

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 29th May, 2011

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus' prayer asking God the Father to send the Advocate who is the Holy Spirit to us to bring his truth and life. For the rest of Easter we prepare for the celebration of the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost through prayer, reflection and openness to the word of God. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 8th July at 7.00pm. It always saddens me that apart from the families of the candidates, others do not normally take part in this celebration. Please put the date in your diary so that you can celebrate with our young people.

I will be away during June studying St. Mark's Gospel at the Ecce Homo Convent in the old City of Jerusalem. For anyone who has walked along the Via Dolorosa, the Ecce Homo Convent is at the point of the first station of the Cross. It will be a great joy and privilege to celebrate Ascension and Pentecost in Jerusalem as well as praying each day on the very site where Jesus was condemned to death.

I want to thank Bishop Crispian and all those who have made it possible for me to have this sabbatical. A special thank you to Fr. John Catlin, Deacon Gerard Dailly and the Parish Pastoral Council who will be responsible for the parish during my absence.

Calling all Readers: Once again I would like to appeal to readers in all our churches to observe a short silence after the reading and before the Alleluia verse. My long term aim is for the Alleluia to be sung at all Masses but whether it is sung, and if this is not possible it is said, I want a silence before it. The GIRM says this 'During the Liturgy of the Word, it is also appropriate to include brief periods of silence, accommodated to the gathered assembly, in which at the prompting of the Spirit, the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example before the Liturgy of the Word begins after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the homily'. PJT

The New Translation of the Roman Missal – why do we need one?

The new translation of the Missal is necessary for a number of reasons. Firstly, the translation made in the early 1970s was done very quickly to enable people to use English at Mass. In the process, some of the richness of the original Latin prayers was, quite literally, 'lost in translation'. It became clear that a further translation was needed, which would keep the original words, meaning and style of the Latin as far as possible, and would 'bring out' the Biblical language and imagery in the prayers of the Mass. Secondly, the new translation also means a new edition of the Missal which will include some texts added since the 1970s e.g. additional Eucharistic Prayers, some new Masses for the Blessed Virgin Mary and Masses for new Feasts of Saints added by the Church to the liturgical calendar.

'What is happening and when?' From 3rd/4th September we will begin using the new translation of the Roman Missal. This means that many of the words the congregation and the priest say at Mass will change. The readings will stay the same. There will be new musical settings of the Gloria, the Holy Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Lamb of God. From the first Sunday of Advent, we will also use new translations of the Collects, Prayers over the Gifts, and Prayers after Communion. As a parish, we are working to ensure that the move to the new translation is as smooth as possible, and that everyone has the opportunity to learn more about it. We will provide leaflets with the new responses on, so that everyone can participate.

For more information see:

<http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk/NewMissal.aspx>

TODAY

National Pastoral letter on the Translation of the Roman Missal will be read out at all Masses this today.

THIS WEEK

Monday 30th May is a Bank Holiday. Mass in St. Peter's is at 10.00am.

Thursday 2nd June - Requiem Mass for Joan McCabe at 11.00am in St. Gregory's, Alresford. May she rest in peace. There will be no 9.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion that day.

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.**

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 5th June - Retiring Collection at all Masses for World Communications.

Sunday 5th June - Family Mass in St. Peter's at 10.30am.

Sunday 5th June - St Gregory's Cake Sale in the Parish Pastoral Centre after Mass. Mary Murphy 01962 772176 will be in charge. Please give her your support. Remember, garden produce and savouries are as popular as cakes.

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Please pray for Bridget Knight who died peacefully last Saturday at Westacre Nursing Home. Her family were present. Bridget had just celebrated her 90th birthday. Her funeral is at 12.15pm on Monday, 6th June. May she rest in peace.

Please also pray for Joan McCabe, whose funeral Mass is at 11.00am this Thursday at St. Gregory's and for Herbert Pink whose funeral service is at 2.45pm this Friday at Basingstoke Crematorium. May they rest in peace.



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8.14-17

Psalm Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21



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

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

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 - scaylor@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

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. If you wish 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 12th June - Pentecost Evening 2011 - 7.00pm at Winchester Cathedral. Street Pastors will be commissioned and Rev. Les Isaac will preach. All are warmly invited.

Monday 13th June - the Alresford Giles Group for the disabled and their carers will meet at 2.00pm in the Alresford Community Centre. Tom Yendell will give a talk entitled 'Foot and Mouth Artist.' All Welcome.

Saturday 18th June - St Peter's Primary Catholic School summer fete will take place from 12.00 - 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come along to sample homemade food and cakes, Pimms and bbq, see our fabulous range of stalls including lovely crafts, toys and plants. Take part in some of the activities such as the pet competition, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Activity and see the orchestra from the school and Kings School Steel Band. It will be a great day and all proceeds will go towards the school. The fete takes place on the school grounds.

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 W. F. 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.

Saturday 9th July - SVP Summer Outing for older persons and the sick and housebound to St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead. The coach will leave Jewry Street at 11.00am and the Convent at 4.00pm. Seats are still available (no charge). If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Audrey Atter on 01962 863317 or the parish office on 01962 852804. Transport to and from Jewry Street can be arranged.

July Parish Diary Meeting to be confirmed later.

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

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

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 the item is deemed to be valuable it will be taken to Peterhouse. Periodically, unclaimed items will be sold to charity.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

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 due to be completed by the end of May. The next phase will be erecting the steel frame for the 2 storey building.

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.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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, but 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. Places are available on the weekend of 10-12th June at Wokefield Park, Nr Reading. For details contact Chris & Mary Farrall 02380 275401 or 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).

Sunday 26 June - CAFOD walk for Justice. Join us for a 6 mile walk along beautiful coastline to reflect on how we can live in solidarity with the poor. Starts with a special blessing at 11am from Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 17/18 St James Square, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH5 2BX before making our way along the coast to a picnic lunch at The Priory in Christchurch, returning to Boscombe at around 4.30pm. Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who will take responsibility for them and stay with them at all times. Sponsorship forms are available for those who wish to raise money for CAFOD on the day. Please do not to use Corpus Christi car park. Contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office for car parks. Booking essential: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

Winchester College and the King James Bible - A Quartercentennial Exhibition from 21st August to 25th September at Winchester College. Open to the public from 21st August to 3rd September and for pre-booked parties from 5th to 25th September. Admission is free but by timed-ticket only and must be reserved in advance: To buy tickets either apply in person at the Cathedral box office; Tel: 01962 857275; or online www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Lecture by Oxford university professor Neil Macfarlane on International Intervention and the 'Responsibility to Protect.' Saturday June 18th at 11am at Harvey Hall, St Swithun's School, Winchester SO21 1HA. Tickets at the door £12. All welcome. Professor Macfarlane is one of the world's foremost academic experts on global politics. As the situation in the Middle East grows increasingly complex and dangerous, this is guaranteed to be a fascinating and timely lecture with opportunity for questions and answers. Information: contact gillianhooker@btinternet.com

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



YOUNG PEOPLE



Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

The next meeting for the Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, 9th June 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. This is finished for this term.

Parish Youth Group also finished for the term but please join us on Saturday, 11th June for 'Fired Up' in St. Stephen's/St. Peter's School at 12.30pm

Youth Band meets Friday, 10th June from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St. Stephen's. Age 7-17, any skill level, bring your instrument, doughnuts available. We are practising for Mass at St. Stephen's on the 10th July.

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 11th 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.

Cycle of Prayer: This week we pray for: Legion of Mary. Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Present Diocesan students for the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate. Diocesan Vocations Team for the Ordained Ministry. Those to be ordained for the Diocesan Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate this year. Parish Lay Pastoral Assistants. The Bishops of Clifton and Northampton and the Emeritus Archbishop of Westminster, Priests of this Diocese.

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 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'.

Sponsoring poor children in India: Fr. Ignatius Maddineni, who was with us in 2007, is looking for individual donors to sponsor poor/orphan/semi orphan children in various schools in India partially supported by his charity 'Save the Children Welfare Society'. Sponsorship money (£120 per year per child aged between 5-15) will be used to provide food, clothes, books, uniforms, toys etc. Your support will be much appreciated. There are about 350 children in various schools needing to be sponsored. Details: contact Fr. Ignatius Maddineni at 01635 864416, 07515001645, e-mail: innaiahm@yahoo.co.in.

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 is now cycling from Alresford to Paris to try to raise £1,000 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.

Readers for St. Gregory's - I will soon be drawing up the Readers' list for the second half of the year. If you would like to join or leave the list, please contact me.

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DIOCESAN

Invocations 2011 is a forthcoming national festival for young adults, to be held in the grounds of St. Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from 17-19th June. This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35 who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are searching for the knowledge and tools to develop their own personal formation, discernment and understanding of God's will for their lives, for some this may mean being open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. For information and reservations visit: www.invocation.org.uk

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.

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.

CAFOD collections:

Hampshire Downs have been as generous as ever - just under £2,000 collected for Family Fast Day, and a further £530 in the Easter 5p collection and the CAFOD box. Thanks to all!

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

28th May to 4th June, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 28	6.00 pm	Mass - Intentions of Vincent Burns
Sun 29	8.00 am	Mass - Robert Pritchard RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Maureen Churchill RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass
Mon 30	10.00 am	Mass - Bridget Knight RIP
Tue 31	8.00 am	Mass - Pauline Sayers RIP
Wed 1	12.15 pm	Mass - Kath Soper RIP
Thur 2	7.00 pm	Mass
Fri 3	10.00 am	Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke
	12.15 pm	Mass - Intention of Martin O'Meara
Sat 4	10.00 am	Mass in Winchester Cathedral Lady Mariangela Singh-Satta 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 - Elizabeth Smith RIP
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thur	11.00 am	Requiem Mass for Joan McCabe RIP
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 - People of the Parish



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - Ros Quaife RIP

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

29th May to 5th June, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 337 & Weekday Missal pp 351
Psalter Week 2)



Sunday 29	Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
Monday 30	Monday of the 6th week of Easter
Tuesday 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 1	St. Justin
Thursday 2	of the 6th week of Easter before Ascension or Ss Marcellinus & Peter
Friday 3	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
Saturday 4	Saturday of the 6th week of Easter before Ascension
Sunday 5	The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11. Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23. Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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Canon Alan Griffiths
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,289.68



Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,388,546. We are working on the final £11,500 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.