

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 17th July, 2011

This week's publication of the 'Cloyne Report on Sexual Abuse' is disturbing for us all. The failure and negligence of church leadership in the Diocese of Cloyne over the issue of sexual abuse is much to be regretted. Let us keep all those involved, especially the victims and their families, in our prayer.

The existence of such weakness and failure amongst clergy and bishops is upsetting for everyone. The tragedy is that it works directly against the Kingdom which we are here to promote.

Jesus speaks about that damage and resistance to goodness and the Kingdom in today's Gospel and particularly in the parable of the darnel and the wheat. Amongst other things, the parable shows that while Jesus' work to overcome evil is complete, its effects still continue in human experience. Whether it is our personal lives, the Catholic Church, the media or the global politics that cause injustice and suffering, human weakness is always very evident.

The response of the Lord's disciples is summed up in the last line of the reading from the book of Wisdom where it says: "that after sin you will grant repentance". A vital element of Jesus' teaching is the invitation to turn away from evil and find healing in the gift and action of the Holy Spirit. It seems to me that the danger for us all is to become complacent and comfortable. So often we are too ready to accept the evils to which we contribute by our own lack of attentiveness and awareness. Slow to believe that the security and peace we are given is not provided just for personal comfort but to be a firm starting point for charity and compassion. Let us renew our belief and conviction that the Lord is good and forgiving, full of love to those who call.

"At a time when the Church has been so painfully conscious of evil in its midst, the parable of the darnel and the wheat in this sense attains a fresh relevance. Yes, the evil must be addressed and, yes, we must all strive to become "wheat" rather than "weeds", but the existence of evil, even in the holiest places, is not a cause for disillusionment or the abandoning of hope. The kingdom is not here yet – human evil delays its coming. But dealing with evil requires patience and hope - and close adherence to the patience of God." (From Brendan Byrne, *Lifting the Burden* page 112.)

PJT

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Carnelia Hajek and Mague Richman who were baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

Congratulations to Sarah Humpleby and George Esplin Jones who were married in St. Peter's last Saturday.

Please pray for Frank Chambers who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be at 11.00am this Tuesday in St. Gregory's, Alresford. May he rest in peace. (10.30am Mass is cancelled)



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Book of Wisdom 12:13.16-19

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

2nd Reading: St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the CAFOD Emergency Appeal for the People of East Africa.

Praise Mass at St. Stephen's Church today at 5.30pm. Hampshire Downs own Praise Band are leading worship before Mass and providing the music during Mass. It is always a lively and enjoyable celebration of the Eucharist, so do get there if you can.

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 18th July - The Ascent Group meets in the Convent at 2.15pm. New members most welcome.

Tuesday 19th July - Funeral Mass for Frank Chambers at 11.00am in St. Gregory's. May he rest in peace. (10.30am Mass in cancelled.)

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 - Chaplain's Contact Lunch from 12.30 to 1.30pm (come and go as you need) in the Milner Hall. Come and be encouraged! Why not invite a colleague too. e-mail at chaplain@winccc.org.uk for catering purposes if possible, or just turn up

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

Thursday 21st July - The Catholic Women's League welcome ladies from local churches to the 7.00pm Mass followed by light refreshments in the Milner Hall. Guest Speaker from the Winchester Domestic Abuse Service. All welcome.

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 Chris Olroyd, subject 'Holy Spirit, Giver of Life'. Any queries, contact Rev. Deacon John Foley on 01189333420.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 24th July - Appeal and Retiring Collection at all Masses for the Society of African Missions.

Sunday 24th July is the Catenians annual 'President's Sunday' when members of the Winchester Catenian Circle will be attending 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's.

REMINDER TO ST. PETER'S 10.30AM AND 7.00PM READERS

There will be no cantors from 6th to 28th August exclusive

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.

PJT

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 31st July - Fr. Peter Granger Banyard SJ will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee at 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's.

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.

Moira Redmond writes:

"I have taken over as editor of the Hampshire Downs website – 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, 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."

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 has been moved to after the 10.30am Mass on the 14th August**, 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 or martin.f.mcelroy@googlemail.com

The New Translation of the Roman Missal – The Mystery of Faith

For Catholics, a 'mystery' is not a puzzle that cannot be solved. It is a truth that is so deep that we know we'll never be able to get to the bottom of it; a truth we'll never completely be able to understand. One example of this is our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that Christ is truly present but we can't wholly explain it. The priest shows us the host and then the chalice. Then he genuflects and says "The mystery of faith". We continue with one of three responses. These are all different from the ones we have been used to and they come directly from the New Testament. So when the priest says "The mystery of faith" he is inviting us to welcome this Real Presence of Christ. We then make our response, which we address to Christ.

'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 continue to pray for Sister Antonietta who has been transferred from RHCH Winchester to Southampton (Western Community 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 internal walls, roof structure and external brick work should be completed during August. The ground source heat pump bore holes will be drilled during the middle of August. Also, during that time, car parking on the north side of the church will not be possible for a few days.

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.

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

THANK YOU

- A big thank you to the Adult Formation Group and to all those who joined the training to lead the autumn education sessions on the New Missal which will be called 'In Spirit and Truth'. I am grateful to the group for inviting me to celebrate Mass using the new translation last Wednesday evening. It was the first time I have done it in full and I have to say that is a very new experience. My first thought and feeling was that the new translation does a great deal to lead us into the deep and sacred truth which the Eucharist is. I look forward to the first Sunday of September when the new translation will begin to be used at all our Masses. PT

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.

Today, 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



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.

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. They have completed the sponsored walk this week from St. Gregory's Alresford to St. Peter's. They will be collecting sponsorship or donations after all Masses today 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:

Sisters of St. Marie Madeleine Postel in the Diocese. Catholic Women's League. Welcomers in our churches. Benefactors of the Diocese. Diocesan Liturgical Building Advisory Committee. Mgr. Sidney Mullarkey (1992)

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.

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 - 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.

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.

The 100 club biannual draw winners were £50 - Nick Reynolds, £100 - Cornelius Murphy, £200 - Paul Kennedy, £500 - Nick Perry.

There will be no St. Gregory's Cake Sale in August. The next will be on Sunday, 4th September.

St Gregory's Cleaners - the rota from August to the end of 2011 is now on the porch notice board. New volunteers would be most welcome. For more information, please consult anyone on the list.

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.
Liturgy - Liz Slinn, liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk.
Outreach and Mission Steve Taylor - sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk.
Welcome and Hospitality Max Wilson - maxwilson@dsl.pipex.com or Liz Bradley on lizwynbradley@hotmail.com and **Enabling** - Brian Roberts at 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

16th to 23rd July, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 16	6.00 pm	Mass - George Manning RIP
Sun 17	8.00 am	Mass - Michael Sargent RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Frederick Frampton RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass
Mon 18	12.15 pm	Mass - Mary Perry RIP
Tue 19	8.00 am	Mass - Benefactors
Wed 20	12.15 pm	Mass - Salvatore Tancredi RIP
Thur 21	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - All Christian ladies working in Parishes
Fri 22	12.15 pm	Mass - Stanley Evans RIP
Sat 23	10.00 am	Mass at St. James Cemetery (No 9.00am Mass)

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 - People of the Parish
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	11.00 am	Funeral Mass for Frank Chambers RIP (10.30am Mass is cancelled)
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 - Patricia Weston RIP
	5.30 pm	Praise Mass



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass - James Wheble RIP
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

17th to 24th July, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 423 & Weekday Missal pp 626
Psalter Week 4)

Sunday 17	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)
Monday 18	Feria
Tuesday 19	Feria
Wednesday 20	St. Apollinaris or Feria
Thursday 21	St. Laurence of Brindisi or Feria
Friday 22	St. Mary Magdalen
Saturday 23	St. Bridget of Sweden
Sunday 24	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: First book of Kings 3:5.7-12. St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30. Matthew 13:44-52

Psalm Response: Lord how I love your law!



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Fr. John Catlin (Associate Pastor)
Canon Alan Griffiths
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,473.69

Retiring Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea: £1,285.95

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.