

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A) 16th January, 2011

John the Baptist tells us that he saw the Spirit of God descending and resting upon Jesus. In fact, as we listen to the Gospel we encounter so many situations where the Holy Spirit is at work in Jesus' ministry, teaching, healing, reconciling and bringing justice and peace.

John the Baptist also tells us that Jesus is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit and we are those who can rejoice in that particular baptism. The Holy Spirit has descended upon us as members of Christ's body and he rests upon us and within us so that we might continue the Lord's work of justice and reconciliation.

Guided by such thoughts as these, we celebrate today 'Peace Sunday'. In his message for today, Pope Benedict invites us to reflect on the theme of 'Religious Freedom as the path to peace'. It is in the journey of faith that we find the way to healing and peace in the world.

While we treasure the truths of our own religion, we do not dismiss the value of other spiritual paths or other faith communities. We believe that Jesus is the fullest expression both of our own humanity and of God himself and we also believe that the Spirit of truth is at work in men and women of good will. Members of other traditions and faiths may have insights that we need to hear; they may have discovered something of the essential truth about humanity and about God. That is why we must respect members of other faiths as brothers and sisters made in the image of God and as potential allies in the quest to bring peace, wholeness and balance to creation and to humanity.

An excellent article on this subject has been written by Fr. Rob Esdaile and is available on our website, as is the Pope's message. PJT

**A Muslim, Jewish, Christian prayer for peace:** O God, you are the source of peace. Praised be your name forever. We know that it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace. Hear our prayer in this time of crisis. Your power changes our hearts. Muslims, Christians and Jews remember, and profoundly affirm, that they are followers of the one God, children of Abraham, brothers and sisters; enemies begin to speak to one another; those who are estranged join hands in friendship; nations seek the way of peace together. Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these truths by the way we live. Give to us: understanding that puts an end to strife; mercy that quenches hatred, and forgiveness that overcomes vengeance. Empower all people to live in your law of love. Amen.

**As Christian Unity Week approaches** I would like to mention two celebrations. The first will be at Wesley Methodist Church in Stoney Lane, Weeke at 7.30pm on Friday 21st January where our own Bishop Crispian Hollis will preach. The second will be on Sunday 23rd January at 6.30pm in St. Peter's and the Reverend Howard Mellor will preach. **Please note** that on 23rd January the 7.00pm Mass will be delayed for an hour and will begin at **8.00pm**. PJT

## Sacramental Preparation

### First Holy Communion 2011

For children in the parish who are eight or older between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 (Year 3 in school) and would like to enrol in the programme.

The **first children's session** is this **Saturday 22nd January, 10.30am-12.00noon**, in St. Peter's School. Forms are available at the back of all churches. Please take one and return it to the Parish Office.

**Confirmation 2011** - See the Young People section for details. The next meeting for candidates is on **Thursday 20th January**.

*Please pray for all those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation during the coming year, and for their families.*



## TODAY

**Today is Peace Sunday**, a day of prayer for peace. There **will not** be a retiring collection but envelopes can be found at the back of all churches should you like to use one.

**Mass in the Extraordinary Form** is at 12.15pm today in St. Peter's Church.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Alresford** starts with a joint service in Alresford Methodist church at 6.00pm this Sunday.

## THIS WEEK

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Alresford.** Each evening this week at 7.00pm there will be a short service of Evening Prayer at St. Gregory's.

**Monday 17th January - Ascent Group** meets at 2.15pm in St. Peter's Convent.

**Tuesday 18th January - Fairtrade Chocolate.** Everyone is invited to an open evening organised by Winchester City Fairtrade Network with speaker David Greenwood Haig, a chocolatier of Divine Chocolate. It will be held at the Coffee Bar, West Downs Business School, Romsey Road. Refreshments at 6.30pm followed by talk at 7.00pm and a short AGM.

**Tuesday 18th January - The Headmaster of Winchester College** invites parishioners to the annual Cardinal Beaufort Lecture at 7.00pm in the Chantry (ask for directions at the Porter's Lodge). The talk will be given by Fr Nicholas King SJ on 'Do Catholics Read the Bible?'

**18th - 25 January 2011 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** See Winchester details inside. **NB: The Unity Service** will be held in **St. Peter's on Sunday 23rd January at 6.30pm**.

**Tuesday 18th January - Scripture Reflection Group**, 7.30pm-9.15pm, St Stephen's. Please bring simple food to share.

**Wednesday 19th January - Space in the City talk**, 12.30pm in the United Church, Winchester. (See Adult Formation box on page 3.)

**Thursday 20th January - Confirmation Session**, 7.00pm, St. Peter's School. (See Young People section for details.)

**Thursday 20th January - The CWL** meet in the Parish Office (Old Georgian) after 7.00pm Mass. The subject for discussion will be 'The New Year'.

**Friday 21st January - Christian Unity Service**, 7.30pm in Wesley Methodist Church, Weeke. Bishop Crispian will be preaching. All are welcome to come along.

**Saturday 22nd January - First Communion Children's Session**, 10.30am, St Peter's School.

**Saturday 22nd January - Alton Day of Renewal** at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am - Mass or liturgy, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm - shared lunch. 2.00pm - prayer and praise, followed by a talk given by Deacon John Edwards: 'God, the Father Almighty.' Contact John Foley ( 0118 933 3420) or Sister Paddy (01256 321276).

**Saturday 22nd January - St Thomas More Prayer Group**, 3.00pm, St Barnabas, Weeke. All welcome.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 23rd January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Alresford.** The week ends with the ever popular Unity Lunch at St. Gregory's Parish Pastoral Centre. Tickets £7 each (two-course meal with wine, and children come free) available from Piers Armstrong (01962 734542 or piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com).

**Sunday 23rd January - Christian Unity Service**, 6.30pm, St Peter's Church. **(NB: There will be no Evening Prayer and Benediction and**

## TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 49:3.5-6

**Psalm Response:** Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

**2nd Reading:** First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday 26th January - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group** meets at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

**Thursday 27th January - Parish Annual Meeting**, starting with 7.00pm Mass in St Stephen's, followed by the meeting in St. Peter's School hall until 9.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. This is an important opportunity to discuss parish matters, meet fellow parishioners and learn about what is happening across the different worshipping communities. If you require transport from Alresford please contact the parish office. **(Please note: There will be no 7.00pm Mass in St Peter's Church on that evening.)**

**Thursday 27th January - Year 7 & 8 Youth Group**, 7.00pm, St Stephen's Community Room.

**Monday 31st January - Street Pastors Information Meeting**, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Winchester. (See box right for more information.)

**Sunday 5th February - St. Gregory's February Cake Sale** will have Linda Smith in charge. All contributions are most welcome.

### Are you interested in learning more about Praise Mass Music?

If so, then **come along to St. Peter's School on Sunday 6th February from 2.00 – 5.00pm**

Led by the Catholic Rock Band – Crossbeam – this event is open to musicians, singers, music technicians and enthusiasts who would like to know more about Praise and Worship Music. You don't need to be expert, but you do need to be keen! Eventually we hope to put together our own Parish Praise Band. The workshop will end with a simple shared tea – please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided. Further information is available on the Parish Website [www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk). **For more details and to book a place**, please contact Paul & Clare Robinson on 01962 885858 or email [hampshiredownspraise@ymail.com](mailto:hampshiredownspraise@ymail.com)

### Praise Mass for Hampshire Downs – 3 weeks to go

Hopefully the first of what will become a regular Mass in our Parish; 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 a Praise and Worship Mass on **Sunday 6th February at 5.30 pm in St Stephen's Church**. For more details please contact Paul & Clare Robinson on 01962 885858 or visit the Parish Website [www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk)

**"Read the Bible in a Year"** I have managed to obtain 100 more copies of this Bible. It is part of an ecumenical initiative to encourage increasing familiarity with the sacred scriptures. This initiative is to be commended because it is something we are doing with other Christians across the city. The recommended donation for the Bible is £10. Please place the money in an envelope and mark it 'Bible for a year'. Money can be placed either in the collection basket or left at the parish office.

As some begin using this Bible, I will quote Pope Benedict in his recently published 'Verbum Domini'. He says, "In this regard (the use of Scripture) one must avoid the risk of an individualistic approach, and remember that God's word is given to us precisely to build communion, to unite us in the Truth along our path to God. While it is a word addressed to each of us personally, it is also a word which builds community, which builds the Church. Consequently, the sacred text must always be approached in the communion of the Church. In effect 'a communal reading of Scripture is extremely important, because the living subject in the sacred Scriptures is the People of God, it is the Church....Scripture does not belong to the past, because its subject, the People of God inspired by God himself, is always the same, and therefore the word is always alive in the living subject. As such, it is important to read and experience sacred Scripture in communion with the Church, that is, with all the great witnesses to this word, beginning with the earliest Fathers up to the Saints of our own day, up to the present-day magisterium". (Page 124) PJT



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th – 25th January 2011

'All Things In Common'

In 2011 Christians in Jerusalem invite the world-wide Church to pray with them for the unity of the Church and justice and peace in the Holy Land and through the world.

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| Tues 18th | 12.30–1.00pm | <b>Lunchtime Prayers</b><br>The United Church, Jewry St  |
| Wed 19th  | 12.30–1.00pm | <b>Space in the City talk:</b> 'A Rough Guide to Heaven' Dr Paula Gooder<br>The United Church, Jewry St        |
| Wed 19th  | 6.00–9.00pm  | <b>Prayer Vigil</b><br>St Swithun upon Kingsgate   |
| Thur 20th | 12.30–1.00pm | <b>Lunchtime Prayers</b><br>St Peter, Jewry St   |
| Fri 21st  | 12.30–1.00pm | <b>Lunchtime Prayers</b><br>Cathedral, Lady Chapel   |
| Fri 21st  | 7.30pm       | <b>Christian Unity Service</b><br>Wesley Methodist Church,<br>Weeke<br><b>Preacher: Bishop Crispian Hollis</b> |

### Sunday 23rd January

Shared Ministry (pulpit exchange) at various times and venues during the morning

### 6.30pm - Christian Unity Service St Peter's Church

*Speaker: Revd Dr Howard Mellor,  
Discernment & Selection Officer, Methodist Church  
Theme: All things in Common - The Bible*

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

### Street Pastors in Winchester

Street Pastors are Christians willing to care, listen and help young people in the places they are, in terms of their thinking and where they hang out. They work late in the evening and early morning in town and city centres around the pubs and clubs. The Christian Churches in Winchester are starting up such a scheme for launching later this year. If you are interested in being involved please come to a recruitment evening at St. John's Rooms in the Broadway at 7.00 for 7.30pm on Monday 31st January. More information at [www.streetpastors.co.uk](http://www.streetpastors.co.uk) (follow the link from our parish website) and from Steve Taylor [sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk)

**Hot Meals for Winchester Nightshelter - Many thanks** to all those parishioners who have so kindly volunteered to provide a hot meal on behalf of our parish of Hampshire Downs to the Winchester Churches Nightshelter in Jewry Street during January, February & early March. If you would be interested in helping on a future occasion, please contact Pat Harris (01962 620979 or [patlunn.harris@ntlworld.com](mailto:patlunn.harris@ntlworld.com)).

**Property** left in St Peter's Church is put in the Lost Property cupboard in the Sacristy. This cupboard can be accessed through the north entrance door and is situated alongside the wheelie bins. If a lost item is deemed to be valuable it will be taken to Peterhouse. Periodically, unclaimed items will be sold to charity.



## Young People

### Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011

The next meeting for Confirmation Candidates will be this Thursday, 20th January at 7.00pm in St.

Peter's School. If you are between 13 and 17 and want to be Confirmed, please contact the Confirmation Team via Don West on 01962 865153 or don.west@ntlworld.com. Also, see the parish website.



If you are 18 or over, you may find the Journey in Faith (Contact: Nick Kelly: 01962 890118) a more appropriate way to prepare for Confirmation.

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their families.

**Year 7-8 Youth Group.** The last session is on Thursday 27th January in St Stephen's Community Room. Contact the Parish Office for details and pick up a card at the back of church.

**SPOG's (Older Youth Group) next meeting is Wednesday 26th January, 2011, 7.00 - 9.00pm** in the Parish Office meeting room. It is aimed at young people who have been Confirmed, offering them an opportunity to explore their faith. Run for young people by young people, SPOG combines spiritual development with social time, music and plenty of pizza! We are keen to gain new members from the whole parish, so if you're interested please contact Lucrezia on lucrezia.slinn@hotmail.co.uk.

**Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 2011.** Briefing meeting is on Tuesday, 25th January at 7.00pm in the Parish Office (The Old Georgian). It is aimed at young people from Years 11, 10 and 9. **Dates:** Friday 21st to Friday 28th October 2011. **Cost: £900.** We will be organising some sponsorship and fundraising activities during the spring and summer terms and will be offering some assisted places, so if you want to come and cost is a problem please see Fr Paul and we will sort that out. We are using a budget airline so need firm commitments and a deposit by the end of January. For further details please contact Sue Broadbent (01962 827764 or [suewade@btconnect.com](mailto:suewade@btconnect.com))

**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.

**Weekend trip** for those aged 14-18yrs at St Cassian's Kintbury. This will be an amazing event, not to be missed. **Friday 6th - Sunday 8th May 2011.** Please find a grey postcard, at the back of all churches, for more information. Contact Peter McGeady by the end of February to book a place.

**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

### Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Alexandra Bell who was baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

Please pray for Leslie Shaw who has died. His funeral Mass will be at St. Peter's on Wednesday 19th January at 12.00 noon. RIP.

Please pray for Charlotte Fennell who has died. Her funeral Mass will be at St. Peter's on Friday 21st January at 12.00 noon. RIP.

Please pray for Anne Bell who has died. Her funeral will be at St. Peter's on Friday 21st January at 1.30pm. RIP.

Please pray for Michael Stokes-Rees who has died. His funeral Mass will be on Friday 28th January at 12.15pm. RIP.



### Cycle of Prayer

**This week we pray for:** World Peace. Verbum Dei Communities in the Diocese. Diocesan Committee for Christian Unity. 'Churches Together'. The Anglican Communion. The Free Churches.

## Adult Formation

**Space in the City talks - Every Wednesday until 2nd February, 12.30-1.00pm** in the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. The New Year series, entitled "Pie in the Sky" - four talks exploring the end-of-life themes in the Bible - will be given by Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Theologian at Birmingham Cathedral. The second talk is 'A rough guide to heaven'. Each talk will be followed by questions, chaired by Debbie Thrower. Admission free. Sandwiches available after the talks.

For details of the series, see [www.spaceinthecity.org.uk](http://www.spaceinthecity.org.uk)

**Scripture Reflection Group** meets this Tuesday 18th January, 7.30-9.15pm at St Stephen's. A simple, shared meal, followed by prayer, reflection, sharing and the theological input. Please bring simple food to share. All are welcome.

**The Catechism in the Catholic Church. What does it offer us? ...** We are delighted that Fr John will be sharing the secrets of the Catechism with us in two talks this term. On Monday 7th February we have 'The Ingredients' and on Monday 28th February we have 'The Recipe'. Both talks will be at St Stephen's 7.00pm for 7.30pm start; refreshments provided. Do come along and be prepared to be enlightened. (The talks will also be recorded and available to 'listen again' via the parish website.)

See our parish website for details of other opportunities.

## PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The demolition is now complete. There is no parking in that area. The new building work will start in March. **Peterhouse, Milner Hall and the Convent are now accessed by the parish from St Peter Street.** Please contact the parish office if you have questions about the interim arrangements during the demolition and build phases.

**Car Parking** - In order to provide spaces for people attending Mass or visiting the church on weekdays, please refrain from parking in the church grounds for other purposes. 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.

## GENERAL

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Welcomers** at St. Gregory's - If you have not already received a copy of the rota for the first half of 2011, please pick one up in the church porch or email Paul Kennedy on [pbk25@btinternet.com](mailto:pbk25@btinternet.com)

**The St. Gregory's cleaners' rota** for January to August is on the porch noticeboard.

**St Peter's School Minibus Service - drivers wanted** to add to our rota for the school minibus service, mornings or afternoons. No previous minibus driving experience is required. The job is paid hourly and training is provided. Can you help, or do you know anyone who may be able to do so? For more details, please contact Toni Hoff in the school office on 01962 852820.

## ST. PETER'S BOOKSHOP

Now open in The Old Georgian (entrance on Jewry Street).

Books, cards and religious items.

Opening times on posters in our churches.

**All volunteers**, please remember you are still needed! Look out for the bookshop when it travels to St. Gregory's, St. Thomas More's and St. Stephen's. Please come and visit our new premises!



## MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

15th to 22nd January, 2011

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 15	6.00 pm	Mass - For the welfare of Moira Spencer
Sun 16	8.00 am	Mass - Intentions of Olumide Cole
	10.30 am	Mass - Ilse Lion RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Kay Wilson RIP
Mon 17	12.15 pm	Mass - Canon Patrick Curtin RIP
Tue 18	8.00 am	Mass - Bristol family RIP
Wed 19	12.00 noon	Funeral Mass for Leslie Shaw RIP
Thur 20	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Prayers (Christian Unity Week)
	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL 'All young people'
Fri 21	12.00 noon	Funeral Mass for Charlotte Fennell RIP
	1.30 pm	Funeral Service for Anne Bell RIP
Sat 22	9.00 am	Mass - For the welfare of Moira Spencer

#### 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 - Intention of the Eaton family
	6.00 pm	Christian Unity Service at Alresford Methodist Church
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - For 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



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

Sun 9.15 am Mass - Margaret and Leslie Jarvis RIP



### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

16th to 23rd January, 2011

(Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 16	<b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>
Monday 17	St. Anthony of Egypt
Tuesday 18	Feria
Wednesday 19	St. Wulstan or Feria
Thursday 20	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian or Feria
Friday 21	St. Agnes
Saturday 22	St. Vincent, Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 23	<b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 8:23.9:3. First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13.17. Matthew 4:12-23

**Psalms Response:** The Lord is my light and my help.



## PARISH OFFICE

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## CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

<b>Canon Paul Townsend</b>	(Parish Priest)
<b>Fr. John Catlin</b>	(Associate Pastor)
<b>Canon Alan Griffiths</b>	
<b>Fr. Vincent Convery</b>	(Prison & Hospital Chaplain)
<b>Fr. Brian Croughan</b>	(Retired Priest)
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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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dawnek@btconnect.com

**Confirmation** - Don West (01962 865153)  
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**Weddings** - Parish Office (01962 852804)

**Communion to Sick & Housebound** - Imelda Weingart-West  
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## We acknowledge with thanks:

### Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,858.81**



**Living Our Faith:** Total raised so far: **£1,367,902** from **409** pledges and gifts. We are working on the final £32,000 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.