

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A) 13th February, 2011

There is a French proverb which claims that the more things change the more they remain the same. In the Gospel today Jesus claims that he has not come to abolish the law and the commandments God gave through Moses, but to complete them. The law remains the same and yet its style and compass are greatly changed.

Jesus did not abolish the law and the commandments, in fact the demands he makes are more extensive and far more profound. Jesus expects us not only to keep the law but also to be totally loyal to the gracious and generous spirit in which it is given.

When the law was given to Moses he heard the voice of God. Our communication with God is a conversation from heart to heart, it is a dialogue which persuades us more profoundly than a voice in our ears.

The reason why we take the law given to Moses so seriously is because after it has been completed by Jesus it becomes much more than a set of rules. Jesus challenges us to live the life of the Kingdom of God here on earth. JC

There are a few copies of the 2011 Diocesan Directory at the back of church. If you would like a copy the price is £3. Please put money in the newspaper box.

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.

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 **5th March from 10.00 - 11.00am in St. Peter's Church**. (No sessions on 19th and 26th February)

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

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



TODAY

Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at 12.15pm today in St. Peter's.

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the work of the SVP (Society of St. Vincent de Paul).

Flowers in St. Peter's today are in memory of Dudley Utting.

THIS WEEK

Monday 14 February - Alresford Giles Group for the disabled and their carers will meet at 2.00pm in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford for their AGM. Everyone welcome.

Monday 14th February - Parish Covenant with the Poor Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre, Alresford.

Thursday, 17th February - CWL meet in the Parish Offices after 7.00pm Mass. Deacon Gerard Dailly will give a talk on Lent.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL MASSES 2011

All at 10.00 a.m.

(NO 9.00am Mass in St Peter's on these days)

Saturday, 5th March ♦ Saturday, 4th June
Saturday, 10th September ♦ Saturday, 10th December

The Ministry and Mission displays which were used at the recent Parish Open Meeting will continue the 'Roadshow' visiting St. Gregory's on the 27th February at the 11.00am Mass.

The Annual Report will be available at the back of churches during the 'Roadshows'.

Watch this space for more dates.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Gregory's, Alresford on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, beginning on 9th February, then on 23rd February, and so on each month, from 9.45am until 10.45am.

DIOCESAN

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Crispian 19th - 26th August 2011

To find out more about how to make this journey as a Diocesan Group, there are five Information Evenings from **7.30-9.00pm**: Meeting local to us: **11th March, St. Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford**. Notice at the back of all churches for dates and venues of other meetings. The Pilgrimage is for all ages and abilities, whether you wish to travel on your own, with your family or join as a young helper.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20.

Psalm Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 26th February - Annual Spring Sale in aid of the Sisters' Missions in Africa from 9.30am in the Milner Hall. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Please take them to the Convent. Ursula and Joan will be in charge.

Saturday 26th February - Alton day of Renewal at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead, starting with Mass or Liturgy of the Word at 11.30am, ending at about 4.00pm. The speaker will be Roy Hendy, subject 'One Lord, Jesus Christ.' Any queries contact John Foley on 0118 933 3420 or Sister Paddy on 01256 321276.

Friday 4th March - Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke at 10.00am

Friday 4th March - Winchester City, Women's World Day of Prayer Group warmly invite all to attend and join in the spirit of a service which will be prayed in Christian Churches across the world on this day. The service, prepared by Christian Woman of Chile, has the theme 'How Many Loaves Have You?' The service will be held in Wesley Methodist Church, Stoney Lane, Weeke, at 2.00pm - followed by refreshments.

Friday 4th March - Alresford celebration of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be at 2.30pm at the Methodist Church, Jacklyns Lane. This year's theme is 'How many loaves have you?' Speaker: Dawn Carn, the Methodist Minister.

Friday 4th March - Women's World Day of Prayer. Women from the churches in the Stockbridge area gather together every year to celebrate this day with a service, this year devised by the women of Chile. All are invited at 2.00pm to St. Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell. Speaker: Rev'd Juliet Montague. Refreshments after.

Saturday 5th March - Mass in Winchester Cathedral is at 10.00am. **No 9.00am Mass in St. Peter's.**

Sunday 6th March - Praise Mass at 5.30pm in St. Stephen's. More information can be found on the website.

Sunday 6th March - No Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's.

Wednesday 9th March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

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

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

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

Friday 18th March is Lent Fast Day

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

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

- **The St. Gregory's February Cake Sale** raised £75. Our thanks to all contributors and to Linda Smith.

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.

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 February we are focussing on toiletries, e.g. toilet bags, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo etc. 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.

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

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).

CAFOD The next diocesan CAFOD Supporter's Day meeting is next Saturday, February 19th, 10.00am - 1.15pm in Basingstoke. St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. Booking essential. Contact: Portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or telephone 01252 329385. Parishioners are welcome.

Music Excellence Awardees Recital - Foundation Music at the University of Winchester is organising a musical evening in aid of CAFOD on Friday 4 March, 7pm, University Chapel (King Alfred Campus), Winchester SO22 4NR. Music Excellence Awardees and Winton Bursary recipients will be performing. Suggested donations £3. Interval refreshments available. Tickets can be booked in advance from foundation.music@winchester.ac.uk or 01962 827466

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.

Street Pastors: If you were unable to attend the recent recruitment evening but are interested in becoming a street pastor, it is possible to obtain application forms from the coordinator, Mark Hibbert Hingston (Winchester@streetpastors.org.uk or 01962 854454). Applications must be in by 28th February. Further information available from Steve Taylor (sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk or 01962 867117).



Young People

Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

Confirmation Candidates are on Retreat at Cold Ash from 6.00pm this Friday, 18th to 3.00pm Sunday 20th February.



Contact: Don West - 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 on 16th February 7.00-9.00pm at St. Edward's, Chandler's Ford. Minibus leaves from St. Stephen's at 6.45pm.

SPYT AUDITIONS - St Peters Youth Theatre will be recommencing after half term on Tuesday 1st March, 7.00-9.00pm in St. Stephen's Church. We will be holding auditions for our next big production, Bugsy Malone. All those of secondary school age are most welcome to come along. For further details please contact Deb Falconer - 01962 843638 or Julia Bray - 01962 853813.

Parish Youth Band - Interested in making music at Church? Parish Youth Band starts on Friday 4th March from 6.00-7.00pm at St. Stephen's and then every fortnight. Bring your instrument and join other young people in playing some good tunes, eating pizza and having fun. All ages from 7-17'ish, any skill level, any instrument - all are welcome as we will find a place for you to play. Contact Nicky Whiles via the Parish Office for more information and just turn up.

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.

Adult Formation

Scripture Reflection Group meetings have been suspended for the time being but there will be opportunities during Lent.

The Catechism in the Catholic Church. What does it offer us? ... Fr John is sharing the secrets of the Catechism with us. The second talk is on Monday 28th February, we have **'The Recipe'**. It is at **St Stephen's' 7.00pm** for 7:30pm start; refreshments provided. Do come along and be prepared to be enlightened. (Both talks are being 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: with Ash Wednesday starting on 9th March it is time to be considering joining one of the small faith sharing groups which will be meeting throughout the parish in Lent to reflect on the Sunday gospels. Sign up sheets with details of times, days and venues of all the groups in the parish will become available in all our churches from Sunday 20th February.

No time to join a group? Materials for individual reflection will be available for purchase from the bookshop or to download from the parish website.

Called to be a leader? Would you like to lead a group but are unsure what it entails? In order to support and encourage all those taking on this role, whether first timers or experienced leaders, there will be a meeting on Monday 21st February at 7.30 pm in the Community Room at St Stephen's. Please come along and find out more. If you would like more information contact Teresa Keogh tel: 07901 732154

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The demolition is now complete. The new building work will start in March. **Peterhouse, Milner Hall and the Convent are now accessed by the parish from St Peter Street.**

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.

Trees. Several trees are being felled during half-term week, 22nd-24th February. The cedar tree is one of them and will be used for wood turning products. The replacement for it, a London Plane, will be planted later in the year.

Car Parking at Weekends:

Please be aware of the new parking regulations in Winchester City at weekends. As far as I can work out, the new regulations will only affect people coming to the 10.30am Mass. Please note that permit or paid parking is only available in St. Peter Street at this time and no parking is allowed in unallocated bays. Free parking is available in Tower Street Car Park and the Council Station Car Park. PJT

Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for: The people of Europe, especially of Eastern Europe. Those who do not believe in God. Union of Catholic Mothers. Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scout Groups in the Diocese. Servite Secular Institute. New Religious Movements in the Church. Priests no longer in active ministry.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

12th to 19th February, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 12	6.00 pm	Mass - Reg Williams RIP
Sun 13	8.00 am	Mass - Intentions of the Neil family
	10.30 am	Mass - John Hill RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form Father Peter Sprague RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Peter Walshe RIP
Mon 14	12.15 pm	Mass - Canon Patrick Curtin RIP
Tue 15	8.00 am	Mass - For the Dead in Cemeteries
Wed 16	12.15 pm	Mass - Beatrice Hew Tompson RIP
Thur 17	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - 'Peace in all areas of conflict'
Fri 18	12.15 pm	Mass - Elaine Radzik RIP
Sat 19	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 - Margaret Clarke RIP
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Benefactors
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 - Christopher Laing RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

13th to 20th February, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 388 & Weekday Missal pp 497
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 13	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 14	St. Cyril & St. Methodius
Tuesday 15	Feria
Wednesday 16	Feria
Thursday 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Service Order or Feria
Friday 18	Feria
Saturday 19	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 20	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18.
First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23.
Matthew 5:38-48

Psalms Response: The Lord is compassion and love.



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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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Eucharistic Adoration - Irena (01962 880678)

Milner Hall Bookings - Claire Cadrine
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St. Gregory's Hall Bookings - Parish Office (01962 852804)

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£4,149.76**



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.