

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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## EASTER SUNDAY (A) 24th April, 2011

'This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad'.

As Simon Peter went into Jesus' empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday, he saw the cloths that had been used to wrap Jesus' body lying on the ground and the one that had been over his head rolled up in a place by itself. Peter would have remembered how Lazarus had emerged from his tomb, following his being brought back from the dead by Jesus, still bound with the grave cloths.

Unlike Lazarus, Jesus had left behind his grave cloths and he wouldn't need them again. The cloths lying on the ground are a sign that Jesus had risen into a new life bringing us back to true life and making us a new creation. As we renew our baptismal commitment this weekend let us rejoice and be glad because, as St. Paul says, "When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might have a new life." In our celebration of the Eucharist this weekend we give thanks for the gift of our risen Lord and for our share in his resurrection.

On behalf of the clergy and the Sisters I wish you all a holy and happy Easter. Thanks for your generosity and kindness to us and for your many greetings and good wishes.

A warm welcome to our new Catholics who joined us through Baptism or reception into the Church this weekend.

PJT

**Please pray for** Monica Ebbs who died this week. Her funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 27th April at 12.15pm

The New Missal: I have been informed about the plans for the introduction of the New Missal. During the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

**Psalm Response:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**2nd Reading:** Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9



### TODAY

Today is Easter Sunday.

### THIS WEEK

**Monday 25th April** - is a Bank Holiday. Mass in St. Peter's is at 10.00 a.m.

**Friday 29th April** - is a Bank Holiday. Mass in St. Peter's is at 10.00 am.

**Saturday April 30 - Sunday May 1st - Prayer and Pilgrimage**  
Several Winchester Catenians plan to support Fr Mark Hogan by walking with him on the last 8 miles of his pilgrimage along the South Downs Way as a prayer for vocations. If you would like to join us please contact John Perry 01962 863811. For information, see Feb/March Portsmouth People (Page 18).

**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.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 1st May - Divine Mercy Sunday** - 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.

**Sunday 1st May** - There will be no Cake Sale at St. Gregory's.

**Easter Mass Collections:** Please note that the collections taken at the Easter Masses are your personal gifts to the priests of the parish in gratitude for all that they do for us throughout the year.

Heavenly Father,  
we ask your blessing  
upon his Royal Highness, Prince William and Catherine  
as they pledge their love for each other in marriage.  
May your love unite them through their lives.  
Grant them the strength to serve you,  
our country and the Commonwealth  
with integrity and faithfulness.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

### 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 - 12.00 noon in St. Peter's School.** No session on the 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

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

**Sunday 8th May** - The **Bookshop** is visiting **St. Gregory's, Alresford**. First Communion gifts, rosaries, Missals, cards etc. will be available.

**Monday 9th May** - The **Giles Group** for the disabled and their carers will meet at 2.00pm in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford for a talk by Barry Sloan on the Fire Service. There is also a 'Drop in' service every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12.00 noon for a cup of coffee where everyone is welcome.

**Monday 9th May** - **Winchester Catholic History Group** - 'Ancient Almshouses in Central Southern England' by Steve Taylor, Archaeologist, Winchester. 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Milner Hall. Non-members £3.

**Saturday 14th May** - **St. Thomas More Prayer Group** meets from 3.00-5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All are welcome.

**Sunday 15th May** - The first of the **First Holy Communion Masses** is at St. Peter's at 12.15pm.

**Sunday 15th May** - **First Holy Communion Mass** at St. Gregory's at 11.00 am. This coincides with the Watercress Festival, so local parking will be restricted.

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

**Sunday 22nd May** - The second of the **First Holy Communion Masses** is at St. Peter's at 12.15pm.

**Saturday 28th May** - **Help for Hero's Charity Fundraiser**. Come along and enjoy the sounds of the 60's. Music courtesy of 'Hot Rabbit' with a guest appearance from 'The Works'. Where: St. Peter's School. Time: 7.30pm. Tickets priced £12.50 include supper and a pay bar will be available. This event is for adults and young people over the age of 16 years. More information and tickets from Abi Robinson Tel: 01962 885858

**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

**Cycle of Prayer: This week we pray for:** For an ever deeper confidence in the power of Christ and his Resurrection. The Holy Father (Pontificate inaugurated 24.4.05) The newly baptised. Diocesan Easter Walking Pilgrimage. Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. Montford Fathers in the Diocese.

## Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

**Please pray for** Gertrude Heggerty and Monica Ebbs who died recently. May they rest in peace



## 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](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk)



## LENT IN THE PARISH

**No time to be in a group this Lent? Reflect with those who are...**

The mysteries of the Easter story are not logical - a share in eternal life is an awesome and wonderful grace, but sometimes we can struggle with the concept. What are the struggles and joys of the passion and resurrection for you? What did it mean for Jesus to abandon himself into the hands of the Father? What might it mean for you?

## DIOCESAN

**Celebrating Marriage 2011** - On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Please see poster on the noticeboard or contact Maureen Simmons, Tel: 01329 835363, Email: [schools@portsmouthdiocese.org](mailto:schools@portsmouthdiocese.org).

**A vacancy has arisen for a full-time Administrator** to work in the Finance and Property Department of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth at St. Edmund House, Edinburgh Road. 35 hrs per week Mon to Fri, 9.00am to 5.00pm commencing 1st June 2011. Interested? Go to [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies.php](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies.php)

## OUTREACH AND MISSION

**MARRIED COUPLES:** 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. It is however 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. There are places available on the weekend taking place at Wokefield Park, near Reading on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June. For details please contact Chris & Mary Farrall 02380 275401 or visit [/www.wmme.org.uk](http://www.wmme.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).

**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.

## 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?

**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, 6th May from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St. Stephen's. Age 7-17, any skill level, bring your instrument, doughnuts available.

**Youth Group - The Great Escape** - Youth group is back on Thursdays in May (5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th). We will be meeting at St Stephens church from 7.00-9.00pm and the school grounds will give us an opportunity to escape outside for some of the evening! We have lots planned: art, quizzes, great activities.... and pizza!! Hope to see you there if you are at secondary school. From the Youth Group Team (call Liza on 868714 for more details)

**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.

## Catholic Social Teaching Justice in Action

Hampshire Downs Parish held 6 well-attended evening sessions last Autumn exploring Catholic Social Teaching.

Now we are holding a programme of 4 evening sessions in May/June presenting examples of how this Teaching is being put into practical Action.

**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 4th May** - Liza Nahajski, Beth Taylor, Nicholas Grey and Liz Whitfield talking about WinACC and Climate Justice, WACA, Solent MIND, Wells for India and Boaz.

**Wednesday 11th May** - Steve Taylor, Audrey Atter, Sue Wade and Jo Tanter talking about Prison Visiting, Street Pastors, SVP, Howard League, Trinity Centre and Emmaus.

**Wednesday 25th May** - Maria Arana of CAFOD ... "Live Simply" and "Climate Justice".

**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'.

**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.

## 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.

**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.

## 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 have started 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.

### 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. The portaloo will also be open for all Easter Services.

**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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or 01252 329385 by the end of April 2011.

## 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

23rd to 30th April, 2011

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 23	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 24	8.00 am	Mass
	10.30 am	Mass - Eddie Willis RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
	6.00 pm	<b>NO Evening Prayer and Benediction</b>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Philomena McClean RIP
Mon 25	10.00 am	Mass - Ian Brien RIP
Tue 26	8.00 am	Mass - Katherine Smith RIP
Wed 27	12.15 pm	Mass - Funeral Mass for Monica Ebbs RIP
Thur 28	7.00 pm	Mass
Fri 29	10.00 am	Mass
Sat 30	9.00 am	Mass - Tony Pharo 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	No Eucharistic
Wed	1.00 pm - 8.00 pm	Adoration
Thur	9.00 am - 5.00 pm	until Tuesday, 3rd May



### St. Gregory's, Alresford

Sat	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	11.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
Mon	8.00 am	Mass (Latin)
	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - William Meader RIP
Wed	8.00 am	Mass (Latin)
	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thur	8.00 am	Mass (Latin)
	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	8.00 am	Mass (Latin)
	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



### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

24th April to 1st May, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 316 & Weekday Missal pp 263  
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 24	<b>Easter Sunday (A)</b>
Monday 25	Monday within Easter Octave
Tuesday 26	Tuesday within Easter Octave
Wednesday 27	Wednesday within Easter Octave
Thursday 28	Thursday within Easter Octave
Friday 29	Friday within Easter Octave
Saturday 30	Saturday within Easter Octave
Sunday 1	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (A)</b>



**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47.  
First Letter of St. Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31

**Psalm Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

## PARISH OFFICE

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## CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

**Canon Paul Townsend** (Parish Priest)  
**Fr. John Catlin** (Associate Pastor)  
**Canon Alan Griffiths**  
**Fr. Vincent Convery** (Prison & Hospital Chaplain)  
**Fr. Brian Croughan** (Retired Priest)  
**Deacon Gerard Dailly** ☎ 01962 736389  
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**Catherine Christmas** (Music, Liturgy & Communications)  
**Sisters of St Lucy**, St. Peter's Convent ☎ 01962 854040

### St. Peter's Catholic Primary School:

Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB

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office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

**Confirmation** - Don West (01962 865153)  
don.west@ntlworld.com

**Weddings** - Parish Office (01962 852804)

**Communion to Sick & Housebound** - Imelda Weingart-West  
(01962 865153 or imelda.weingart@ntlworld.com)

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Irena (01962 880678)

**Milner Hall Bookings** - Claire Cadrine  
(01962 884610, Mob 07505965059 or clairecadrine@f2s.com)  
**St. Gregory's Hall Bookings** - Parish Office (01962 852804)

## We acknowledge with thanks:

### Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,980.64



**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.