

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 16th October, 2011

One thing the parish pilgrimage to Greece discovered last year was that St. Paul was very pleased with his new Christian community at Thessalonica. As he tells us today, when they received the Good News they received it, not just as words, but as "power and the Holy Spirit and utter conviction." This would have been a great joy to Paul because there were those who would have been very unhappy about the Holy Spirit being given to gentile Christians. For Paul there was no problem. He knew from his own experience of the risen Jesus that the Holy Spirit and the associated gifts of power and conviction about Jesus were God's gift to all people regardless of race, religion or any other human category come to that.

It is for us to cooperate with God's love for all people and be delighted and grateful when we see the joy, harmony, peace, power or the conviction of faith and hope in the life of another person.

The faith insights that come to people on pilgrimage form one of the graces of such an experience. Please pray for our parish pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine this week, that our young people and their adult helpers will grow into a deeper love of Jesus and an appreciation of his presence in their lives. We will be leaving from Gatwick on Thursday 20th October and returning on Friday 28th October. PJT

**Moir Redmond writes:** Our parish website is at [www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk) and we're hoping it's a real source of information for parishioners.. And that depends on you – take a look to find out what's going on. In particular, if you or your group have a Parish date or activity coming up - we can feature it on the home page. Send us your comments and updates via the contact form on the website, or by email [editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Mrs. Angela Muxworthy** has resigned as the Chair of our Parish Pastoral Council because she is soon to move to Devon. I would like to thank Angela for her commitment, vision and leadership skills which she has given to her ministry in this parish over the past few years. For the time being I will chair the Parish Pastoral Council. PJT

### Cycle of Prayer:

#### This week we pray for:

Hospital Chaplains in the Diocese. All doctors, surgeons, nurses and healthcare staff. All engaged in medical research. All artists, architects, craftsmen and designers working for the church. Editorial team of 'Portsmouth People'.

## TODAY

**Mass Count** at all Masses this weekend and for the rest of October.

**Flowers in St. Gregory's** this week are in memory of Pamela Gore, wife of Jack, who died last week. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for her family in their sad loss. **Her funeral is this Tuesday at 12.00 noon at St. John's, Alresford.**

**Mass for the Sick and Housebound** is at 3.00pm in St. Peter's today followed by tea in the Milner Hall. **Please note there is no Evening Prayer and Benediction today.**

**Members of the community from Lisieux** are holding an afternoon focusing on 'A Story of Love with Jesus Christ' at 2.30pm today at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**CAFOD Fast Day envelopes** - please could you put your envelopes in the collection basket as soon as possible.

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 18th October – Parish Pastoral Council** meet at 7.00pm in the Parish Office, The Old Georgian.

**Wednesday 19th October - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group** meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

**Wednesday 19th October** - Do you live in Fulflood, Weeke or Harestock? If so, have you had your invitation? New project to implement Canon Paul's dream of small neighbourhood groups looking at the Sunday readings each week. Starting with a House Mass 7.30pm. Phone Liz (863648) or Louisa (886768) or email [lizdarlison@btinternet.com](mailto:lizdarlison@btinternet.com) for details if you haven't had an invitation.

**Saturday 22nd October - ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal)** St Lucy's Convent Medstead. The theme for this year is Renewal of Faith – 'Credo' – I Believe. (using the new translation). We start with Rosary at 11.00am – Mass at 11.30am, ending at about 4.00pm. Speaker is Mgr. Jeremy Garratt and the subject is 'Forgiveness of sins'. Collection to cover expenses. For more information, ring: Revd. Deacon John Foley on 01189 333420 or see poster.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 23rd October - Buffet lunch** at St. Gregory's offering 'A Taste of Africa' - arranged by Yvette Carrous, Tel: 01962 676162. Tickets available now at £5 each. Profits to 'Living Our Faith'. All welcome.

**St. Thomas More Church, Weeke:** Some people have asked me recently about what is happening to the church at Weeke. The property is now in the hands of the Diocesan Surveyor who is in the process of selling it. PJT

### Cemetery Visits:

There will be two cemetery visits during November to pray for the dead and bless the graves. Please see the dates in the Newsletter and come along for this traditional November liturgy.

**There will be a special Mass for the dead at 7.00pm on Friday 11th November.** PJT

## TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

**Psalms Response:** Give the Lord glory and power.

**2nd Reading:** First letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturday 29th October - St. Thomas More Prayer Group** meets from 3.00 to 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All welcome.

**Monday 31st October - The Covenant of the Poor Group** meets at 7.30pm in St Peter's Parish Office, The Old Georgian, 29 Jewry Street. The meeting will be looking for future projects and everyone is welcome.

**Fridays 4th November and 2nd December - Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke** at 10.00am. No Mass in October, January 2012 or Good Friday. Don't forget the new responses.

**Sunday 6th November - Family Mass** in St. Peter's at 10.30am

**Sunday 6th November - Churches Together in Alresford Annual Christmas Shoeboxes Packing Party** at St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre. Full information from James Pinniger on 01962 738788 or Phil Collins on 01962 732105.

**Monday 7th November - Winchester Catholic History Group** talk on 'The Emergence of Catholicism into Public Consciousness in the 1990s' by Ann Widdecome, in St. Peter's Church at 8.00pm. All visitors welcome - £3 on the door, students (with student ID) £1.50. Books by Miss Widdecome, which she will be happy to sign, will be available for purchase after the talk. WCHG proceeds to be donated to the parish.

**Sunday 13th November - Mass in the Extraordinary Form** at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

**Sunday 13th November - Blessing of the graves** at St. James Cemetery is at 3.00pm.

**Thursday 17th November - Cabrini Childrens Society Wine Tasting Festival.** In London, for further details contact Ann Hoggan on 020 8668 2181 or email [ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk](mailto:ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk).

**Sunday 20th November - Blessing of graves** at Magdalen Hill Cemetery is at 3.00pm.

**Sunday 27 November 2011 - Parish Advent Service** at St. Gregory's, Alresford at 4.00pm. Refreshments to follow.

**Saturday 3rd December - the St. Gregory's Bazaar** will take place in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford. Santa's little helpers are needed to make this year's Christmas bazaar a success. Please contact Jim King on 01962 732180 if you're able to help and/or donate: Bric-a-brac, tombola, produce, cakes, gifts, crafts and books, DVD's and CD's.

**AFTER MASS TEA CLUB:** Please note that the after Mass tea club will now only be on the first Sunday of each month until the opening of the new Parish Centre. There will be a 'special offer' for parishioners, for a 'limited period only', in fact until the new Parish Centre opens, of FREE tea, coffee and biscuits to all who join us in the Milner Hall (using the Convent entrance in St. Peter Street) after Family Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

## ADVENT GROUPS

Hampshire Downs parish is again offering all members of the community the opportunity to join 'house groups' this Advent. Watch this space for more information.

### Called to be a leader?

If you would like to lead or co-lead a group this year, there is the opportunity to learn some of the skills at a training evening on 8th November at 7.30pm in St Peter's School led by Monika Chmelova from the Diocesan Department for Pastoral Formation. Book via Augusta Wolff - [augustawolff@googlemail.com](mailto:augustawolff@googlemail.com), tel 07825757287.

Please keep Bishop Crispian in your prayers. He has had his operation and is recovering in Bishop's House. He thanks everybody for their prayers and support.

Please continue to pray for Sister Antonietta who is still in Southampton (Western Community Hospital).

## 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 meets in the Milner Hall on Tuesday evenings during term time [roughly 8.00pm 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 01962 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).

**Winchester Churches Christmas Project** need new volunteers for visiting families and also donations. For further details contact The United Church on 01962 849 559 or [deanacre@talktalk.net](mailto:deanacre@talktalk.net) Please remember that the Parish SVP also runs a Christmas Hamper Project.

**Street Pastors** - Many of you will have seen the pictures and article in the Hampshire Chronicle about street pastors. Some of you will also have noticed that two parishioners featured prominently in several of the photographs. The scheme is going well and already we are being asked to provide an even greater presence on the streets of Winchester. Are you interested in becoming a street pastor in 2012? We are now recruiting for a training programme starting in January. If interested apply to Mark Hibbert-Hingston, our administrator on 01962 854454 or e-mail [winchester@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:winchester@streetpastors.org.uk). Alternatively call me on 01962 867117 to chat about it. Steve Taylor

**The Epiphany Trust and Gracewing Publishing request the pleasure of your company** at an address to be given by: Neville Kyrke-Smith, UK Director of Aid To The Church In Need, *Human Rights, Religious Freedom and the Christian Conscience*, on the occasion of the launch of *The Catholic Social Conscience: Thought and Action* Edited by: Keith Chappell and Francis Davis, With contributors including Rev Stephen Morgan (Financial Secretary to the Diocese of Portsmouth) who will also address the gathering. 20<sup>th</sup> October: 7.00 to 9.00pm : St Anne's School, Southampton: Parking Available/station 5 minutes. Drinks and nibbles provided. RSVP: [Catholicsocialconscience@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicsocialconscience@gmail.com) or write to Catholic Social Conscience Book Launch , Enterprise House, Ocean Village, Southampton , SO14 OXB.

### The new translation and the new chants:

I want to say a special word of thanks to everyone who has been involved in the implementation of the new translation and the learning of the new chants.

Martin McElroy, Liz Slinn, Tim Tyler and all our singers have spent a great deal of time in preparation on the liturgical side; Karen Murtagh prepared the booklet and the Adult Formation Team has been working on the preparation materials and the group meetings.

I am so pleased that each of our communities has learned the new chants in the Missal. It means that there is now one version of the Mass settings that everyone knows. These can now be used at weddings and funerals and at weekdays Masses. New settings are becoming available and all can be assured that we shall introduce some new music at Advent as promised. A big thank you to everyone for your co-operation and enthusiasm.

PJT



## Young People



Parish Youth Group is finished for this term.

Year 7-8 'Inspire' Youth Group starts again after half term. Watch this space.

**Youth Band** practises every fortnight on Fridays from 6.00 to 7.30pm in St. Stephen's. Next meeting is on Friday 28th October. Canon Paul is keen to have a youth band so that all young people can contribute their musical gifts of all standards during Mass. New members are very welcome.

**St Peter's Youth Theatre** is doing a production of Bugsy Malone on Thur/Fri/Sat, 17/18/19th November at The Tower Theatre, Kings School. More details to follow.

**Youth Group Holy Land Pilgrimage: Our pilgrims go on the 20th October. Please pray for them and their families.**

**Youth Sunday** is the 20th November. 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St. Peter's and 9.15am Mass at St. Stephen's are going to have a special focus on youth including the appearance of the Youth Band. Please put this in your diaries and come along.

**Youth Choir (age 7 and up)** - If you like singing, singing along and would like to know better what Mass is all about, come and join the Youth Choir. We provide friendship, fun, expert singing tuition, and ample opportunity to engage with our faith through song, and the music we sing at Mass and in the community. All this is FREE, so come along and sing with us! come and join us this Thursday in St Peter's Church (4.40pm to 5.45pm) and find out what we do, Contact Jeanine McElroy 01962 865159.

**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.

**Canon Paul's Jerusalem Journal** - there are only a few copies left. So, if you've been meaning to buy one, you need to take action now. We have some at the Parish Office, so call in and buy one, or phone (01962 852804) or contact us through the website to reserve a copy - we can post it to you if necessary. Cost £5 (or whatever you can afford), to include a donation to charity.

### PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

We are still on target to have the handover by Easter 2012. During October the internal electrical work and plastering will start. Some landscaping and the trenches for ground source heat pump and electrics are being dug. The link door to the church will be modified during the next two months. The CCTV posts are going up during this month

#### 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.

### Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

**Welcome** to Alex Lammerts van Bueren, Lacey Tilbury-Clark and John Lydon who were baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

**Please pray** for Carmen Granado who died last week. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for Pamela Gore who died last week. May she rest in peace. **Her funeral is this Tuesday at 12.00 noon at St. John's, Alresford.**

### GENERAL

**TOYS, TOYS, TOYS**, new and old are needed now by the Catholic Women's League as Christmas gifts for the Winchester Domestic Abuse Service. Boxes are in every church or donations can be sent to the school. Toiletries and duvets/pillows/towels are still acceptable. **Also, gifts for mothers will be appreciated.**

**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.

**St Gregory's Pastoral Centre** - is now regularly used on Mondays, so could able bodied members of the community please help put the tables away after coffee on Sundays.

**There are cards for sale at St Gregory's** intended for use for Baptisms, Weddings, 'A New Baby,' 'Get Well Soon,' Sympathy, and blank for any other message. The cards are on the rotating stand in the porch. They are supplied by St Peter's Bookshop in Winchester. Please put the appropriate money for them in the marked box in the porch.

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS: TRAINING

In accord with a Diocesan directive, all parishioners who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults (including taking communion to people outside of the Mass) must attend a Diocesan training session before the end of the year or they are no longer permitted to volunteer. To that end we have arranged two Diocesan training dates in November. Training for those people volunteering with children is at 7.30pm in St Peter's School on Monday the 7th of November. For those people volunteering with vulnerable adults the training session is at 7.30pm in St Peter's School, Oliver's Battery on Wednesday the 9th of November. To register for these training sessions, please either telephone Wini Meikle on 01962 714509, or e-mail Wini at [wameikle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wameikle@yahoo.co.uk). To determine if you have already taken the course, please check the parish website [www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk) under Safeguarding.

### 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](mailto:sue.trowbridge@btinternet.com).

**Liturgy** - Liz Slinn, [liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk).

**Outreach and Mission** - Steve Taylor - [staylor@win.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:staylor@win.eclipse.co.uk).

#### Welcome and Hospitality

Max Wilson - [maxwilson@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:maxwilson@dsl.pipex.com) or Liz Bradley [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 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.

**New Sunday Missals:** Please place orders for the new Sunday Missals at the Parish Office/Bookshop. They will be available only in red, from November and will cost £18.00. The daily Missal will be available after January.

## MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK 15th to 22nd Oct 2011

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 15	6.00 pm	Mass - For the Intention of Beatrice Zulu Fikile
Sun 16	8.00 am	Mass - In thanksgiving
	10.30 am	Mass - Deceased members of the Higgins family
	3.00 pm	Mass for the Sick and Housebound
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>NO Evening Prayer and Benediction</b>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Intentions of Julie McHale
Mon 17	12.15 pm	Mass - Beatrice Hew Tompson RIP
Tue 18	8.00 am	Mass - Margaret's Special Intention
Wed 19	12.15 pm	Mass - Margaret Merriman RIP
Thur 20	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - 'For those in the world who cannot worship freely'
Fri 21	12.15 pm	Mass - Kathleen Harvey RIP
Sat 22	9.00 am	Mass - Intentions of Martin Leyden

#### 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	9.00 am	Mass - Peter Louth and 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 - Mary Lady Mannock RIP



### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

16th to 23rd October, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 469 & Weekday Missal pp 786  
Psalter Week 1)



Sunday 16	<b>TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>
Monday 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
Tuesday 18	St. Luke
Wednesday 19	Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions, St. Paul of the Cross or Feria
Thursday 20	Feria
Friday 21	Feria
Saturday 22	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 23	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 22:20-26. St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10. Matthew 22:34-40

**Psalm Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

## 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  
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**Sisters of St Lucy, St. Peter's Convent** ☎ 01962 854040

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

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

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**Eucharistic Adoration** - Irena - 01962 880678

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### We acknowledge with thanks:

#### Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,795.21

Retiring Collection for Family Fast Day: £2,737.06

**Living Our Faith:** Total raised so far: £1,394,752. We are working on the final £5,000 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.