

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 10th July, 2011

Why do we not change? The parable of the sower with its variety of soils, of which only one is good soil, challenges us to examine why we fail to grow in our spiritual lives. The parable is about hearing and understanding: 'he who hears the word and understands it...indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty'.

The seed sown by the sower is the word of God. Jesus expects us to hear the word of God — to have a sense that God is speaking to us through his word. This means hearing the word of God in such a way that we actively receive it into our minds and hearts. If it remains merely on the surface of our minds it will not yield fruit. Do I understand that Scripture is the word of God? Do I receive and accept it as God's word?

After hearing the word of God we must nurture it. The seed that fell on rocky soil failed to produce fruit because it lacked moisture. In the heat of the sun it withered away. Similarly the word within us will die if we do not water it. We need the water of the Spirit to keep the word alive in us. How will I make time to ponder on the word I have heard? Will I ask the Holy Spirit to give me further light and understanding? Or will I let the word gradually fade away?

'The cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word'. We hear the word and take it into our minds and hearts. But then there comes the time of testing. Will I stand firm on God's word or lose it, overwhelmed by cares and anxieties?

The key to change is making it possible for the seed to fall into good soil. We are that good soil when we are receiving God's word, reflecting on it, keeping it alive in our hearts and, finally, obeying it. Then it produces an abundant harvest — the good fruits of the Spirit.

*'Lord Jesus, teach me to guard your word carefully. Grant me the desire to meditate upon your word, the light of the Spirit to understand it deeply, and the grace to put it into practice.'*

### TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 55:10-11

**Psalm Response:** Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

**2nd Reading:** Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23



### Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

**Welcome** to Joseph Drew, Charles and Harrison Ennis and to Joseph and Olivia McPike who were baptised last weekend.

**Please pray** for Mary Ryan who died recently. Her Funeral Mass is at 12.15pm this Friday in St. Peter's. May she rest in peace. **Please pray also** for Frank Chambers and Gwen Graham who died last week. May they rest in peace.



## TODAY

**Today is Sea Sunday**, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal and our second collection at all Masses is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The AoS reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports, offering pastoral and practical support and care. They depend on voluntary donations so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit their website at [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Youth Band** will be playing at the 9.15am Mass in St. Stephen's today. Practice will start again in September.

**The 100 Club** biannual draw will be made after Mass at St. Gregory's today.

**St. Stephen's are holding their annual picnic** from 12.00 noon in the grounds of St. Peter's School today. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share and your picnic equipment. Games planned.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 11th July - The Alresford Giles Group Summer Garden Party** will be at 2.00pm with Fabia and Peter Wrigley at Taplins, South Road, Alresford. Queries to Tessa and Brian Perkins on 01962 732978.

**Monday 11th July - The Covenant with the Poor Group** meets at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Office, The Old Georgian, 29 Jewry Street. The meeting will be looking at suggestions for future projects and everyone is welcome.

**Monday 11th July - Youth Pilgrimage** meeting in the Milner Hall from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

**Tuesday 12th July - Parish Diary Meeting**, co-ordinators and organisers of groups, activities and ministries of Hampshire Downs are invited to the **Diary meeting** at the Parish Office - a meeting to help create the annual parish calendar and avoid unnecessary clashes. The meeting starts at 7.45pm, following the **Hampshire Downs Liturgy Group meeting** that will start at 7.00pm. Liz Slinn, who chairs the Liturgy group meeting, will hand over to Canon Townsend to deal with diary specific matters.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 17th July - Retiring Collection** at all Masses for the CAFOD Emergency Appeal for the People of East Africa.

**Sunday 17th July - Praise Mass** at St. Stephen's Church at 5.50pm. Hampshire Downs own Praise Band will be leading worship before Mass and will provide the music during Mass. It is always a lively and enjoyable celebration of the Eucharist, so do get there if you can.

**As you know, Bishop Crispian retires later this year.** As of yet we do not know the exact date as this will depend on who the Pope appoints and when he can take up the position as our next Bishop. We will be holding a parish collection on 9th October which will be presented to him at a Diocesan gathering to celebrate his time with us (probably on the 19th November).

**I am most grateful** to Bishop Crispian for giving me sabbatical leave. **Fr. John is now on holiday for the whole of July.** In August, I shall be on retreat and will then take time for private study until the beginning of October.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday 17th July - Churches in North Winchester Summer Picnic** from 12 noon to 3.00pm at Littleton playing fields. (Bring your own chairs and food. In small hall if wet. Toilets available.)

**Tuesday 19th July - St. Gregory's Worship Community** will meet at 7.00pm in St. Gregory's Parish Centre. If you have anything you wish to have discussed, please contact a Committee member.

**Wednesday 20th July - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group Meeting** is at 7.30pm in the Glass Room at St. Peter's School.

**Saturday 23rd July - Mass in St. James Cemetery** at 10.00am. **No 9.00am Mass in St. Peter's.**

**Saturday 23rd July - Alton Day of Renewal** at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead starting with Rosary at 11.00am, followed by Mass at 11.30am, ending at about 4.00pm. The speaker will be Joan Carnegie, subject 'Spoke through the Prophets'. Any queries, contact Rev. Deacon John Foley on 01189333420.

**Saturday 6th August - St. Thomas More Prayer Group** meet from 3.00 to 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All are welcome.

**Wednesday 10th August - Justice and Peace Group** meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room. *(The meeting on the 10th August has been cancelled.)*

**Sunday 14th August - Mass in the Extraordinary Form** is at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

**Friday 14th October - a Churches Together in Alresford event** in St John's, Alresford at 7.30pm - come and hear Henry Olonga: opera singer, cricket international and Christian.

**New Translation of the Missal; the Music:** When we introduce the new translation of the Missal on 4th September we want to use the Missal chants until Advent at all Masses in all Worshipping Communities. Fr Paul has asked for this so we can, as a people, sing unaccompanied music at any time. We have arranged some sessions to teach those who would like to come and learn and be ready for September. They are as follows: **Tuesday 19th July** in St Peters Church at 8.00pm. This session is intended for all those who are involved in music ministry, such as choirs, cantors and interested instrumentalists who may be leading the chants. **Monday 15th August** in St Peters at 7.30pm, for everyone. **Saturday 20th August** in St Peters at 10.00am, again for everyone. If you have any queries please contact [liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk) or [martin.f.mcelroy@googlegmail.com](mailto:martin.f.mcelroy@googlegmail.com)

**The New Translation of the Roman Missal – The Gloria and the Creed:** While some of the words in the Gloria and the Creed will change, others stay the same, so we will have to be careful that we don't slip into the old texts! The first lines of the Gloria itself echo the angels' message to the shepherds, announcing the birth of Christ (Luke 2:14). Because of these changes, new music is being written so that we will be able to sing the new translation, too. When it comes to the Creed we will notice the first change immediately - 'I believe', not, 'We believe'. We have become used to praying the Creed all together as a parish. However, when we say 'We believe' it could suggest that between us all we believe everything being said. It is not clear that we all believe everything that is being said. To say 'I believe' makes it quite clear that each one of us believes everything we are saying.

**'What is happening and when?'** From 3rd/4th September we will begin using the new translation of the Roman Missal. This means that many of the words the congregation and the priest say at Mass will change. The readings will stay the same. There will be new musical settings of the Gloria, the Holy Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Lamb of God. From the first Sunday of Advent, we will also use new translations of the Collects, Prayers over the Gifts, and Prayers after Communion. As a parish, we are working to ensure that the move to the new translation is as smooth as possible, and that everyone has the opportunity to learn more about it. We will provide leaflets with the new responses on, so that everyone can participate. For more information see: <http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk/NewMissal.aspx>

**Please keep Sister Antonietta in your prayers every day as she recovers in hospital.**

## PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The programme for the build should mean that the building will be weathertight by October and handed over to the parish by Easter 2012. The erection of the steel frame for the 2 storey building has now been completed. The brickwork will start next week.

### Car Parking

Car Parking on the St Peter's site is restricted to parishioners and visitors to the church. Please also give priority to people who are not able to walk from the nearby car parks to Mass.

**Public toilets** are available outside the Discovery Centre (on the side facing the Theatre Royal). A portaloo is available for the 10.30am Mass and the Milner Hall is also open after the 10.30am Mass.

### Moira Redmond writes:

"I have recently taken over as editor of the Hampshire Downs website – [www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk) – Do investigate the website. I'm interested to hear any thoughts, comments and requests – e-mail me on [editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), or use the contact form on the site. In particular, if you or your group are represented on the website, please look at your own page and tell me if it needs updating or changing in any way."

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

**Winchester Basics Bank** urgently need long-life milk, tinned fish (not tuna) and tinned vegetables (not chick peas). Collection boxes are at the back of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Gregory's (box in St. Peter's is emptied each day).

**Winchester College and the King James Bible - A Quartercentennial Exhibition** from 21st August to 25th September at Winchester College. Open to the public from 21st August to 3rd September and for pre-booked parties from 5th to 25th September. Admission is free but by timed-ticket only and must be reserved in advance: To buy tickets either apply in person at the Cathedral box office; Tel: 01962 857275; or online [www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

**Teaching Assistant Required - St. Peter's Catholic Primary School:** We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to join our team in September. The successful applicant will have good basic English and Mathematics skills, and be committed to their own and children's learning. They will have lots of enthusiasm and energy. The post will initially be in KS1 for 30 hours each week. Please send your current CV and letter of application and names and contact details of two referees, one to be your current employer to Cath Howells, Headteacher. Closing date for applications, Monday 18th July. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted on Wednesday 20th July and interviews will be held on Monday July 25th.

### Praise Mass for Hampshire Downs Dates for Your Diary

We are delighted to welcome parishioners, friends, relatives and visitors to come and experience a lively celebration of the wonder and power of the Holy Spirit, in this Praise and Worship Mass.

**17th July · 20th November**  
5.30 pm at St Stephen's Church, Winchester  
**1st/2nd October**

The Celebrate Weekend Conference,  
St Mary's College, Southampton

Visit their website: <http://www.celebrateconference.org>  
For more details please visit the Parish Website  
[www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk)



## YOUNG PEOPLE



**Year 7-8 Youth Group.** This is finished for this term.

**Parish Youth Group** also finished for the term.

**Youth Band** starts practising again in September.

**Looking Ahead - Monday 11th July - Youth Pilgrimage** meeting in the Milner Hall from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

**Youth Group Holy Land Pilgrimage:** During October half term, 19 young people from our parish youth group are going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land accompanied by several leaders and Canon Paul. They are raising some of the money for this trip themselves and are doing a sponsored walk from St Gregory's Alresford to St Peter's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. They will be collecting sponsorship or donations after Masses that day and would be grateful for any support. We are 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 Canon Paul via the Parish Office.

**Hampshire Downs Youth - Facebook Page** for young Catholics in Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester. Follow the link from the home page of our parish website and join up for more information on events and news.

**Peter McGeady (Youth Leader) - Contact details:** Follow the link from the home page of our parish website to the **Young Catholics South** group page. YC South contact detail cards are in all our churches.

### Cycle of Prayer: This week we pray for:

Apostleship of the Sea and all Chaplains to Seafarers. Community of Douai Abbey and the work of Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme. Bishop Crispian (ordained 11/7/1965). Community of St. Gregory, Alresford (consecrated 11/7/1975). All Gift Aid Organisers. Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

## DIOCESAN

**Information Evenings on the Revised Translation of the Order of Mass and Roman Missal.** Please see the back of all churches for venues and times available and also booking forms.

**A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Administrator/IT Supporter** to work in the Department for Pastoral Formation. The successful applicant will be located at the Department for Pastoral Formation Office, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hants PO17 5HA. Hours of work: 21 per week – to be worked over 3 days Monday to Friday) from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Occasional Saturday working may be required. Commencement Date: 15th August 2011.

For an application form, job description, equal opportunities form and salary details please go to:  
[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies.php](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies.php).

For more information, see notice at the back of all churches.

### SPONSORING POOR & ORPHAN CHILDREN IN INDIA:

As you are aware Fr. Ignatius Maddineni who was with us in 2007 is looking for individual donors to sponsor poor/orphan/semi orphan children in various schools in India partially supported by his charity "Save the Children Welfare Society". The sponsorship money (£120 per year per child of age between 5-15) will be used to provide food, clothes, books, uniforms, toys etc. Your support would be much appreciated. There are about 350 children in various schools who needs to be sponsored, but so far there are only 36 children sponsored.

For further details please contact Fr. Ignatius Maddineni on e-mail: [maddineni1971@googlemail.com](mailto:maddineni1971@googlemail.com) - 01635 864416, or 07515001645

## GENERAL

**Senior Citizens Club - All future meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

**The Catholic Women's League 2011 Appeal** is for the Winchester Domestic Abuse Service. Throughout the year we aim to collect much needed necessities for those living temporarily at the Centre. This month we are focussing on towels and bedding but only need towels, single duvets and pillows (no duvet covers or pillow cases please). Toiletries are still acceptable. Please place gifts, preferably in original packaging, in the boxes which can be found at the back of all churches.

**Big Fishes Football:** Fancy a little outdoor exercise at River Park Leisure Centre, Winchester, on Sunday nights (8.30pm kick off). Join a group of parish soccer enthusiasts aged from 14 to 58. Just turn up on the night with £3 match fee, £2 students (any excess is donated to charity) or speak to one of the regulars who include Brian Mustoe (01962 854241), Mark Pellegrini, Pascal Baker, John Tutton, Eugene Wills and Rudi Krook.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eucharistic Ministers no longer have to have a CRB check UNLESS they are taking Communion to someone outside of Mass. If any Eucharistic Ministers are taking Communion outside of the Church, they must have a CRB check and they must attend the Diocesan training.

**The Milner Hall** is in need of some more cutlery. If you have any spare that you do not need, please contact Claire Cafrine on 01962 884610.

**We have a desperate need for volunteers** to join St. Peter's Church cleaning teams, sweeping and vacuuming for only one hour every eight weeks. Please contact Pam Freeborn on 01962 864391.

## THANK YOU

- **The St. Gregory's July Cake Sale** raised £104. Our thanks to Renee Lewin and everyone who made this possible.

Work by the Parish Pastoral Council to group the different ministries into "clusters" continues. If you would like to contact any of the co-ordinators so far nominated, their email addresses are:

**Catechesis** - Sue Trowbridge, [sue.trowbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.trowbridge@btinternet.com).  
**Liturgy** - Liz Slinn, [liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk). **Outreach and Mission** Steve Taylor - [sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk). **Welcome and Hospitality** Max Wilson - [maxwilson@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:maxwilson@dsl.pipex.com) or Liz Bradley on [lizwynbradley@hotmail.com](mailto:lizwynbradley@hotmail.com) and **Enabling** - Brian Roberts at [brian@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:brian@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

The other clusters, which are Young People and Communications are all waiting for co-ordinators, so if anyone is interested please contact Canon Paul.

### ST. PETER'S BOOKSHOP Now open in The Old Georgian (entrance on Jewry Street).



Books, cards and religious items. New lines are now in stock.

Opening time: During office hours and as per usual at weekends.

Look out for the bookshop when it travels to St. Gregory's, St. Thomas More's and St. Stephen's.

**Copies of the Magnificat are now available from the Bookshop. They are priced at £4 each.**

## MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

9th to 16th July, 2011

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 9	6.00 pm	Mass - William and Margaret Rafter RIP
Sun 10	8.00 am	Mass - Lena Atkinson RIP
	10.30 am	Mass
	6.00 pm	<b>Evening Prayer and Benediction</b>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Jack O'Shea RIP
Mon 11	12.15 pm	Mass - For the full recovery of Sister Antonietta - from the Senior Group
Tue 12	8.00 am	Mass - Rev. John Martin RIP
Wed 13	12.15 pm	Mass
Thur 14	7.00 pm	Mass - William and Elizabeth Smith RIP
Fri 15	12.15 pm	Funeral Mass for Mary Ryan RIP
Sat 16	9.00 am	Mass - Deceased in Morn Hill Cemetery

#### 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 - Neil Intention
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

#### Eucharistic Adoration: **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month: 9.45-10.45am



### St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 9.15 am Mass - Corinne Bennett RIP



### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

10th to 17th July, 2011



(Sunday Missal pp 419 & Weekday Missal pp 613  
Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 10	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>
Monday 11	St. Benedict
Tuesday 12	Feria
Wednesday 13	St. Henry or Feria
Thursday 14	St. Camillus of Lellis or Feria
Friday 15	St. Swithun
Saturday 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel or Feria
Sunday 17	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Wisdom 12:13.16-19. Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27. Matthew 13:24-43

**Psalm Response:** O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## PARISH OFFICE

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## CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

**Canon Paul Townsend** (Parish Priest)  
**Fr. John Catlin** (Associate Pastor)  
**Canon Alan Griffiths**  
**Fr. Vincent Convery** (Prison & Hospital Chaplain)  
**Fr. Brian Croughan** (Retired Priest)  
**Deacon Gerard Dailly** ☎ 01962 736389  
**Deacon Nick Reynolds** ☎ 07854 709301  
**Sisters of St Lucy**, St. Peter's Convent ☎ 01962 854040

#### St. Peter's Catholic Primary School:

Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB

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**Confirmation** - Don West  
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**Weddings** - Parish Office - 01962 852804

**Communion to Sick & Housebound** - Imelda Weingart-West  
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**Eucharistic Adoration** - Irena - 01962 880678

**Milner Hall Bookings** - Claire Cafrine  
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**St. Gregory's Hall Bookings** - Jim King  
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## We acknowledge with thanks:

### Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,861.66



**Living Our Faith:** Total raised so far: £1,393,752. We are working on the final £6,000 to reach our target. If you have not yet supported the campaign, please consider helping us to reach the final amount so that we can proceed with the building of the new parish pastoral centre.

## GENERAL NOTICES

Please send newsletter items to the Parish Office by 5.00 pm **Wednesday**. Please keep items as concise as possible and note that they may be edited.

**Communion for Sick and Housebound** - If you are housebound, even for a short time, and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact our parish co-ordinator, **Imelda Weingart-West (01962 865153, or imelda.weingart@ntlworld.com)**

**A Minibus** service is available for people living in the Winchester area to bring you to 10.30am Sunday Mass at St. Peter's and take you home. Please contact the Parish Office.