

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 30th October, 2011

The work of Pharisees was to teach but, as Jesus points out, instead they placed intolerable burdens on people: "They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a shoulder to move them? Not they!"

As disciples charged with proclaiming the message of the Gospel, we are not to be like the Pharisees. Instead we are to be like St. Paul "like a mother looking after her children". Showing by our way of life that our relationship with Jesus is a living power amongst us.

St. Paul went to great pains to show that the Gospel of Jesus brings greater freedom and wisdom for life. Our words and actions must show that Jesus brings freedom and joy.

I am writing this thought as we drive from Akko, the Crusader City on the Mediterranean to Tiberius on the shores of Galilee, which was built in honour of the Emperor of that name during the time of Christ. This young people's pilgrimage to the Holy Lands has taught me that our young people are hungry for the message of Christ and the Church. My experience this week would indicate that the parish has a responsibility to do far more to bring the liberating message of Christ to the young. Our schools and sacramental programmes do a vast amount but there is more to be done. Our young people have many questions and are themselves challenged by deep and searching questions from peers and teachers at school for which they are not adequately equipped.

I would like to thank everyone for making this pilgrimage to Palestine/Israel a possibility. It has been an immense grace and I am truly grateful. A special word of thanks to all who contributed financially to this pilgrimage. PJT

Note for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please could you make sure that cantors and musicians have had the opportunity to receive Holy Communion before you finish distributing Holy Communion and return to the sanctuary. PJT

**Moira 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)

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - OCTOBER 2012

I would be interested in going on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of October 2012.

Name .....

Address .....

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e-mail .....

Telephone .....

## TODAY

We welcome **Fr. Brian Oswald** to all Masses today. Fr. Brian will be making an appeal on behalf of the APF. There will be no cash collection.

**Mass Count** at all Masses today.

**The 110 Club** October prize draw will be after Mass today at St. Gregory's.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 31st October - The Covenant with the Poor Group** meets at 7.30pm in the Convent. The meeting will be looking for future projects. All welcome. **Please note change of venue**

### Tuesday 1st November

**Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Masses**

**St. Peter's:** 7.30am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm

**St. Stephen's:** 10.30am

**St. Gregory's:** 10.30am

**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.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 6th November - Retiring Collection at all Masses for Bamenda.**

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

**Sunday 6th November - the St Gregory's November Cake Sale** after Mass in the Pastoral Centre with Liz Edworthy 01962 772522 in charge. As ever, preserves, fruit and garden produce are as welcome as cakes and savouries.

**Sunday 6th November - Churches Together in Alresford Annual Christmas Shoeboxes Packing Party** at St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Bring yourself and your enthusiasm, empty shoe boxes (not hinged, not exceeding 13"x8"x6") wrapping paper, sticky tape, scissors and small presents for children aged 0-15. Money donations also welcome as £1 per box is needed to cover the cost of transporting the boxes to Montenegro, Tanzania, Albania, Romania and the Philippines. All ages welcome. If you wish to contribute in any way and cannot be there on the day, please contact James Pinniger on 01962 738788 or [wjrp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wjrp@hotmail.co.uk).

**Cemetery Visits:** The month of November begins this week and I would draw everyone's attention to the tradition which makes this month a time of special prayer for the dead. Please come along to the blessing of graves and to the special Mass for all those who have died in the past 12 months. PJT **There will be a special Mass for the dead at 7.00pm on Friday 11th November.** PJT

**The SVP** would like to know of any family or individual in need who would benefit from receiving a Christmas food parcel. Please give names to Audrey Atter by 18th November. [audrey.atter@homecall.co.uk](mailto:audrey.atter@homecall.co.uk) or ring the Parish Office.

## TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading:** Malachi 1:14. 2:2. 8-10

**Psalms Response:** Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

**2nd Reading:** First letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12



## LOOKING AHEAD

**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 is Remembrance Sunday.**

**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.

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

**Sunday 20th November - Youth Sunday.** 6.00pm Mass in St. Peter's on Saturday evening will be preceded with an art workshop at 5.00pm and refreshments afterwards.

**Saturday - 26th November - Stay Awake!** All parishioners are invited to an Advent Day of Reflection at St. Stephen's/St. Peter's School, 9.30am - 3.30pm. Come for all or part of the day. Mass at 9.30am, followed by input and a variety of prayer workshops through the day. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. This is also the annual day of reflection for Eucharistic Ministers. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch. Please take a leaflet and book a place through the parish office, or contact Augusta Wolff, [augustawolff@googlemail.com](mailto:augustawolff@googlemail.com) - tel: 07825757287 - for more information.

**Sunday 27th 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.

## THANK YOU

- to everyone for participating in the 'Pennies for Life' collection which amounted to £434.26. When added to the money taken at the Covert Sale of £361.46 we have a grand total of £795.72 to give to the Basingstoke Life Shop.

## 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2012** - for children who are eight or older between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 (school Year 3) and would like to enrol in the programme.

Introductory session for parents 8.00 - 9.00 p.m., Thursday, 12th January 2012 in St. Peter's School. The first session for children is 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon on Saturday 14th January in St. Peter's School. Please complete the slip below and return to Peterhouse

### First Holy Communion Programme 2012

Name .....

Date of birth .....

School .....

Address .....

Post Code ..... Tel No .....

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

**Ladies .....** A volunteer (or 2) is needed to represent the Catholic Church for the Women's World Day of Prayer in Winchester. There are 2-3 meetings a year, plus the annual service in March. If no-one responds, there will be no Catholic representation on this inter faith/Christian group. For more details and/or to offer your help, please contact Hilary Kemp on 07740049127

**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 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

**Catholic Disability Fellowship** - The AGM of the CDF will take place on Saturday 5th November at St. Edward's Church, Chandler's Ford from 2.30 to 4.30pm. There will be a presentation from Kathleen O'Gorman with the Hand in Hand Team. Kathleen has worked for many years with this group of people with learning difficulties preparing drama liturgies. All are welcome. For further details, contact Hilary Kemp on 07740049127.

**Charity Christmas cards** - Every year, a group of some 52 charities come together to sell their Christmas cards in the Guildhall in Winchester. This year they will be in the Guildhall's café 'Eighteen 71'. Each charity has a number of different cards on sale so the choice is extensive and the shop is staffed every day by members of one of their charities. Do come and support us with your cash or cheque book and you could get your morning coffee or afternoon tea at the same time. Opening times: 10.00am to 4.30pm from Mon Oct. 26th to Sat Dec. 15th

## 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.



## 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 weekly on Fridays from 6.00 to 7.30pm in St. Stephen's to prepare for Youth Sunday on 20th November. 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 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.

'Inspire' is a group for people aged 11-13. A mixture of activities, games and learning about our faith. There will be 6 sessions: Thursdays, November 10th and 24th, December 8th, January 5th and 19th and February 2nd from 7.00-8.30pm at St. Peter's School. Contact Peter McGeady - details below.

**Peter McGeady (Youth Leader) - Contact details:** Follow the link from the home page of our parish website to the **Young Catholics South** group page.

### 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.

### Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

**Welcome to** Maxime Brancy who was baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

**Congratulations to** Albert Kwok and Stephanie McGregor who were married in St. Peter's last weekend.

### GENERAL

**Christingle Service:** There will be no 'Christingle' this year unless coordinators step forward to help organise the event. If you would like to coordinate a Christingle service this year, then Sanna Dean ([sannadean@lineone.net](mailto:sannadean@lineone.net)) and Louise Cutts have some useful notes.

**Musicians at St Stephen's:** After many years of service at St Stephen's, playing the organ and helping to organise the music, Kate Smith will be moving to Birmingham to be closer to her family. Her last Mass at St Stephen's will be Sunday 6th November. Of course, Kate will be missed by all. Our other regular organist, Sue Pell, is recovering from an operation and not likely to be able to play until the New Year. If you play an instrument and feel you could help out occasionally, please make yourself known at St Stephen's so that music at Mass can be supported.

**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.**

**St. Peter's ladies who clean the Church Brass candlesticks** etc. would welcome more volunteers to join their rota. **This work will only take an hour of your time once every eight to ten weeks.** If interested please contact Margaret Guppy on 01962 841322 for more details.

**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.

### 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

**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.**

**Also, Christmas items are now in stock including cribs, candles and cards. Do come along and have a look.**

## MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK 29th Oct to 5th November 2011

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 29	6.00 pm	Mass - Mr. and Mrs. Gilligan RIP
Sun 30	8.00 am	Mass - Tom and Mary White RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Fred and Margaret Chown RIP
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer and Benediction</b>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Jack Kilroy RIP
Mon 31	12.15 pm	Mass - Richard Wheble RIP
Tue 1	7.30 am	Mass - Neil Intention
	12.15 pm	Mass
	7.30 pm	Mass
Wed 2	12.15 pm	Mass - Francis and Maria Szymanski RIP
Thur 3	7.00 pm	Mass
Fri 4	12.15 pm	Mass - Mrs. Giles RIP
Sat 5	9.00 am	Mass - Mrs. Fletcher Randall RIP

#### 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 - 4.00 pm



### St. Gregory's, Alesford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass - Miles Clague RIP
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Julia Cave RIP
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
Tue	10.30 am	Mass



### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass
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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**30th October to 6th November, 2011**  
(Sunday Missal pp 476 & Weekday Missal pp 808  
Psalter Week 3)



Sunday 30	<b>THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>
Monday 31	Feria
Tuesday 1	All Saints
Wednesday 2	All Souls
Thursday 3	Blessed John Body
Friday 4	St. Charles Borromeo
Saturday 5	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 6	<b>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Wisdom 6:12-16. First letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18. Matthew 25:1-13

**Psalms Response:** For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

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

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

**Headteacher:** Mrs. Cath Howells ☎ 01962 852820

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## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Weddings** - Parish Office - 01962 852804

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**Eucharistic Adoration** - Irena - 01962 880678

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## We acknowledge with thanks:

### Last week's collection:

(Alesford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,779.03

Retiring Collection for Foreign Missions: £ 893.63

**Living Our Faith:** Total raised so far: £1,399,989

We are working 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.