

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A) 30th January, 2011

As many of you will know, the new Translation of the Mass is almost ready. Our bishops last week announced how and when it is to be introduced. They have decided to introduce it in two stages, like this.

Stage One will begin on Sunday, September 5th next. On that day the new translation of the Order of Mass will be used for the first time. So on Sunday, September 5th all the responses that we say in the Mass will change. The "Glory to God in the highest," the Creed, the "Holy Holy" and the acclamation at the "Mystery of faith" will also change. On the same Sunday the priest will use the new texts of the Eucharistic Prayers, including the Prefaces, for the first time. The rest of the prayers, that is the Collect, Prayer over the Gifts and Prayer after Communion, will remain as we have them for the time being.

That is stage one. The Catholic Truth Society, who will be producing the new books for the altar, will also publish a laminated sheet containing all the words we need to make the responses and participate in Holy Mass.

Stage two will happen when the rest of the prayers for Mass have been approved by the Holy See. It is hoped that this will be done by Advent 2011, but there is still some uncertainty about this.

From Easter this year it will be possible to begin to prepare the Parish for the new translation. Much work has already been done with priests up and down the country, to prepare them for the change. If anyone in the Parish wishes to know more, the texts of the Order of Mass may be seen on the website of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

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'Bible in a Year' - All copies of the Bible in a Year have now been sold but they are still available on Amazon.

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).

The next children's session is this **Saturday 5th February, 10.30am-12.00noon**, in St. Peter's School.

Confirmation 2011 - See the Young People section for details. There will be a Retreat at Cold Ash from 6.00pm Friday, 18th to 3.00pm Sunday, 20th February.

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



TODAY

Today is Homelessness Sunday. The Winchester Churches Nightshelter invite everyone to a talk on 'Homelessness, Addictions and Mental Health' at 11.00am in the Discovery Centre followed by a reception from 11.45am to 2.00pm.

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday 1st February - Mass in Winchester University Chapel at 5.15pm. All students and parishioners are welcome.

Friday 4th February - Mass at St. Barnabas, Week at 10.00am.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 6th February - The Youth Choir will be joining the Music Group to lead the music at 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's

Sunday 6th February - St. Gregory's February Cake Sale will have Linda Smith in charge. All contributions are most welcome.

Sunday 6th February - Praise Mass at 5.30pm in St. Stephen's. (see separate box over)

Thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Open Meeting last Thursday. I am very grateful to Angela Muxworthy and the Pastoral Council and to Marcus Whitfield and the Finance and Property Committee for all the work they did to make this meeting happen. The words of the reading given for the day from the letter to the Hebrews were strangely appropriate: "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works. Do not stay away from meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage each other to go; the more as you see the Day drawing near."

The meeting marked yet another stage in the continuing growth of the ministry of this parish and the Finance and Property Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council will advise me on the way forward in the light of the comments and discussions at the meeting.

Bishop Crispian has given me three months this year for sabbatical leave. I have planned a month's course during June to study scripture at the Ecce Homo Centre in Jerusalem. The other two months will be taken during August and September. I will make the first part of a 'Thirty Day Retreat' at St. Beuno's in North Wales during August and have yet to plan the rest of my time.

I am looking forward to visiting the Holy Land for the second time in October with a group of young people from the parish. I see this as an experience which will enhance their faith development and deepen their love for the Gospels. I am looking for financial help with the cost of this pilgrimage and if anyone feels they can make a contribution I would be so grateful. If anyone feels they can help please email me at canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or call 01962 852804.

I am very grateful to the Bishop of Winchester, Michael Scott-Joynt, for inviting me to become an 'Ecumenical Canon' of Winchester Cathedral. The proposed date for my installation, which has yet to be confirmed, will be on Sunday 10th April during Evensong at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. I will confirm the date as soon as I hear from the Dean, Canon James Atwell. PJT

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3. 3:12-13

Psalm Response: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 7th February - The Winchester Catholic History Group meets at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. in the Milner Hall for a talk on 'The Hazards of the Journey: Pilgrimage and Travel in the Middle Ages' by Imogen Corrigan, Lecturer in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval History at the Kent Federation of History. All welcome. Non members £3.

Friday 11th February - Parish Pastoral Council meet at 7.00pm in the Parish Office (The Old Georgian).

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

Monday 14th February - The Covenant with the Poor meeting has been changed from Monday 7th to Monday 14th. It is at 7.30pm at St. Gregory's Church Hall.

Saturday 19th February - St. Thomas More Prayer Group meets from 3.00 - 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All welcome.

Sunday 20th February - Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Friday 4 March - the Alresford celebration of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be at 2.00pm at the Methodist Church, Jacklyns Lane. This year's theme is 'How many loaves have you?' speaker to be announced.

Wednesday 9th March - Is Ash Wednesday.

Saturday 12th March - Rite of Election at 11.00am at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

Wednesday 16th March - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meets at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Saturday 19th March - 8km Ladies only Moonlight Walk at the University of Winchester, starting at 9.00pm and in aid of Naomi House. For more information, please visit www.naomihouse.org.uk.

Tuesday 19th April - Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) at 11.00am at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

Sunday 24th April - is Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU

- once again to all those who attended the Parish Open Meeting last Thursday. It was a great success.

Praise Mass for Hampshire Downs – only 7 days 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

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. **For more details and to book a place (which you must do)**, please contact Paul & Clare Robinson on 01962 885858 or email hampshiredown-praise@ymail.com

GENERAL

The Bookshop now has copies of 'Lent for Everyone' by Tom Wright in stock. This has been recommended to us by Fr. Paul.

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.

Are you a qualified teacher who is interested in Supply Work?

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School would be very interested to hear from you. We are looking for good, enthusiastic practitioners, who are able to fully support the standards, ethos and aims of this Catholic, Christian school. If you are registered as a Hampshire Supply Teacher, please send us a letter with your details. If you are not registered with Hampshire, please download and fill in the CES teacher application form and return it to the school.

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 (tel: 01962 854241), Mark Pellegrini, Pascal Baker, John Tutton, Eugene Wills and Rudi Krook.

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 this Monday, 31st January. More information at www.streetpastors.co.uk (follow the link from our parish website) and from Steve Taylor 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).

CAFOD The next diocesan CAFOD Supporter's Day meeting is on Saturday February 19th 10am - 1.15pm in Basingstoke. St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. Parishioners are welcome.

SUDAN Please continue to pray for peace in Sudan following the referendum in Southern Sudan and continue to press our Government to play their part in ensuring a just outcome for the people of Southern Sudan and in supporting development projects there.

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.

Confirmation Candidates are on Retreat at Cold Ash from 6.00pm Friday 18th to 3.00pm Sunday 20th February. 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 next session will be in February. Watch this space for the date.

SPOG's (Older Youth Group) next meeting is Wednesday 9th February, 2011 from 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. 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)

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.

Youth Leaders: Meeting for those involved in youth ministry across the YC South Area. We are looking at Youth liturgies led by Jack Regan, an experienced Catholic youth worker, School Chaplain and founder of the Catholic Youth Work Forum. It will be a chance to share experiences and learn what makes a good liturgy for young people so that we can more effectively help them in prayer and worship. St Stephen's Church, Winchester, Friday 25th March, 7pm-9.30pm. Contact Peter McGeady.

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 churches.

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 and Easter.

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.

Please come and visit our new premises!

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 final talk is 'Resurrection: Living a Resurrection Life'. 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

Scripture Reflection Group meetings have been suspended for the time being.

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.

LENT IN THE PARISH

Lent Groups. Hampshire Downs parish is again offering all members of the community the opportunity to join 'house groups' this Lent. 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 Monday 21st February. Please keep the date free in your diary. More details to follow...

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.

Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for: Parish of St. John Bosco, Woodley. Selesians in the Diocese. Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham. Brigidine Sisters in the Diocese. Diocesan Pastoral Council. Parish of Sacred Heart, Bournemouth.

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Edward Pugh who was baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

Please pray for Harold Kamm who died recently. May he rest in peace.



MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

29th January to 5th February, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 29	6.00 pm	Mass - June Howard RIP
Sun 30	8.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Mass - Intentions of Bernadette Holloway
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Monsignor Scantlebury RIP
Mon 31	12.15 pm	Mass - Intentions of Elizabeth Walsh
Tue 1	8.00 am	Mass - Archbishop John Henry King RIP
Wed 2	12.15 pm	Mass - Anne Kelly (for a speedy recovery)
Thur 3	7.00 pm	Mass - Brendan McLaughlin RIP
Fri 4	10.00 am	Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke
	12.15 pm	Mass - Canon Anthony Zollo RIP
Sat 5	9.00 am	Mass - Philip Felton 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 - 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 - Mrs. Giles 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 - Christopher Heffernan RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

30th January to 6th February, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 381 & Weekday Missal pp 471
Psalter Week 4)

Sunday 30	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 31	St. John Bosco
Tuesday 1	Feria
Wednesday 2	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
Thursday 3	St. Blaise, St. Ansgar or Feria
Friday 4	Feria
Saturday 5	St. Agatha
Sunday 6	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10. First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5. Matthew 5:13-16



Psalm Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,849.13**



Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: **£1,368,783** from 410 pledges and gifts. We are working on the final £31,000 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.