

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 15th May, 2011

The Gospel for this Sunday is always from John Chapter 10 and is therefore about Jesus the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus is the one who leads and guides us and gathers us into his fold. The fold is the Church and is made up of those who listen to the voice of Jesus and open their lives to his gift of life and joy to the full.

We know that Jesus the 'shepherd' calls us to join him in his work of gathering people into relationship with him, and each of us accepts a different vocation which is a response to our baptism.

Today is traditionally known as 'Vocation Sunday' and is a day of special prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We welcome Paul Broderick from 'Vocation Voices' who will be speaking at the Masses in St. Stephen's and St. Peter's.

I am most grateful to Bishop Crispian for giving me three months sabbatical leave. I shall be in Jerusalem to study Mark's Gospel for the whole of June, returning to the parish for July when Fr. John will be on holiday. Then, in August, I shall be on retreat and will then take time for private study until the beginning of October. PJT

The New Translation of the Roman Missal - what is the Roman Missal? The Roman Missal is the book that contains all the prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. Some of these prayers are spoken or sung by the whole congregation (e.g. the Gloria and the Creed), others by the priest alone (e.g. the Collect and the Eucharistic Prayer). The Missal is first written in Latin, and is then translated into other languages. This means that, while Mass is celebrated in many languages throughout the world, it is the same core Latin text that is being prayed by the Church.

Sacramental Preparation

The rehearsal for the second First Holy Communion Mass is Saturday 21st May (for Mass on the 22nd), from 10.00 to 11.00a.m. in St. Peter's Church. **First Holy Communion Masses are this Sunday and next Sunday, 22nd May at 12.15pm.**

Confirmation 2011 - See the Young People section for details.

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



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14.36-41

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10



TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the Clergy Training Fund.

Scripture Guides for April to June are available from the Sacristy.

The first of the First Holy Communion Masses is at **St. Peter's** at 12.15pm and at **St. Gregory's** at 11.00am today.

Please remember to support Christian Aid Week which starts on today and gives us all the chance to think about relief work in the UK and abroad. There will be a street collection in Alresford on Saturday 21st May from 9.00am to 12noon. Volunteer collectors are needed - please contact Beryl Gregg on 01962 732871.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18th May - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Friday 20th May - May Devotions at 7.00pm in St. Peter's. Hymns, and prayers in honour of Our Lady, bearing in mind her traditional place of influence with our Lord. 'To Jesus through Mary.' Enquiries: Contact John Docherty on 01962 860069.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 22nd May - The second of the First Holy Communion Masses is at St. Peter's at 12.15pm.

The New Missal: I have been informed about the plans for the introduction of the New Missal. During the weekend of the 4th and 5th of September 2011, the new responses, acclamations and Eucharistic Prayers will be introduced. There will also be new musical settings for the Gloria, the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Lamb of God, which I want us all to learn. Then, on the First Sunday of Advent, the new prefaces and prayers will be introduced. During the summer leaflets will be provided which will contain the new music and responses. There will be no change to the Lectionary but the responses before and after the readings will be slightly different. PJT

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Thank you to Canon Paul for leading the beautiful liturgy in celebration of the Feast and in thanksgiving for the Beatification of John Paul II. Thank you, also, to everyone who joined us on this very special occasion.

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Please pray for Gordon Smith who died recently. May he rest in peace. His Funeral Mass is at 12.15pm on Monday, 23rd May in St. Peter's. **Please pray also for** Rosalind Quaipe. May she rest in peace. Her funeral is at 11.00am at St. Peter's, Stockbridge on Tuesday, 24th May.



Cycle of Prayer:

This week we pray for: Vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life. Catholic Disability Fellowship. The Dioceses of the Province; Canons of the Cathedral Chapter; Parish of St. John's Cathedral.

Work by the Parish Pastoral Council to group the different ministries into "clusters" continues. If you would like to contact any of the co-ordinators so far nominated, their email addresses are:

Catechesis - Sue Trowbridge, sue.trowbridge@btinternet.com.
Liturgy - Liz Slinn, liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk. **Outreach and Mission** Steve Taylor - sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk and **Enabling** - Brian Roberts at brian@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

The other clusters, which are Young People, Communications and Welcome and Hospitality, are all waiting for co-ordinators, so if anyone is interested please contact Canon Paul.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 28th May - Coffee Morning in aid of the Divine Mercy Orphanage run by Ursula and Joan from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Milner Hall. Do please support.

Saturday 28 May - Alton day of Renewal will be at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead starting with Rosary at 11.00, followed by Mass at 11.30, ending at about 4.00 pm. The speaker will be Kristina Cooper, subject 'Crucified! Died! Risen!' Any queries Rev. Deacon John Foley 0118 933 3420.

Saturday 28th May - Help for Heroes Charity Fundraiser. Come along and enjoy the sounds of the 60's. Music courtesy of 'Hot Rabbit' with a guest appearance from 'The Works'. Where: St. Peter's School. Time: 7.30pm. Tickets priced £12.50 include supper and a pay bar will be available. This event is for adults and young people over the age of 16 years. More information and tickets from Abi Robinson Tel: 01962 885858.

Friday 3rd June - Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke at 10.00am.

Saturday 4th June - Mass in the Lady Chapel in Winchester Cathedral is at 10.00am. **No 9.00am Mass in St. Peter's.**

Sunday 5th June - St Gregory's Cake Sale in the Parish Pastoral Centre after Mass. Mary Murphy 01962 772176 will be in charge.

Monday 6th June - Winchester Catholic History Group - 'William of Wykeham: builder at Windsor, Oxford and Winchester' - talk by Tom James, Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Winchester. 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Milner Hall. Non members: £3.

Saturday 11th June - Next Pre-Marriage Course is at St. Gregory's Church, Arlesford. The course is now an indispensable part of the preparation for marriage in a Catholic Church. Any couple wishing to attend please contact Jenny Guerrier on 01962 882636.

Sunday 12th June - Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

Sunday 19th June - Mass for the Sick and Housebound is at 3.00pm. The Mass and tea this year will be in the Milner Hall. Disabled access is via the kitchen door.

Saturday 25th June - First Communion Post Communion Session, Presentation of Certificates and Family Picnic is from 11.00am to 2.00pm at St. Peter's School.

Sunday 3rd July - Open Garden in support of Zimpro (the project for which Churches Together in Alresford is currently fundraising) at Hill House, Colden Lane, Old Alresford, by kind invitation of Mrs WF Richardson. Admission £3 (children free). Refreshments available. St Gregory's community is kindly invited to help by producing two large cakes (fruit or iced) for this event, please contact Laura Brill if able to help.

Monday 5th - Friday 9th September - Winchester Catholic History Group, Visit to Cambridge staying at St. Edmund's College, ensuite rooms, B/B/3 course evening dinner. Daytime visits to major key sites to be supplemented by evening lectures from leading academics. Cost £326 inclusive of travel, accommodation, meals, entrance to major colleges and Galleries etcetera. Please contact Helena O'Leary, 12 St. Michael's Gardens or telephone 01962 862796 or e-mail Helena@olry12.plus.com

Friday 17th September Churches Together in Alresford will hold a Barn Dance in a wonderfully restored historic barn in Old Alresford. More details about tickets next month.

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.

17th July - 20th November

5.30 pm at St Stephen's Church, Winchester

1st/2nd October

The Celebrate Weekend Conference

St Mary's College, Southampton

Visit their website: <http://www.celebrateconference.org>

For more details please visit the Parish Website

www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

DIOCESAN

Celebrating Marriage 2011 - On Saturday, 18th June 2011 there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2011. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th anniversary during 2011, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let your parish priest know asap so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation. Attendance by invitation only and numbers are limited.

A vacancy has arisen for a full-time Administrator to work in the Finance and Property Department of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth at St. Edmund House, Edinburgh Road. 35 hrs per week Mon to Fri, 9.00am to 5.00pm commencing 1st June 2011. Interested? Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies.php

The Parish of St Swithun Wells is looking for a practising Catholic with relevant experience who will lead and support the development of lay leaders enabling them to contribute to the growth of the individual communities through the more effective proclamation of the Gospel. The person will: Evaluate needs across the parish for catechesis and adult faith formation; encourage and promote all forms of catechesis; teach the faith to people who will lead others to faith; develop suitable programmes of faith formation, identify and train suitable people to take on roles in catechesis and adult formation; support people through appropriate resources, individual contact, support groups and networking. Salary: Circa £25,000. Flexible 35 hours per week to include some weekends and evenings. This new post will be on a 3 year fixed term contract subject to completion of a successful CRB clearance and delivery of key performance indicators. For further information and a full job description please contact Fr Michael Dennehy, Parish Priest Tel: 02380 612430 email: mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Deacon Paul Owen, Tel: 02380 658251 email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date: 27th May 2011. Interviews: Early June 2010.

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. Booking forms are also available at the back of churches.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

MARRIED COUPLES: Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites you to experience a weekend designed to enrich and refresh your marriage. It's not counselling, therapy or a retreat, nor is it religious instruction. It is however a positive, life-giving experience from which any couple, of any age group, can benefit. It is not necessary for either partner to be a Catholic. There are places available on the weekend taking place at Wokefield Park, near Reading on 10th-12th June. For details please contact Chris & Mary Farrall 02380 275401 or visit [/www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)

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).

Wednesday 18th May - The present series of Space in the City, entitled *The World as Gift*, is looking at how we can "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly" in the face of the environmental problems that confront us all in the 21st century. The next talk, *Acting Justly* will be given by Chris Brice, Priest and Chairman of the faith based environmental organisation, Operation Noah. The talks are being held in St Lawrence-in-the-Square from 12.30pm until 1pm. Admission is free and sandwiches will be available after the talks. For more information go to www.spaceinthecity.org.uk

MS Society Winchester & District branch are desperately looking for volunteers to assist with local events and fundraising and in particular are looking for a Support Officer Co-ordinator to provide support to members, review requests, ensure they are handled appropriately and confidentially, liaise with MS Society National Centre if required. We are also in need of a Social Club Organiser. Contact: kellymcarter@hotmail.com



YOUNG PEOPLE



Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

The next meeting for the Confirmation

Candidates is Saturday 21st May at

10.30am in St. Peter's Church followed by a light lunch in Peterhouse. Contact: Don West - 01962 865153 or don.west@ntlworld.com. Also, see the parish website.

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their families.

Year 7-8 Youth Group. This is finished for this term but please join in with the 'Great Escape' Youth Group and your friends from Chandler's Ford are planning to visit.

Youth Band meets Friday, 20th May from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St. Stephen's. Age 7-17, any skill level, bring your instrument, doughnuts available.

Youth Group - The Great Escape - Youth group is back on Thursdays in May (19th, and 26th). We will be meeting at St Stephens church from 7.00-9.00pm and the school grounds will give us an opportunity to escape outside for some of the evening! We have lots planned: art, quizzes, great activities..... and pizza!! Hope to see you there if you are at secondary school. From the Youth Group Team (call Liza on 868714 for more details)

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.

Saturday 11 June. Fired Up. Catholic Youth Event to Celebrate Pentecost. 12.30pm - 6.00pm. An event for young people of secondary school age that will include great presentations, music, choice of workshops and a Youth Mass. A barbeque will be available for lunch. Based at St Stephen's in Winchester. This is following on from the success of the Noble Adventure in November and we expect over a hundred young people to attend. See the postcards at the back of Church for more information. Contact Peter McGeady, 07769258378, pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Peter McGeady (Youth Leader) - Contact details: Follow the link from the home page of our parish website to the **Young Catholics South** group page. YC South contact detail cards are in all our churches.

Catholic Social Teaching Justice in Action

Hampshire Downs Parish held 6 well-attended evening sessions last Autumn exploring Catholic Social Teaching.

Another set of sessions has now started and finishes on 1st June.

We start at 8.00pm in St Stephen's Church, Oliver's Battery Road North with refreshments served from 7.30pm. We will end by 9.30pm. All are welcome.

Wednesday 25th May - Maria Arana of CAFOD ... "Live Simply" and "Climate Justice".

Wednesday 1st June - Simon Keyes of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation on 'Reconciliation' and Stephen Bullivant of St Mary's University College, London on 'Catholic Workers Movement'.

Adult Formation

Canon Paul has asked the Adult Formation team to ensure that there are plenty of opportunities in the parish for people to explore the new translation of the Mass, which will be used from the first weekend in September. Would you be willing to lead sessions for a small group in September and October?

Milner Hall bookings have now been taken over by Claire Cofrine. Please contact her on 01962 884610, 07505965059 or clairecofrine@f2s.com

St. Gregory's Hall bookings have now been taken over by Jim King Tel: 01962 732180: james33.king@mypostoffice.co.uk

GENERAL

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. In April and May we are focussing on towels and bedding but only need towels, duvets and pillows (no duvet covers or pillow cases please). Toiletries are still acceptable. Please place gifts, preferably in original packaging, in the boxes which can be found at the back of all churches.

Big Fishes Football: Fancy a little outdoor exercise at River Park Leisure Centre, Winchester, on Sunday nights (8.30pm kick off)? Join a group of parish soccer enthusiasts aged from 14 to 58. Just turn up on the night with £3 match fee, £2 students (any excess is donated to charity) or speak to one of the regulars who include Brian Mustoe (01962 854241), Mark Pellegrini, Pascal Baker, John Tutton, Eugene Wills and Rudi Krook.

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers no longer have to have a CRB check UNLESS they are taking Communion to someone outside of Mass. If any Eucharistic Ministers are taking Communion outside of the Church, they must have a CRB check and they must attend the Diocesan training.

28th-31st May - Patrick Trowbridge will cycle from Alresford to Paris to try to raise £1000 for the Winchester Churches Nightshelter. Please sponsor him by going to www.justgiving.com/Alresford2Paris2011 to sponsor him online and to find out more. about the event.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The main contractors have been appointed following a competitive tender process. Feltham Construction, who were also the main contractors for the Douai Abbey Library and Refectory, have started work and will be using the St Peter Street entrance for all their work throughout the project. The build cost remains within the original estimates of £1.3m made at the beginning of the project. The programme for the build should mean that the building will be weathertight by October and handed over to the parish by Easter 2012. The pilings are finished and ground work and the concrete raft are the next phase.

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.

THANK YOU

- to everyone who supported the bookshop when it visited St. Gregory's last Sunday. It will be back for another visit before Christmas.
- As well as a **thank you** to those who organise the Praise Masses, this week a **huge** thank you to the nine parishioners who brought their instruments and voices to the Praise Mass at St. Stephens last Sunday evening. Our own 'home grown' band of all ages brought their talents and hours of practice and the Holy Spirit did the rest. The next Praise Mass is on Sunday 17th July at 5.30pm. All are welcome, come!
- Joan Hendy has returned home from hospital and would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and love.

ST. PETER'S BOOKSHOP Now open in The Old Georgian (entrance on Jewry Street).



Books, cards and religious items. New lines are now in stock, including First Communion.

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.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

14th to 21st May, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

MASSES:

Sat 14	6.00 pm	Mass - Fred and Margaret Chown RIP
Sun 15	8.00 am	Mass - Albert Bingham RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - William 'Bill' Kirkby RIP
	12.15 pm	First Communion Mass
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Algernon and Simon Rothman RIP
Mon 16	12.15 pm	Mass - Canon Patrick Curtin RIP
Tue 17	8.00 am	Mass - Algernon Rothman RIP
Wed 18	12.15 pm	Mass - Dinah McLaughlin - Birthday intention
Thur 19	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - Intentions of Sister Antonietta
Fri 20	12.15 pm	Mass - Dead in cemeteries and founders
Sat 21	9.00 am	Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tue	9.00 am - 8.00 pm
Wed	1.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Thur	9.00 am - 5.00 pm



St. Gregory's, Alresford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - William Meader 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

Eucharistic Adoration:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month: 9.45-10.45am



St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun	9.15 am	Mass
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St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

15th to 22nd May, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 330 & Weekday Missal pp 315
Psalter Week 4)



Sunday 15	Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)
Monday 16	Monday of the 4th week of Easter
Tuesday 17	Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter or St. Dunstan
Wednesday 18	Wednesday of the 4th week of Easter or St. John I
Thursday 19	Dedication of the Cathedral of St. John, Portsmouth
Friday 20	Friday of the 4th week of Easter or St. Bernardine of Siena
Saturday 21	Saturday of the 4th week of Easter, St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
Sunday 22	Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7. First letter of St. Peter 2:4-9. John 14:1-12

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,244.34



Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,382,537. We are working on the final £17,000 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.