

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A) 2nd January, 2011

Do you think of yourself as an Epiphany? If you don't, then the Feast of Jesus' Epiphany is a timely reminder that you should.

Every year on the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate God's complete and definitive revelation of himself to the world in Jesus.

We, the disciples of Jesus are called to imitate the person we follow. Therefore we are all called to be manifestations of God's presence in the world.

Even though we cannot be perfect manifestations of God, as Jesus was, none the less we have a part to play in God's revelation of himself.

When we were baptised Jesus commissioned us to continue the work he began. Now, it is through us that Jesus' gospel of truth and love is being proclaimed. We are all Epiphany's.

Like the three Kings we have seen God's glory in Jesus, therefore we can enrich the life of the world by sharing what we have seen.

The way we reveal God to the world is simple. God is made known in our integrity. Our integrity is seen in the compelling integration of our faith and our behaviour.

It was integrity like this that people found attractive in Jesus. In time people will come to realise that such behaviour is not a witness to our own goodness, it is a manifestation of the presence of 'God with us' in the world.

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TODAY

We wish you all a very happy, peaceful, blessed New Year.

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The January 2011 Diary leaflet is now available at the back of all churches. Do take a copy.

Flowers in St. Peter's today are in memory of Eileen Crosbie.

Flowers in St. Stephen's today are in memory of John O'Rourke

The St Gregory's 100 Club December £50.00 prize draw is being made today.

No Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's today.

There will be no cake sale at St Gregory's in January.

Message for St. Peter's readers. Please note that today is the Feast of the Epiphany, not the Second Sunday of Christmas.

2011 Diaries have at last arrived and can be found at the back of church. They are free. One per family.

St. Peter's Readers' - Scripture Guides are now ready for collection from the Sacristy.

THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd January is a Bank Holiday. Mass in St. Peter's is at 10.00am.

Wednesday 5th January - Justice and Peace Group meets at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room. All are welcome

Thursday 6th January - Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm in the Parish Office in The Old Georgian

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 9th January - Flowers in St. Peters are in memory of Michael Ede.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

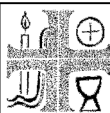
1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw the star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



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) and would like to enrol in the programme.

It begins with an **introductory session for parents** on **Thursday 13th January, 8.00 - 9.00pm** in St. Peter's School, followed by the **first children's session** on **Saturday 22nd January, 10.30am - 12.00noon**, also in St. Peter's School.

Forms are available at the back of all churches. Please take one and return it to the Parish Office.

Confirmation 2011 - See the Young People section for details. The next meeting for candidates will be on Thursday, 20th January at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 10th January 2011 - Winchester Catholic History Group - 'Englefield, Plowden and Wollascott: Responses to the Reformation,' a talk by Tony Hadland, Author and Editor of Oxfordshire Family Historial. 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Milner Hall. All welcome. Non-members £3.

Tuesday 11th January - Eucharistic Adoration resumes.

Tuesday 11th January - Hampshire Downs Liturgy Group meets at 7.30pm in the Parish Office in the Old Georgian.

Saturday 15th January 2011 - Lay Liturgical Leadership training day (for the whole parish) at St Gregory's, Alresford from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Contact Catherine Christmas for details.

18th - 25 January 2011 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. See details opposite. Please note: **The Unity Service** will be held in **St Peter's on Sunday 23rd January at 6.30pm.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Alresford - The 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will start with a joint service in Alresford Methodist church on 16 January. Each evening during the week we will hold a short service of evening prayer at St. Gregory's. The week will end with the much anticipated and ever popular (and usually oversubscribed!) unity lunch at St Gregory's Parish Pastoral Centre on 23 January. Watch out for details of ticket availability.

Wednesday 26th January - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meets at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Thursday 27th January - Parish Annual meeting at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School.

Sunday 6th February - Praise Mass for Hampshire Downs

We are delighted to welcome the Catholic Rock band Crossbeam to lead a Praise Mass in the early evening, to be held at St. Stephen's Church. Prior to the Mass, Crossbeam will lead a music workshop which aims to introduce this style of worship to all who feel that they might be interested in learning more about praise music, or getting involved in forming our own Parish Praise Band. You don't need to be expert - just enthusiastic! A worship band is just that; worship; it is not a performance, but a way of celebrating and sharing the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. For more details about the Mass or to register for the music workshop, please contact Paul and Clare Robinson on 01962 885858 or email hampshiredownspraise@ymail.com Further details later!

St. Peter's School

Little Fishes Pre-school - The Governors of St Peter's Catholic Primary School would like to hear from suitably qualified pre-school assistant who would like to work flexible casual hours in our thriving pre-school. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic, caring and open minded. A sense of humour and the ability to work closely within a team is essential. Little Fishes Pre-School offers sessional care for children aged 2 to 5 years. We have a strong community ethos and value each individual. Visits to the Pre-School are welcome by appointment. Please contact the school office for further information (01962 852820).

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



18 - 25 January 2011

'All Things In Common'

In 2011 Christians in Jerusalem invite the world-wide Church to pray with them for the unity of the Church and justice and peace in the Holy Land and through the world.

Tues 18	12 30 - 1pm	Lunchtime Prayers The United Church, Jewry St
Wed 19	12 30 - 1pm	Space in the City, 'A Rough Guide to Heaven' Dr Paula Gooder The United Church, Jewry St
Wed 19	6 00 - 9pm	Prayer Vigil St Swithun upon Kingsgate
Thur 20	12 30 - 1pm	Lunchtime Prayers St Peter's, Jewry St
Fri 21	12 30 - 1pm	Lunchtime Prayers Cathedral, Lady Chapel

Sunday 23 January

Shared Ministry at various times and venues during the morning

6 30pm - Christian Unity Service St Peter's, Jewry Street

Speaker: *Revd Dr Howard Mellor, Discernment & Selection Officer Methodist Connexional*
Theme: *All things in Common - The Bible*

GENERAL

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Welcomers at St. Gregory's - If you have not already received a copy of the rota for the first half of 2011, please pick one up in the church porch or email Paul Kennedy on pbk25@btinternet.com

OUTREACH AND MISSION

A place to rent - can you help? Nigel Hemming, the new Associate Pastor at Winchester Vineyard Church from January 2011, is looking for a house for him and his family to rent for about 3 months, ideally in the Harestock/Weeke area. If you or someone you know might be able to help, please contact him on nigel.hemming@vineyardnetworkchurch.com

CAN YOU HELP? More volunteers are required to provide a hot meal on behalf of the parish of Hampshire Downs to the **Winchester Churches Nightshelter** in Jewry Street during January, February & early March. If you are able to help just once during this period by providing a meal for 4 or 6 people please let Pat Harris know (01962 620979 or patlunn.harris@ntlworld.com) and she will contact you to agree a date.

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.



Young People

Youth Theatre Group has resumed. Contact: Julia Bray on 01962 853813 or Deb Falconer on 01962 843638.

Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011

Next meeting for Confirmation Candidates will be on Thursday, 20th January at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School. Many thanks to all those who turned up last week. Details of all meetings can be found on the Facebook page. Details below. If you are between 13 and 17 and have not yet been Confirmed, please contact the Confirmation Team via the Parish Office on 01962 852804. For more details, contact Don West on 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 last two sessions are the 13th and 27th January in St Stephen's Community Room. Contact the Parish Office for details and pick up a card at the back of church.

SPOG's (Older Youth Group) next meeting, Wednesday 12th January, 2011, 7.00 - 9.00pm in the Parish Office meeting room. It is aimed at young people who have been Confirmed, offering them an opportunity to explore their faith. Run for young people by young people, SPOG combines spiritual development with social time, music and plenty of pizza! We are keen to gain new members from the whole parish, so if you're interested please contact Lucrezia on lucrezia.slinn@hotmail.co.uk.

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2011. Following on from our successful 2009 trip, Canon Paul is leading another Youth Pilgrimage during the October half term, visiting Jerusalem and sites around the Sea of Galilee. It is aimed at young people from Years 9 and upwards. **Dates:** Friday Oct 21st to Friday Oct 28th 2011, **Cost: £900** We will be organising some sponsorship and fundraising activities during the spring and summer terms and will be offering some assisted places so if you want to come and cost is a problem please see Fr Paul and we will sort that out. We are using a budget airline so need firm commitments and a deposit by the end of January. For further details please contact Sue Broadbent Tel 01962 827764 or suewade@btconnect.com

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 as soon as possible 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.

Stamps for Naomi House

Please remember to save stamps from all your Christmas cards for Naomi House and put them in the collection box on the table in St Gregory's porch.

Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for: Ethnic Communities in the Diocese. Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe. Sisters of Our Lady of Charity in the Diocese. Sacred Heart (Rome) Handmaids in the Diocese. Clergy celebrating Jubilees this year. Judicial Vicar and work of Diocesan Tribunal. 'Marriage Care'.

Adult Formation

Baptised people: light in darkness - 21st - 23rd January 2011, Bournemouth - Led by members of the diocesan Department for Pastoral Formation, this weekend is an opportunity to explore how we are called, as baptised people, to share our faith and experience with others. We will approach the theme through practical sessions, input, prayer, reflection and liturgy. For further information, contact Eileen Stephenson (01329 835583) or estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Space in the City talks - For details of the Spring 2011 series (Wednesdays 12th Jan - 2nd Feb), see www.spaceinthecity.org.uk

Training and Formation for Lay Liturgical Leaders (for the whole parish) - Saturday 15th January 2011, St Gregory's, Alresford. Please contact Catherine Christmas for details.

Scripture Reflection Group meets next on **Tuesday 18th January.** (Details of venue to follow.) A simple, shared meal, followed by prayer, reflection, sharing and theological input. Please bring simple food to share. All are welcome.

See our parish website for details of other opportunities.

CLOSING THE PARISH CENTRE

The demolition is now complete. There is no parking in that area. The new building work will start in March. **Peterhouse, Milner Hall and the Convent are now accessed by the parish from St Peter Street.** Please contact the parish office if you have questions about the interim arrangements during the demolition and build phases.

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. We are trying to deter long-term and day parking and are using the barriers and bollards to reserve parking for church purposes.

Public toilets are available outside the Discovery Centre (on the side facing the Theatre Royal).

THANK YOU

- A very special thank you from Fr. Paul and Fr. John for the very generous Christmas collection.
- Once again to all who worked so hard during the Christmas season to enhance our churches and liturgies with decorations, music, service, transport etc. as well as for their hard work and dedication throughout last year.
- To Naomi Hartley who played the organ at Mass for the first time in St Peter's last Sunday.

ST. PETER'S BOOKSHOP

Now open in the Old Georgian (entrance on Jewry Street).



Books, cards and religious items.

Opening times on posters in our churches.

All volunteers, please remember you are still needed!

Look out for the bookshop when it travels to St. Gregory's, St. Thomas More's and St. Stephen's.

Please come and visit our new premises!

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

1st to 8th January, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 1	6.00 pm	Mass - Paul Darville RIP
Sun 2	8.00 am	Mass
	10.30 am	Mass - Cath Leal RIP
	6.00 pm	<u>NO Evening Prayer and Benediction</u>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Intention of Gerard Carton
Mon 3	10.00 am	Mass
Tue 4	8.00 am	Mass - Eleanor Meader RIP
Wed 5	12.15 pm	Mass - Molly O'Brien RIP
Thur 6	7.00 pm	Mass - Margaret and Mary Downey RIP
Fri 7	12.15 pm	Mass - Carol Turner - birthday intention
Sat 8	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 Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm resumes on the
Thur 9.00 am - 5.00 pm 11th January



St. Gregory's, Alresford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass
Mon	9.00 am	Mass
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Bristol family RIP
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thur	9.00 am	Mass
Fri	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Sat	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion



St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 9.15 am Mass - John O'Rourke RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2nd to 9th January, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 154 & Weekday Missal pp 117;
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 2	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (A)
Monday 3	Liturgy of the Day or The Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday 4	Liturgy of the Day
Wednesday 5	Liturgy of the Day
Thursday 6	Liturgy of the Day
Friday 7	Liturgy of the Day or St. Raymond of Peñafort
Saturday 8	Liturgy of the Day
Sunday 9	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38. Matthew 3:13-17

Psalm Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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
Deacon Nick Reynolds	☎ 07854 709301
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

Headteacher: Mrs Cath Howells ☎ 01962 852820

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clawnek@btconnect.com

Confirmation - Don West (01962 865153)
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Weddings - Parish Office (01962 852804)

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

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,236.92**



Second Collection

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: **£1,367,902** from **409** pledges and gifts. We are working on the final £32,000 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.