

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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PALM SUNDAY (A) 17th April, 2011

The liturgical instructions for today say that we should assemble outside the church building to begin Mass. Gathered in this separate place we listen to the Gospel of the day which describes Jesus entrance into Jerusalem on his way to his suffering, death and resurrection.

At most of our churches it is difficult to have the outdoor procession and so we do it inside the building. Even so, it is important to remember that the Church would like everyone to be included in the procession to Jerusalem and Calvary. This is because the events of Holy Week relive those things which were experienced by Jesus as God and as a human being. While it is about remembering, it is also about being involved in those events ourselves because they are part of the divine story and therefore live for ever in the life of God.

Holy Week is the most important and sacred week of the year. The Palm Sunday procession serves as a reminder that we are called to leave everything aside and enter wholeheartedly into the journey of Jesus to his cross so that we might share more deeply in the power of his resurrection and the gift of new life in the Spirit.

All this is so that we might give praise to God and become more effective in our mission to proclaim and witness to the new creation of Christ's resurrection. After all the message that we hear and proclaim at Easter is the message we are to become in our lives.

The Easter Triduum: the liturgical celebration which includes the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday is one single celebration. It is the liturgy which stands at the heart of our year and of our lives as Christians. This is why everyone must do all they can to attend this sacred liturgy at the end of which we celebrate our baptism into Christ and welcome the new members to the Church and to this community. Please give this and one of the Penitential liturgies the highest priority in your dairy.

PJT

LENTEN PENITENTIAL LITURGY: 7.30pm Monday 18th April

The New Missal: I have been informed about the plans for the introduction of the New Missal. During the weekend of the 4th and 5th 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: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66



TODAY

Today is Palm Sunday.

Stations of the Cross is at 5.00pm today at St. Gregory's.

Flowers for St. Gregory's for Easter - Contributions towards the cost of flowers can be placed either in the porch wall 'Flowers' slot or given to Nan McNamara (Tel: 01962 734425). A current 'Flower Arrangers' list is now on the porch notice board. If you can help in any way, please add your name.

Please remember to take a leaflet, which can be found at the back of all churches, which shows times of all Easter Masses.

THIS WEEK

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

Friday 22nd April - Traditional Easter Food Blessing will take place at St. Peter's church on Easter Saturday at 5.00pm. All are welcome.

Friday 22nd April - Retiring Collection for Holy Places

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 24th April is Easter Sunday.

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.

St Peter's - Easter Altar Server practices

Practices for the Easter services at St Peter's will be held:

Wednesday 20th April at 5.00pm (for Maundy Thursday service)

Friday 22nd at 9.30am (for Good Friday service)

Saturday 23rd at 9.30am (for Easter Saturday Vigil)

Cycle of Prayer:

This week we pray for: A deeper love of the Passion. All Readers. The Holy Father (elected 19.4.2005). All priests of the Diocese. All lay ministers of the Eucharist. Peace in the Holy Land.

Please remember in your prayers Angharad Foster and Michael Shields who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil and Bunty Attwood, Francis Chamberlain, Roy Cochran, Claire Croft, Ben Huntley and Stuart Matthews who are to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

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 sessions on the 23rd and 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

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday 1st May

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.

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

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

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

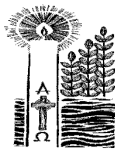
Saturday 28th May - Help for Hero's Charity Fundraiser. Come along and enjoy the sounds of the 60's. Music courtesy of 'Hot Rabbit' with a guest appearance from 'The Works'. Where: St. Peter's School. Time: 7.30pm. Tickets priced £12.50 include supper and a pay bar will be available. This event is for 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 Etetera. 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 862796 or e-mail Helena@olry12.plus.com

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Kalinka Brammer and Mia Smith who were baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

Please pray for Joan Jagoe, Pedro Padilha 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

LENT IN THE PARISH



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

In Matthew's version of the Passion we see Jesus alone as he faces impending death. He has asked the disciples to watch and wait while he goes to pray but, when he returns, the disciples are asleep. It is as if they have already abandoned him. Later in the gospel we hear him ask his Father from the cross, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' Again, we sense his feelings of having been abandoned. Are there times in your life when you have felt alone and abandoned by others? Where did you find strength in those times? Looking back, can you see where God was during those times? Take a few moments each day this week to look at the signs of spring and new life emerging in nature: the flowers, the birds, the light. What do they say to you?

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Please remember to collect your 5p's for Lent

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 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 11th and 12th May 2011. Please see poster on the noticeboard or contact Maureen Simmons, Tel: 01329 835363, Email: 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

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).

Churches Together in Winchester will be organising an open air service and walk of witness again this year on the 22nd April. Meet at St. Peter's for a short liturgy at 10.45am and then walk to the Buttercross where we will join with the Salvation Army band.

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 is back for all at secondary school. Reserve your Thursdays in May. Theme is 'The Great Escape'. Lots of activities and pizza. First session is on Thursday, 5th May 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.

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.

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.

Logs

Anyone who would like cedar logs, please help yourself from the pile by the yew tree. They are large ones!

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 and can be accessed at other times on request.

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 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 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

16th to 23rd April, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 16	6.00 pm	Mass - Laurine and George Alveyn RIP
Sun 17	8.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Mass - Adrian Stride RIP
	5.30 pm	Holy Hour (Stations, Adoration and Benediction)
	7.00 pm	Mass - People of Japan
Mon 18	12.15 pm	Mass - Michel Champsaur RIP
	7.30 pm	Parish Penitential Liturgy
Tue 19	8.00 am	Mass - Benefactors
Wed 20	6.30 am	Mass - Fr. Francis McAlinden RIP
	11.00 am	Funeral Service for Pedro Padilha RIP
	12.15 pm	Funeral Mass for Joan Jagoe RIP
Thur 21	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 22	9.45 am	Family Way of the Cross
	10.45 am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness to the Buttercross
	12.00 noon	Stations of the Cross
	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat 23	9.00 am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

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

Sun	11.00 am	Mass
	5.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thur	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Sat	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month: 9.45-10.45am



St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun	9.15 am	Mass - The Deacon family
Mon	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fri	9.45 am	Stations of the Cross



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

16th to 24th April, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 201 & Weekday Missal pp 246
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 17	Palm Sunday (A)
Monday 18	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday 19	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday 20	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday 21	Maundy Thursday
Friday 22	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 23	Holy Saturday
Sunday 24	Easter Sunday (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43. St. Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9

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



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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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Milner Hall Bookings - Claire Cadrine
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,863.58
Retiring collection for SVP: £ 705.00



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.