

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 7th August, 2011

'The devil is in the small print'. Many years ago my father cautioned me that this is often in guarantees, insurance policies, contracts and other legal documents. You could say that the prophet Elijah found the opposite to be true. He discovered that it is God, and not the devil, who is 'in the small print'.

When the Lord passed by Elijah as he came out of his cave there was a mighty wind, an earthquake and fire, presumably lightning. The Lord was not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire. The Lord was in the 'gentle breeze' or as one translation has it, in 'a still small voice'.

Elijah could easily have missed the voice of the Lord which could have been lost in the drama of the wind, the earthquake and the fire.

Like Elijah we are surrounded by many voices demanding our attention and some of them are dramatic, persistent, and persuasive.

Elijah has an important lesson for all of us if we wish to listen to the voice of the Lord. We have to realise that the voice of the Lord is 'a still small voice'. The Lord's voice is frequently communicated through the voices of other people or the promptings of our own heart. Therefore we should pay close attention to our own inner voice and to each other.

Some people I speak with give the impression that they are listening to me with one ear open to a better offer. I feel this when the person speaking to me is clutching a mobile phone in their hand or has ostentatiously placed their phone on the table between us. Clearly they are hoping that a more important or more interesting person will wish to speak with them. Body language speaks volumes!!

Twice in the past week I have been speaking with someone and the telephone has rung. The instant response of both was to say "Aren't you going to answer it?" "No", I replied "I am talking with you". You will be pleased to know that I did not piously add "I am listening for the voice of the Lord", but I hope I was.

Every day there are many voices clamouring for our attention. Our challenge is to make the effort to discern which voices simply offer some form of gratification, and which voices will help us to hear the voice of the Lord. J.C

PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION IS CANCELLED FOR AUGUST

Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

Congratulations to Christian Francis and Nicola-Jane Denny who were married in St. Stephen's last Saturday and to Ricky Davis and Emily Barrett who were married in St. Peter's last Saturday.

Please pray for Raymond Anderson who died recently. His Funeral Mass is at 12.15pm this Monday in St. Peter's. May he rest in peace.



TODAY

The flowers at St. Gregory's today are donated by Mary Talbot in memory of her daughters.

THIS WEEK

Monday 8th August - The Alresford Giles Group for the disabled and their carers will meet in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford when Clive Earthy will speak on airline experiences.

Wednesday 10th August - Justice and Peace Group meeting is at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

NEXT WEEKEND

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

Sunday 14th August - New Translation of the Missal; the Music: Come and learn the new Missal chants ready for September at St. Stephen's after 9.15am Mass.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: First book of Kings 19:9.11-13

Psalm Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



Readers and Musicians.

To prepare ourselves for the new translation of the missal in September can readers begin to say 'The Word of the Lord' at the end of readings. Also, apart from the brief pause before saying this at the end of each reading, can we maintain an extended and significant prayerful silence (of at least 15 seconds) after the second reading or the psalm and before the Alleluia. This is to allow everyone to ponder the word spoken.

I thank all Ministers of the Word, both readers and psalmists and musicians for their commitment. PJT

...and for **Readers at St Peters** for the 10.30 am and 7.00 pm Masses - please remember that there will be no cantors on any Sunday in August.

As you know, Bishop Crispian retires later this year. We do not know the exact date yet 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).

As you may have already heard, Bishop Crispian has unfortunately been diagnosed with bowel cancer. He is currently undergoing tests. Please keep him in your prayers.

I am most grateful to Bishop Crispian for giving me sabbatical leave. I am now on retreat for August and will then take time for private study until the beginning of October. PJT

LOOKING AHEAD

Weekend 10th & 11th September Father Michael Beattie SJ will speak at Masses to introduce the 'Apostleship of Prayer.'

Saturday 17th September - Churches Together in Alresford will hold a Barn Dance from 7.30 to 11.00pm at Pinglestone Farm, Old Alresford with the Burseldon Village Band - light supper, raffle and auction. For full information, contact James Pinniger on 01962 738788, james.pinniger@btinternet.com

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: Come and learn the new Missal chants ready for September.

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. - **Sunday 14th August at St. Stephen's after 9.15am Mass, Sunday 21st August at St. Peter's after 10.30am Mass and Wednesday 24th August at St. Peter's Church at 7.30pm.** If you have any queries please contact liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk or martin.f.mcelroy@googlemail.com

New Translation of the Missal – Update

As you will be aware, the new translation of the Missal will be introduced into our parish starting with the Sunday Masses over the weekend from Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th September. To help us prepare for this transition, the Adult Formation Team has arranged the following:-

- Every parishioner will be provided with an Order of Mass booklet which will help them follow the new words and make their responses, including music, where applicable.

- During the last two weeks of August, the newsletter shows in the centre spread, the parts of Mass where words have changed in the people's parts, so that you can see the new texts and begin to get familiar with them before their introduction in September.

- Group sessions will be running throughout the parish where the Mass, including the new translation, can be studied and discussed. From Sunday 14th August, sign up sheets will be available in all churches, or you can enrol for a group via the parish website. The groups run on a weekly basis for between 3 and 6 weeks.

- Two extra 'open' teaching sessions will be held on the following dates. These are one-off sessions which will provide an opportunity to learn about the changes and to gain more information. Please turn up on the day if you wish to attend.

1. Saturday 10th September at St Stephen's Church, Winchester from 10.00am to mid-day.

2. Sunday 18th September at St Peter's Church, Winchester - after 10:30am Mass (approx. 2 hours).

If you would like any further information, please email the parish office at office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Preparing for the new liturgy at St Gregory's.

With the new Liturgy we will also have new music using simple chants which will be included in the new missals.

The chants are not difficult and you will recognize their roots in plainsong. But we must learn them properly! During August, the singing group will practise them before Mass and so you may hear them then. From the first Sunday in September we will introduce the chants progressively into Mass. The group will practice the ones we will introduce that day from 10.40am. Please join us. At 10.55am, we will teach the chants to the rest of the congregation, starting mass a few minutes late to make sure that we are all confident.

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 building project is that the building should be weather tight 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

Not a Catholic, but want to know more about the Catholic Church? Or perhaps you know someone who fits that bill? The Journey in Faith programme starts again on 27th September. We will be meeting in the Milner Hall on Tuesday evenings during term time [roughly 8pm to 9.40pm]. There are leaflets at the back of St Peter's Church with more information about the programme. If you want to come along, or if you simply want to know more about the course, please give Nick Kelly a ring on 890118.

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).

Basingstoke Life group are planning to open a charity shop. The shop will sell baby clothes and equipment, books, toys and bric-a-brac as well as children's and adults clothes. A shop is a practical embodiment of Life's vision which is that 'we exist to save lives and transform the futures of some of the most disadvantaged children and young people in the U.K. by supporting vulnerable pregnant mothers and young families through difficult times'. They have had many offers of help and support but do not have any suitable premises, does anybody have any contacts or ideas that may be of help? Life itself is in financial crisis but there is a real need for the services we offer please look at lifecharity.org for more information or contact Tricia Hobbs on 01962 882244 or Chantal Brown on 01256 320474.

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.

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>



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 the October half term, 20 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. 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.

Peter McGeady (Youth Development Leader) is getting married to Chloe Child and he would like to invite you all to join them for their Nuptial Mass. They are celebrating the wedding at St. Peter's, Winchester, on Saturday 17th September at 12.30pm. All very welcome and they would appreciate your prayers. God bless

We have a desperate need for volunteers (men or women) 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.

Cycle of Prayer: This week we pray for: Lay Dominicans and Dominican Secular Institute. Dominican Sisters in the Diocese. Dialogue with other faiths, and especially the work of the Council of Christians and Jews. Parishes, Communities and Schools in the North West Hampshire Pastoral Area. Caritas Christi. Parish Secretaries. Parish of Holy Cross, Eastleigh

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.

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 meetings 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.

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.

The St. Gregory's 100 Club July prize of £50 was won by David Adam.

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."

Developing the Parish Pastoral Council

Work by the Parish Pastoral Council to group the different ministries into clusters continues. If you would like to contact any of the coordinators 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 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 coordinators, 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 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

6th to 13th August, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 6	6.00 pm	Mass - Michael Ede RIP
Sun 7	8.00 am	Mass - David O'Connell RIP and Julie O'Connell
	10.30 am	Mass - Arthur Ronald Bryant RIP
	6.00 pm	NO Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - John Costello - for a good recovery
Mon 8	12.15 pm	Funeral Mass for Raymond Anderson RIP
Tue 9	8.00 am	Mass - Neil Intention
Wed 10	12.15 pm	Mass - Ann Repoli RIP
Thur 11	7.00 pm	Mass - John Liutard RIP
Fri 12	12.15 pm	Mass - Margaret Bogan RIP
Sat 13	9.00 am	Mass - Maureen Szymanska RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Suspended until September.



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 - Benefactors
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 am Mass - People of the Parish



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

7th to 14th August 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 434 & Weekday Missal pp 666
Psalter Week 3)



Sunday 7	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)
Monday 8	St. Dominic
Tuesday 9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Wednesday 10	St. Laurence
Thursday 11	St. Clare
Friday 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal or Feria
Saturday 13	St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus, Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 14	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10. First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26. Luke 1:39-56

Psalm Response: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

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CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

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Fr. John Catlin (Associate Pastor)
Canon Alan Griffiths
Fr. Vincent Convery (Prison & Hospital Chaplain)
Fr. Brian Croughan (Retired Priest)
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Weddings - Parish Office - 01962 852804

Communion to Sick & Housebound -
Contact the Parish Office - 01962 852804

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): £3,8124.45

Retiring Collection:

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,394,752. 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 the Parish Office.

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.