

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



9th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A) 6th March, 2011

I imagine that all of us want to be like the sensible man in the Gospel who built his house on the firm foundation of rock. Using this image of solid foundations, Jesus tells us today that to be sensible we must listen to his words and put them into action.

Jesus is in fact the 'Word of God' (See John Chapter 1) and his life and work is all about revealing the way, the truth and the gift of life itself. Appropriately Christians take very seriously the words of Moses in Deuteronomy today 'Let these words of mine remain in your heart and in your soul; fasten them on your head as a sign and on your forehead as a circlet.'

St. John tells us that all things are made through Jesus and as a result his message of life comes to us in an infinite variety of ways including scripture, prayer, relationships, creation and our liturgical celebrations. During Lent please join one of the scripture groups as they provide an opportunity to recognise the presence of God's word in our lives.

The word of life also comes to us through the teaching of the Church. That is why I am so grateful to Fr. John Catlin and to all who helped make his two sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church such a success, especially the Adult Education Group and those who arranged the hospitality. PJT

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY

(Day of fasting and abstinence)

Masses

St. Peter's: 7.30am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm
St. Stephen's: 10.30am (liturgy with the school)
St. Gregory's: 10.30am

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

I would like to invite everyone to my installation as an **Ecumenical Canon of Winchester Cathedral** in the Cathedral on Sunday 10th April at 3.30pm. There will be refreshments afterwards. PJT

Milner Hall bookings have now been taken over by Claire Cadrine. Please contact her on 01962 884610, 07505965059 or clairecadrine@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 **12th March from 10.30 - 12.00noon in St. Peter's School.** (No sessions on 19th and 26th February). The next **Parent's meeting** is on **Thursday, 31st March from 8.00-9.00pm in St. Peter's School.**

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

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Crispian will be read out at all Masses today.

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the Cabrini Children's Society. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes which can be found at the back of all churches.

During the Masses today our young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation will be formally accepted into the process of preparation.

The St. Gregory's Cake Sale today is in St. Gregory's Hall.

Praise Mass - today at 5.50pm in St. Stephen's. Do you enjoy Praise and Worship? Did you come along to the first Praise Mass in February? Following the success and positive reception of the last workshop and Mass are celebrating Mass again today. Mass will begin with a time of Praise and Worship and will end at about 7.15pm. If you would like to know more about Praise and Worship in our parish, please give Paul and Clare Robinson a call on 01962 885858. We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Bring your friends!

THIS WEEK

Monday 7th March - Winchester Catholic History Group meets at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Milner Hall where Peter Paul Bogan, former Archivist here at St. Peter's will talk on 'The Saints of Hyde: Hyde Abbey Revisited'. Non members £3.

Tuesday 8th March - Funeral Service for George Monger at 2.00pm at St. Gregory's. May he rest in peace.

Wednesday 9th March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Masses in St. Peter's will be at 7.30am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm. Liturgy will be at St. Stephen's at 10.30am (with the school) and Mass at St. Gregory's at 10.30am.

Wednesday 9th March - Eucharistic Adoration in St. Gregory's has been cancelled that day as it is Ash Wednesday.

Thursday 10th March - The joint funeral of Patrick and Mona Lavelle will take place at 1.30pm in St John the Baptist Church, Andover followed by cremation at Salisbury (family only please). All are welcome at St. John the Baptist Church at 1.30pm and to enjoy a celebration buffet in the Church Hall afterwards.

Thursday 10th March - A liturgy in remembrance of Harold Kamm will be celebrated at St. Thomas More, Stockbridge at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Friday 11th March - Stations of the Cross at 11.45am. Stations will be at the same time every Friday during Lent.

Saturday 12th March - Rite of Election at 11.00am at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. During this liturgy those who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil will become Catechumens and those who are already baptised will be called to go forth to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church at Easter.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 13th March - Retiring Collection at all Masses for the Covenant with the Poor.

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

The Ministry and Mission displays used at the recent Parish Open Meeting continue the 'Roadshow' visiting St. Thomas More's on the 13th and St. Stephen's on the 20th March. The Annual Report will be available at the 'Roadshow'.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28.32

Psalm Response: Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

2nd Reading: St. Paul to the Romans 3:21-25.28

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

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Thursday 17th March - CWL meet after 7.00pm Mass in the Parish Office for their AGM.

Thursday 17th March - Stewardship Group meeting at 7.30pm in St. Peter's School.

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

Saturday 19th March - St. Patrick's Day Social has been cancelled. A volunteer is needed to organise next year's event. Please Contact Angela Muxworthy on 07876444124

Saturday 19th March - 8pm 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.

Sunday 20th March - Appeal in aid of CAFOD at all Masses to promote the CAFOD Fast Day on Friday 25th March.

Sunday 20th March - Blessing for all RCIA Candidates will take place at the 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's.

Monday 21st March - The Ascent Group meets at 2.15pm in the Convent. All are very welcome.

Tuesday 22nd March - St. Gregory's Worshipping Community Pastoral Group meets at 7.00pm in St. Gregory's Hall. If you wish to raise anything, could you please let Sue Trowbridge or one of the committee know.

Friday 25th March - CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Please take part and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters living in poverty around the world. Envelopes will be available on the weekend 19/20th March (to be brought back the following weekend). The focus country is Colombia - for more information please read the Fast Day envelope and visit <http://www.cafod.org.uk/giveitup> www.cafod.org.uk/giveitup (from here, you can also sign up to receive weekly Lenten reflections via email).

Friday 25th March - Blessing of the Tichborne Dole at 2.00pm in St. Margaret's, Tichborne. All are welcome.

Sunday 27th March - Retiring Collections at all Masses for envelopes from the CAFOD Fast Day and Easter flowers.

Wednesday 6th April - Justice and Peace Group meets in St. Stephen's Community Room at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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

Sunday 24th April is Easter Sunday.

Saturday 10th September - 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.

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 as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited. For more information contact: Katja Babei, Advisor for Marriage and Family Life, Park Place. kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 01329 835583

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Betsy Sheppard and Nyima and Musa Sanyang who were baptised in St. Peter's last weekend. Please pray for George Monger and Harold Kamm who died recently. May they rest in peace.



LENT IN THE PARISH

Lent starts soon!

Lent Groups: There are a few places remaining in the faith sharing groups - 'The Disciple's Journey: Called, Transformed, Sent to Serve', which will be meeting in Lent, starting in the week of 7th March.

These groups are already full:

Mondays 2.15pm - The Convent

Tuesdays 8.00pm - Weeke

Thursdays 10.30am - Central Winchester

BUT you can still get a place in these groups:

Wednesdays 7.30pm - Kingsworthy

Thursdays 10.00am - Harestock

Thursday 8.00pm - Orams Harbour

Sign up using one of the sheets at the back of church or contact Teresa Keogh tel: 07901 732154.

No time to join a group? Materials for individual reflection are available for purchase from the bookshop or to download from the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Churches Together in Alresford - Lent Study 2011 - This year's Lent Study will consist of food for the soul and the body! The course is entitled "Encountered: meeting God in ordinary places" and explores the ordinary places of the Easter Story in which the extraordinary events of God's life occurred. The courses will each be of five consecutive weekly sessions and be held in three venues, two midday (Tuesday or Friday) and one evening (Wednesday), as follows:

Tuesdays, from 15th March, 12.30 - 2.00 in the Christy Hall, Old Alresford: Leaders Gail Straker (732438) and Carol Beetham (732997)

Fridays, from 11th March, 12.00 - 2.00 in Alresford Community Centre: Leaders Jackie Connell (732056) and Miranda Pinch (732064)

Wednesdays from 16th March, 7.00 - 9.00pm at Walnut House, New Farm Road. Leaders Sue Trowbridge (734886) and Piers Armstrong (734542)

There will also be sign-up sheets in all churches, where further details will be given out. Each set of sessions will feature a bring and share meal.

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).

Fairtrade Fortnight, continued:

Tuesday 8th March, 6.00 for 6.30pm: Fairtrade and Climate Change: a Common Cause, a talk by Toby Quantrill, the Fairtrade Foundation Head of Policy, The Stripe, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road.

Sunday 13th March, 11.00am to 3.00pm: Fairtrade Open Day with stalls and hourly fashion shows, Courtyard Room, Winchester Guildhall.

Tom Wright 'Lent for Everyone: Matthew' - Copies of the book are available at the cost of £5 and are suitable for individual or group study. Weekly Lent courses based on the book will be held at the Cathedral on Monday evenings 21st & 28th March, 4th & 11th April at 7.00pm at the Cathedral Education Centre, led by Canon Roly Riem and at East Winchester on Tuesday evenings 15th, 22nd, 29th, March and 5th, 12th April at 7.30pm in All Saints Hall, led by Revd Paul Kennedy, (parking available). All welcome to attend any of these sessions.

Wednesday 23rd March - 'What does the census tell us about religion in the UK today?' Talk by Dr. Christina Welch at the United Church, Winchester from 12.30 to 1.00pm. Admission free. Tea and coffee available, bring your own sandwiches.

Open Invitation to come and rest awhile at the Convent of St. Lucy at Medstead. The Sisters of St. Lucy Filippini offer extensive surroundings, quiet atmosphere, daily Mass and lovely meals. For more Information call 01420 563562



YOUNG PEOPLE

Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

The next meeting for the Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, 17th March at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School. 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 This Wednesday, 9th March 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) relaunches on Wednesday, 16th March at 7.00pm 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.

Youth Leaders: Friday 25th March from 7.00-9.30pm at St. Stephen's - 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.

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.

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: **This Friday, 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.

Adult Formation

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

See our parish website for details of other opportunities.

THANK YOU

- to Ursula and Joan and all who helped in any way to make the Sisters' sale last week such a resounding success. A special thank you to all who gave such generous donations. Over £1,000 was raised and will shortly be sent to their Missions in Ehtiopia and Aritrea. May God bless you all, you are in our prayers.

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 and March 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.

Alton Convent School - Garden House Nursery, Prep and Senior School Open Morning on Friday 18th March from 9.30am to 12.00 noon. No appointment necessary.

St. Gregory's 100 Club February Draw for £50 was won by Ann Robertson.

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 have now been felled. The cedar tree was one of them and will be used for wood turning products. The replacement, a London Plane, will be planted later in the year. Logs from the prunus and the Convent's fir tree are available. First come. Donations welcome.

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

5th to 12th March, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 5	6.00 pm	Mass - Patrick Howkins RIP
Sun 6	8.00 am	Mass - David Fox RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Intentions of Victoria Kerr
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass
Mon 7	12.15 pm	Mass - Canon Patrick Curtin RIP
Tue 8	8.00 am	Mass - Dead and Founders
Wed 9	7.30 am	Mass - Brother Martin Fahy RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass - Intentions of Elizabeth Phelan
	7.30 pm	Mass
Thur 10	7.00 pm	Mass
Fri 11	11.45 am	Stations of the Cross
	12.15 pm	Mass
Sat 12	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 - Private Intention
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Benefactors
	2.00 pm	Funeral Service for George Monger RIP
Wed	10.30 am	Mass and distribution of ashes
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 - John Day RIP
	5.30 pm	Praise Mass
Wed	10.30 am	Mass (with the school)



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
Thur	3.00 pm	Memorial Mass for Harold Kamm RIP

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

6th to 13th March, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 168 & Weekday Missal pp 534-538. 133 Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 6	Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 7	Ss Perpetua & Felicity or Feria
Tuesday 8	St. John of God or Feria
Wednesday 9	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 10	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday 11	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday 12	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sunday 13	First Sunday of Lent (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7.

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-19.

Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.



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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,710.25

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,372,029. We are working on the final £28,000 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.