driving experience is required. The job is paid hourly and training is provided. Can you or do you know anyone who may be able to help? For more details, please contact Toni Hoff in the school office on 01962 852820.

The Visit of the Relics of St. Theresa of Lisieux to Portsmouth on the 16th and 17th September 2009.

The relics of St. Theresa arrive at the Cathedral in Portsmouth at 9.30 a.m. on the Wednesday 16th September. I shall be there with the rest of the Chapter to welcome them. There will be a number of special liturgies throughout the day. Canon David Hopgood, who is the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, has asked us as to provide a leader and small group for a liturgy during the "All Night Vigil". We have been asked to provide the liturgy for half an hour at 2.30 in the morning of the 17th September. The theme for us will be the 9th Station of the Cross where Jesus falls for the third time. The other pastoral areas will be doing the other slots. If you are interested in helping with this, please could you complete the tear off slip and return to Peterhouse. PJT

The Visit of the Relics of St. Theresa of Lisieux 16th and 17th September 2009.

I would be interested in attending the Liturgy at 2.30 a.m. on 17th September.

Name

Tel. No:

E-mail:

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 6th July - The Land Speaks Arabic- "La Terre parle Arabe." This award-winning, dramatic documentary 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 from the beginning of the 20th century until 1948. Parish Centre, at 7.30 p.m. - refreshments and discussion - all welcome.

All concerned about the plight of the Palestinians, and all who recently participated on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land are invited to a showing of the film.

Monday 6th July - Winchester Catholic History Group - 'The Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain' a lecture by Bishop Basil Amphipolis, pastor responsible for the parishes of the Russian tradition in Great Britain and Ireland, in the Milner Hall at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. All welcome. Non-members: £2.

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. Notice at the back of churches.

Sunday 12th July - St. Stephen's Annual Family Picnic after 9.15 a.m. Mass. Rounders/French cricket etc. and then early lunch on the school playing field. Bring food and drink to share and a picnic rug or camping chairs. All welcome.

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

Sunday 12th July - Summer Picnic hosted by Churches in North Winchester (which includes St. Peter's) from 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m. on Littleton Playing Field.


Saturday 18th July - Murder at the Manor - Tickets now available for this event to raise money for the Hampshire Downs 'Living Our Faith' Project. A Murder Mystery evening presented by Thame Players at 7.30 p.m. at Worthington Manor (Milner Hall). Indian dinner included, bar, raffle and silent auction. Fancy dress very much encouraged! 1920's dinner dress. A jolly evening to celebrate Sir Clive Worthington-Jones's distinguished career in India. Tickets £25 at St. Peter's School office or from Pip Redding 01962 827705 pipredding@btinternet.com Bring your friends, come and raise some money for the parish, have a lot of fun and work out 'who done it'!!

Sunday 19th July - "Peddle, Paddle Pace - triathlon to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. Winchester's top fun sporting event is back by popular demand! Do not miss the opportunity to take part and/or sponsor this excellent event which raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Full details by emailing info@winchesterppp.co.uk and application forms can be downloaded by visiting the web site www.winchesterppp.co.uk. Individual entries and team entries are very welcome... why not put in a St. Peter's team? Please get involved and/or encourage your friends and colleagues to participate!

Tuesday 28th/Wednesday 29th July - Hampshire Downs Youth Group Multi-sports and Team Games (for ages 11-15) Come along, with a friend, to St. Peter's School grounds from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. for multi-sport activities and games. Requirements: Loose, comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, water bottle - All welcome.

Friday 23rd October - Hampshire Downs Youth Group Journey to the Holy Land. Canon Paul will lead a tour to Jordan and Israel for one week and will visit biblical sites, including Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee and have some fun time (swimming pools and beaches as well as the more serious stuff). There are 18 places for young people (Yr. 9 in September and above) with 4 adults. Cost is £850 including flights, half board at medium quality hotels and all transport. If you are interested call Sue Broadbent on 01962 827764 for more details and a booking form.


Message from Sister Cecilia: My most sincere thanks to all for the prayers and Masses, cards and many presents I received on the occasion of the 80th birthday last week. I was completely overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of so many people and will be unable to thank each one personally. Thank you all and God bless you. **The Life Group** would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated pennies for the recent Pennies for Life collection. £361.56 was collected.

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

National: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews. Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights. Europe. Human Life. Seafarers.
Diocesan: Community of Ss. Peter and Paul. The Archbishop of Westminster and the Bishops of Clifton and Northampton. Priests of this Diocese. Parishes, communities and schools in the Hampshire Downs Pastoral Area. Parishes, communities and schools in the Loddon Valley Pastoral Area. Community of St. Paul, Paulsgrove. Parish of St. Francis, Ascot.
Churches Together in Winchester: City Church

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF HAMPSHIRE DOWNS (Alesford, 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, or by telephone: 01962 852804 (Extension 22) *Deadline for applications is 3rd July 2009*



Thank you to the new volunteers who are starting their visits with parishioners this week to explain the campaign. It can be a daunting task, both making and receiving that first visit. Parishioners who have been visiting during the last few weeks have reported back that they have gained so much from being a volunteer; meeting fellow parishioners who are not at their regular Mass, developing a greater understanding of our parish and sometimes being able to respond to pastoral needs or connect someone to another part of the parish to use their gifts. Prospective volunteers get anxious about the money side of fundraising, but we are very clear that our campaign is about much more than the financial target. Renewing our sense of a Catholic community by personal contact is an important part of it. So, if you are interested in being a campaign visitor please do get in contact with the campaign office at Peterhouse on Tuesdays to Thursdays. Visits happen when and where it is convenient to both, and we are also very keen to ask the smaller worshipping communities how best to reach their congregations and do things in a way that suits them.

**Total raised so far
£853,382 from 78 gifts**

Stewardship Reflection
In today's gospel, Jesus calls Peter 'a rock'. A few verses later he calls him a 'stumbling stone'.
How do I use my gifts in a way that encourages and empowers other people, rather than hindering them?

St Gregory's, Alesford

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

Gerard Dailly - is being ordained Deacon for the Hampshire Downs parish today 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.
Coffee will not be served after Mass today.
Flowers at Mass today have been donated by Mary Talbot in memory of her daughter, Valda O'Boyle.

Tuesday 30 June - children's bring and share picnic at 4.00 p.m. at Rosemary Chambers' home, Lake House, Alesford (just beyond the Globe Inn on the Basingstoke Road). ☎ 01962 733148. All children most welcome. *Visitors to the usual informal get together are invited this month to join the children's bring and share picnic at Rosemary's. Everyone welcome. Any enquiries, Nan McNamara ☎ 01962 734425.*

Sunday 5 July - The July Cake Sale is after Mass next Sunday. Fruit and vegetables are particularly welcome, even in small quantities, as well as the usual cakes, pies and preserves.
Sunday 5 July - Annual Mass at St. Andrew's Tichborne at 6.30 p.m. Please see the main part of Peterpost for details.
Saturday 13 July - The Giles Group for the disabled and their carers will have their Summer Garden Party at 2.00 p.m. at the home of Peter and Sabia Wrigley - Paplans, South Road, Alesford. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Nan McNamara ☎ 734425.

Special Ministers, Readers and Welcomers at St. Gregory's - Please collect your copy of the rota for the second half of 2009 from the church porch today, if you have not already done so. If I have your email details you should have received a copy already.
Paul Kennedy ☎ 735287.

The 100 Club - There are now some vacancies for new members for the club. If anyone would like to join or find out more about it, just contact Jack Gore ☎ 733091.
The 'Living your Faith' July - October booklets are on the porch trolley. Subscribers, please take your copy.

Please continue to pray....
For those who are sick or recovering and in thanksgiving for prayers already answered: 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 have no-one else to pray for them.

Please send Alesford 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

27th June to 4th July, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Helen Smith RIP
Sun	8.00 am	Jack Lashley RIP
	10.30 am	Presidents' Sunday - Catenian Association
	6.00 pm	NO Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	
Mon	12.15 pm	Joe Phelan RIP
Tue	8.00 am	Richard Spenser RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	
Thur	7.00 pm	Barry Moss RIP
Fri	12.15 pm	Stanley Evans RIP
Sat	9.00 am	Philip Felton 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	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass
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

28th June to 5th July, 2009

(Sunday Missal pp 944 & Weekday Missal pp 587; Psalter Week)

Sunday	Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul (B)
Monday	Feria (<i>Matthew 8:18-22</i>)
Tuesday	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome or Feria (<i>Matthew 8:23-27</i>)
Wednesday	St. Oliver Plunkett or Feria (<i>Matthew 8:28-34</i>)
Thursday	Feria (<i>Matthew 9:1-8</i>)
Friday	St. Thomas (<i>Matthew 9:9-13</i>)
Saturday	St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Our Lady on Saturday or Feria (<i>Matthew 9:14-17</i>)
Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5.
St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10. Mark 6:1-6

Psalm Response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.



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

PARISH BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Jon and Dawn Egerton-Kemp

☎ 01962 868729

dawnek@btconnect.com

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
Augusta Wolff

PARISH FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

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.