

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 10th April, 2011

I want to suggest two things you might do as you prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. First do your best to attend one of the Penitential Celebrations.

Penitential Celebrations are not just a quick and easy way for you to do your 'Easter duties' nor are they there to provide the priests with a quick and easy way to hear a large number of confessions. The Penitential Celebrations at the beginning of Holy Week are a reminder that our progress on our journey of faith is not a private matter, we travel together and together we need the mercy and forgiveness God is longing to give us.

Another help in Holy Week is to think where you are going. Remember that you are not going to church quite as you usually do, because this week the church becomes several different places.

On Palm Sunday we are going to join the crowds who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. As you enter the church imagine you are with the crowd passing through the gate into Jerusalem to celebrate what happened there.

On Maundy Thursday as soon as you leave home remind yourself that you are going to the Upper Room with the disciples to celebrate what happened there.

On Good Friday our journey takes us to the hill of Calvary.

On Holy Saturday we assemble in the dark to celebrate the darkness of death being overcome by the light of the risen Jesus. We also celebrate our own journey from darkness to light and from death to life through the water of Baptism.

Where am I going? What am I doing there? These are questions to ask in Holy Week.

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FAMILY PENITENTIAL LITURGY: 10.30am Saturday 16th April
LENTEN PENITENTIAL LITURGY: 7.30pm Monday 18th April

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

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection of the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you. O Christ!

Gospel: John 11:1-45



TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the SVP. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes which can be found at the back of all churches.

The Easter Edition of Crosskeys can be found at the back of all churches. Do please take a copy.

Canon Paul is being installed as an Ecumenical Canon today at 3.30pm in Winchester Cathedral. **Please note that because of this there are no Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 5.30pm today at St. Peter's and no Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm today at St. Gregory's.**

A list of all the Lent and Easter celebrations and Masses can be found at the back of all churches. Do please take a copy.

THIS WEEK

Monday 11th April - The Alresford Giles Group for the disabled and their carers meet in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford at 2.00pm when there will be a talk on Naomi House. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Nan McNamara on 01962 734425.

Thursday 14th April - Eucharistic Adoration ends and resumes again on Tuesday, 3rd May.

Thursday 14th April - The C.W.L. meet after 7.00pm Mass in the Parish Office (NB a week early as the '3rd Thursday' is Holy Thursday). Gillian Barry will be giving a talk on the Divine Mercy. All welcome.

Saturday 16th April - Family Penitential Liturgy at 10.30am in St. Peter's.

Saturday 16th April - St. Thomas More Prayer Group meet from 3.00 to 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All are welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 17th April - Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers Angharad Foster and Michael Shields who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil and Bunty Attwood, Francis Chamberlain, Roy Cochran, Claire Croft, Ben Huntley and Stuart Matthews who are to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

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 will be on the **7th May from 10.30am - 12.00noon in St. Peter's School.** No sessions on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April

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.

The Parish Pastoral Council is planning a revision of its way of working. Recently there has been a display of the ministries and activities in all the churches. The display was first seen at the Parish Open Meeting. The Parish Pastoral Council has grouped all the different ministries into 'clusters' or 'groupings'. Each 'cluster' will have a coordinator who will be a member of the Pastoral Council and who will provide the connection with that group. So far the following co-ordinators are in place: for catechesis - Sue Trowbrige; for liturgy - Liz Slinn; for enabling - Brian Roberts and for Outreach and Mission - Steve Taylor. 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

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

23rd April - Traditional Easter Food Blessing will take place at St. Peter's church on Easter Saturday at 5.00pm. All are welcome.

Sunday 24th April is Easter Sunday.

Saturday 30th April - Eve of the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 6.00pm Mass until midnight. We hope for a great turn-out of people but at least 2 names are needed on the list committing to a definite hour. A list is at the back of St. Peter's.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday 1st May

Mass at 3.00pm in St. Peter's
in honour of the Feast and in thanksgiving for the
Beatification of John Paul II

Celebration to include The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the
Veneration of the Image

Refreshments afterwards in the Milner Hall.

Friday 6th May - There will be a return of May Devotions on Friday evenings.

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

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. If you would like to go there are still a few places available. Please contact Helena O'leary, 12 St. Michael's Gardens or telephone 01962 862796 or e-mail Helena@olry12.plus.com

Saturday 17th September (Please note change of date) - Churches Together in Alresford Harvest Barn Dance with the Bursledon Village Band and a light supper, raffle & auction. Pinglestone Farm, Old Alresford, 7.30 - 11.00pm. In aid of Christian Aid Zimbabwe Church Partnership project. Tickets on sale in July - £10 adults, Children (9-14 years) £5.

St Peter's - Easter Altar Server practices

Practices for the Easter services at St Peter's will be held:

Wednesday 20th April at 5.00pm (for Maundy Thursday service)

Friday 22nd at 9.30am (for Good Friday service)

Saturday 23rd at 9.30am (for Easter Saturday Vigil)

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.

8th May · 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

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Charles Gaynor and Thomas Pattison who were baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.



LENT IN THE PARISH



No time to be in a group this Lent? Reflect with those who are... This Sunday we heard the gospel of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The raising of Lazarus from death is the climax of John's account of the ministry of Jesus. It is the climax not only because it is the final incident, but because raising from death to life is the final and greatest of Jesus' miracles. Jesus came that we might 'have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10).

In what ways are you like Lazarus: bound and needing to be set free? What is it like to hear Jesus' words: 'unbind him (her), let him (her) go free'?

Take a few moments each day this week to look at the signs of spring and new life emerging in nature: the flowers, the birds, the light. What do they say to you?

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Please remember to collect your 5p's for Lent

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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.

School Admission Appeals Panels: Volunteers are required to become panel members for schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth. These panels enable parents to exercise their right to appeal when their application for a school place for their child has been turned down. Panels must contain a mixture of people involved in education and lay people. Panel members must have no connection with the school for which appeals are being heard. A training course for those interested will take place at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke on 11th and 12th May 2011. Please see poster on the noticeboard or contact Maureen Simmons, Tel: 01329 835363, Email: schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Winchester Basics Bank urgently need long-life milk, tinned spaghetti and tinned custard. 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).

South East England Forum would like to invite you to an inter-faith event this Monday, 11th April from 10.30am to 3.30pm in the University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 7XH. To register, please contact Ushna Mughal on 07854373965.

Churches Together in Winchester will be organising an open air service and walk of witness again this year on the 22nd April. Meet at St. Peter's for a short liturgy at 10.45am and then walk to the Buttercross where we will join with the Salvation Army band.

Tom Wright 'Lent for Everyone: Matthew' - Copies of the book are available from the bookshop and are suitable for individual or group study. The last of the Lent courses will be held at Winchester Cathedral this Monday 11th April at 7.00pm at the Cathedral Education Centre, led by Canon Roly Riem and at East Winchester this Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm in All Saints Hall, led by Revd Paul Kennedy. All welcome to attend any of these sessions.

Meditation Seminar on Mental Health - May 4th and 5th - Regents College, Regents Park, London NW1 4NS. Poster and Registration Form at the back of all churches.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The Diocese has just informed us that 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.



YOUNG PEOPLE



Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

The next meeting for the Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, 12th May at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School. 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. The next session will be Wednesday, 27th April, 7.00 - 8.30pm at St. Edward's, Chandler's Ford. Minibus leaves from St. Stephen's at 6.45pm. and returns at 9.00pm.

SPOG (Older Youth Group) has relaunched as a film night group. Watch out for dates and details.

Youth Band meets Friday, 29th April from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St. Stephen's. Age 7-17, any skill level, bring your instrument, doughnuts available.

Youth Group is back for all at secondary school. Reserve your Thursdays in May. Theme is 'The Great Escape'. Lots of activities and pizza. First session is on Thursday, 5th May at St. Stephen's.

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.

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.

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

St. Gregory's Hall bookings have now been taken over by St. Peter's Parish Office.

THANK YOU

- A big thank you to both the Design House, Winchester for the material Gervades (dry cleaners) for the making up of the 'busy bags' that they have provided for the children at 10.30am Mass.
- The St. Gregory's April Cake Sale raised £100.30. Our thanks to everyone who made this possible

CAFOD RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS - Could you help selling CAFOD raffle tickets this spring, as a great way to raise funds for poor communities? Great prizes, and the chance to win one for your parish. No experience or special skills needed, just a winning smile and the desire to help a good cause. If this sounds like you (and you are 16 or over) please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385 by the end of April 2011.

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? Training will be provided in June/July. More details soon.

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.

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

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.

CTS - Please note that the CTS booklets at the back of church vary in price from £1.95 to £2.50 each. Please can you check before putting money in the box, The bookshop has a brochure for you to order anything not in church, i.e. encyclicals etc. Please come and look.

Cycle of Prayer:

This week we pray for: Parish Finance Committees. Diocesan Safeguarding Commission. All students of theology. The Holy Father (born 16.4.1927)

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. We will publish the start of the different phases of the build just before they happen. 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. Piling for the foundations starts this week and will be noisy. The contractors will stop for funerals and will try to take their lunch breaks at midday Mass times but please be patient. They need to get on with the work.

Logs

Anyone who would like cedar logs, please help yourself from the pile by the yew tree. They are large ones!

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 and can be accessed at other times on request.

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.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

9th to 16th April, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 9	6.00 pm	Mass - Simon Rothman RIP
Sun 10	8.00 am	Mass - Gladys Mary Taylor RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Charlotte Fitzgerald RIP
	3.30 pm	Canon Paul's installation as an Ecumenical Canon at Winchester Cathedral
	5.30 pm	NO Holy Hour (Stations, Adoration and Benediction)
	7.00 pm	Mass - Simon and Lucinda Ffennell - In thanksgiving for 25years of marriage
Mon 11	12.15 pm	Mass - Gerald Churchill RIP
Tue 12	8.00 am	Mass - Neil Intention
Wed 13	6.30 am	Mass - Ted Pollard RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass - Esther Campbell RIP
Thur 14	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - Iris Whittaker RIP
Fri 15	11.45 am	Stations of the Cross
	12.15 pm	Mass - Robert McGowan RIP
Sat 16	9.00 am	Mass - George and Ellen Bloomfield RIP
	10.30 am	Lent Penitential Liturgy for young families and for the Parish

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 - People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	NO Stations of the Cross
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Dead in Cemeteries and Founders
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Eucharistic Adoration
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 - In Thanksgiving

Mon 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

10th to 17th April, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 194 & Weekday Missal pp 220
Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 10	Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)
Monday 11	Monday of the 5th week of Lent
Tuesday 12	Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent
Wednesday 13	Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent
Thursday 14	Thursday of the 5th week of Lent
Friday 15	Friday of the 5th week of Lent
Saturday 16	Saturday of the 5th week of Lent
Sunday 17	Palm Sunday (A)



Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7. Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11. Matthew 26:14-27.66

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,015.64
Retiring collection for Family Fast: £1,307.58



Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,382,383. 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.