

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (A) 12th June, 2011

Our celebration of Pentecost, when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a sacred time for all Christians regardless of denomination or tradition. The gift of the Holy Spirit unites us as disciples of Jesus and transcends the barriers and restrictions that we invent for ourselves.

The day of Pentecost was marked by the sound of a mighty wind and tongues of fire and the disciples who were gathered in one place were filled with the Holy Spirit and were able to speak in other tongues. The different nationalities gathered in Jerusalem at the time were able to hear the followers of Jesus speaking in their own language.

The invisible Spirit of God was made visible in the first action of the disciples. As so many heard the preaching in their language so we see the essence of the Holy Spirit's work. The people were united in their hearing of the message of Jesus because the Holy Spirit is the source of all unity and reconciliation. This power for unity flows into us from the life of the Trinity where one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit lives in the unity and love of the same Spirit. Pope John Paul II puts it like this: "The faithful are one because, in the Spirit, they are in communion with the Son and, in him, share in his communion with the Father: 'Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ' (1 John 1:3)To believe in Christ means to desire unity; to desire unity means to desire the Church; to desire the Church means to desire the communion of grace which corresponds to the Father's plan from all eternity. Such is the meaning of Christ's prayer: 'May they all be one'. (Ut Unum Sint page 15)

So St. Paul can say "Be united; live in peace and the God of Love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11) The story of the Acts of the Apostles shows that Paul's exhortation to 'be united' was the foundation for the growth of the Church after the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. Somehow, the more Christians were united in faith, hope and love, the more effective they were in continuing the work of Jesus in the proclamation of his risen presence. In his writings Paul shows that he was always on his guard and watching out for Christian communities which were beginning to show disunity, envy or fragmentation. Such behaviour was not of the Holy Spirit and could not possibly witness to Christ and his message.

As we celebrate Pentecost this year and set out as the Apostles did to be evangelists, let us not forget that unity and reconciliation is the way to effectiveness in cooperation with the Spirit of God. As St. Paul also says "The Spirit himself and our Spirit bear united witness that we are children of God". (Romans 8:14-17)

Our witness must be united and we must always be attentive to those things within ourselves, within our communities and within our religious traditions that initiate and feed division and fragmentation. This is where sin and the power of evil has its most insidious and strong grip on our lives and mission. Openness to the Lord in prayer both as individual persons and in our communities provides the gift which gives us the ability to see and attune our minds to the word of God.

"The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God." (Romans 8:24-27) No wonder the people could hear the apostles speaking in their own language on the day of Pentecost. PJT

Canon Paul is sending regular updates from Jerusalem - log onto our website (see back page) to get the latest report each day, or to read past entries. We should have some photos soon, too.

TODAY

The new Covenant with the Poor will be signed at the 6.00pm Mass in St. Peter's and at the Masses at St. Gregory's, St. Stephen's and St. Thomas More's today.

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

Pentecost Evening 2011 - 7.00pm at Winchester Cathedral today. Street Pastors will be commissioned and Rev. Les Isaac will preach. All are warmly invited.

THIS WEEK

Monday 13th June - the Alresford Giles Group for the disabled and their carers will meet at 2.00pm in the Alresford Community Centre. Tom Yendell will give a talk entitled 'Foot and Mouth Artist.' All Welcome.

Monday 13th June - The Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Saturday 18th June - St Peter's Primary Catholic School summer fete will take place from 12.00 - 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come along to sample homemade food and cakes, Pimms and bbq, see our fabulous range of stalls including lovely crafts, toys and plants. Take part in some of the activities such as the pet competition, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Activity and see the orchestra from the school and Kings School Steel Band. It will be a great day and all proceeds will go towards the school. The fete takes place on the school grounds.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 19th June - Retiring Collection at all Masses for the Covenant with the Poor.

Sunday 19th June - Mass for the Sick and Housebound is at 3.00pm. The Mass and tea this year will be in the Milner Hall. Disabled access is via the kitchen door.

I am most grateful to Bishop Crispian for giving me three months sabbatical leave. I shall be in Jerusalem to study Mark's Gospel for the whole of June, returning to the parish for July when Fr. John will be on holiday. Then, in August, I shall be on retreat and will then take time for private study until the beginning of October. PJT

The New Translation of the Roman Missal - the four presences of Christ: The Second Vatican Council (1962-5) reminded us of our ancient faith: Christ is always present in his church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. So, each time we come to Mass we experience the presence of Christ in four different ways:

1. Christ is present in the congregation - the people gathered together;
2. Christ is present in the person of the priest;
3. Christ is present in the Scriptures that we listen to during Mass;
4. Christ is present in the bread and wine when it becomes Christ's Body and Blood.

The more we are able to understand and join in the Mass, the more we will come to love it. The new translation will help us to do that because the words we will now use will say more clearly what our faith is teaching us.

'What is happening and when?' From 3rd/4th September we will begin using the new translation of the Roman Missal. This means that many of the words the congregation and the priest say at Mass will change. The readings will stay the same. There will be new musical settings of the Gloria, the Holy Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Lamb of God. From the first Sunday of Advent, we will also use new translations of the Collects, Prayers over the Gifts, and Prayers after Communion. As a parish, we are working to ensure that the move to the new translation is as smooth as possible, and that everyone has the opportunity to learn more about it. We will provide leaflets with the new responses on, so that everyone can participate. For more information see:

<http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk/NewMissal.aspx>

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 20th June - Reminder to all ASCENT Group members that meetings will re-commence in the Convent at 2.15pm. Please come along, new members most welcome.

Saturday 25th June - First Communion Post Communion Session, Presentation of Certificates and Family Picnic is from 11.00am to 2.00pm at St. Peter's School.

Saturday 25 June - Alton day of Renewal will take place at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead starting with Rosary at 11.00am, Mass at 11.30am, day ending at about 4.30pm. The theme for 2011 is 'I Believe'. Speaker, Peter Hobbs 'Ascended and will come again.' Any queries contact John Foley on 0118 933 3420.

Wednesday 29 June - Saints Peter and Paul. There will be no Mass at St. Gregory's on this day. Instead there will be Mass at St. Andrew's Tichborne at 6.30pm. This will be the annual Tichborne Mass. Normally the Mass is held on the Sunday immediately before or after 29th June, but this year St. Andrew's will not be available on either Sunday. If you would like transport to St Andrew's, please put your name on the list in the Church porch.

The July Mass in the Extraordinary Form has been cancelled.

Sunday 3rd July - Open Garden in support of Zimpro (the project for which Churches Together in Alresford is currently fundraising) at Hill House, Colden Lane, Old Alresford, by kind invitation of Mrs W. F. Richardson. Admission £3 (children free). Refreshments available. St Gregory's community is kindly invited to help by producing two large cakes (fruit or iced) for this event, please contact Laura Brill if able to help.

Wednesday 6th July - Justice and Peace Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room

Friday 8th July - Confirmation Mass at 7.00pm in St. Peter's.

Saturday 9th July - St. Thomas More Prayer Group meet from 3.00 to 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All are welcome.

Saturday 9th July - SVP Summer Outing for older persons and the sick and housebound to St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead. The coach will leave Jewry Street at 11.00am and the Convent at 4.00pm. Seats are still available (no charge). If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Audrey Atter on 01962 863317 or the parish office on 01962 852804. Transport to and from Jewry Street can be arranged.

Monday 11th July - The Covenant with the Poor Group meets at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Office, The Old Georgian, 29 Jewry Street. The meeting will be looking at suggestions for future projects and everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 12th July - Calling all leaders, co-ordinators and organisers of groups, activities and ministries of Hampshire Downs Please forward all your meeting/event dates and room booking requirements, if known, to the Parish Office, 01962 852804, or email: office@stpeterswinchester **by the end of June.** You are then all invited to the **Diary meeting** at the Parish Office; a meeting to help create the annual parish calendar and avoid unnecessary clashes. The meeting starts at 7.45pm, following the **Hampshire Downs Liturgy Group meeting** that will start at 7.00pm. Liz Slinn, who chairs the Liturgy group meeting, will hand over to Canon Townsend to deal with diary specific matters.

Wednesday 20th July - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group Meeting is at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

July Parish Diary Meeting to be confirmed later.

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. Please contact Helena O'Leary, 12 St. Michael's Gardens or telephone 01962 862796 or e-mail Helena@olry12.plus.com

Please keep Sister Antonietta in your prayers every day as she recovers in hospital.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The programme for the build should mean that the building will be weathertight by October and handed over to the parish by Easter 2012. The erection of the steel frame for the 2 storey building has now begun and will be completed at the end of June.

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.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

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).

Sunday 26 June - CAFOD walk for Justice. Join us for a 6 mile walk along beautiful coastline to reflect on how we can live in solidarity with the poor. Starts with a special blessing at 11am from Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 17/18 St James Square, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH5 2BX before making our way along the coast to a picnic lunch at The Priory in Christchurch, returning to Boscombe at around 4.30pm. Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who will take responsibility for them and stay with them at all times. Sponsorship forms are available for those who wish to raise money for CAFOD on the day. Please do not to use Corpus Christi car park. Contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office for car parks. Booking essential: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

Winchester College and the King James Bible - A Quartercentennial Exhibition from 21st August to 25th September at Winchester College. Open to the public from 21st August to 3rd September and for pre-booked parties from 5th to 25th September. Admission is free but by timed-ticket only and must be reserved in advance: To buy tickets either apply in person at the Cathedral box office; Tel: 01962 857275; or online www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Lecture by Oxford university professor Neil Macfarlane on International Intervention and the 'Responsibility to Protect.' Saturday June 18th at 11am at Harvey Hall, St Swithun's School, Winchester SO21 1HA. Tickets at the door £12. All welcome. Professor Macfarlane is one of the world's foremost academic experts on global politics. As the situation in the Middle East grows increasingly complex and dangerous, this is guaranteed to be a fascinating and timely lecture with opportunity for questions and answers. Information: contact gillianhooker@btinternet.com

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.

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



YOUNG PEOPLE



Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

The next meeting for the Confirmation

Candidates Thursday, 16th June 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. This is finished for this term.

Parish Youth Group also finished for the term.

Youth Band meets Friday, 24th June from 6.00 - 7.30pm at St. Stephen's. Age 7-17, any skill level, bring your instrument, doughnuts available. We are practising for Mass at St. Stephen's on the 10th July.

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.

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.

Milner Hall bookings have now been taken over by Claire Cafrine. Please contact her on 01962 884610 or clairecafrine@f2s.com

St. Gregory's Hall bookings have now been taken over by Jim King Tel: 01962 732180: james33.king@mypostoffice.co.uk

Cycle of Prayer: This week we pray for:

The Church. Those being Confirmed this year, their sponsors, families and catechists. The poor. Members of the Hampshire Secular Clergy Fund. 'Faith and Light'. Canon Dermot MacDermot-Roe. Members of Opus Dei in the Diocese.

DIOCESAN

Invocations 2011 is a national festival for young adults, to be held in the grounds of St. Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from 17-19th June. It is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35 who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are searching for the knowledge and tools to develop their own personal formation, discernment and understanding of God's will for their lives, for some this may mean being open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. For information and reservations visit: www.invocation.org.uk

Information Evenings on the Revised Translation of the Order of Mass and Roman Missal. Please see the back of all churches for venues and times available and also booking forms.

Department for Pastoral Formation - Diocesan Guidelines for the Sacraments of Initiation - An Information Evening for priests, deacons and catechists to look at the new Diocesan Guidelines for the Sacraments of Initiation. 7.30 to 9.00pm (tea/coffee from 7.00pm) on Thursday 16th June at St. Bede's, Basingstoke and on 27th June at the Immaculate Conception Hall, Portswood Road, Southampton. For information or to book contact Eileen Stephenson, estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01329 835583.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Psalm Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindly in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23



GENERAL

Senior Citizens Club - All future meetings are cancelled until further notice.

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. This month 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.

Eucharistic Ministers: 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.

Readers for St. Gregory's - I will soon be drawing up the Readers' list for the second half of the year. If you would like to join or leave the list, please contact me.

Paul Kennedy: 01962 735287 or pbk25@btinternet.com

100 Club: The 100 Club originated at St Gregory's some years ago to raise funds. These days, all profits from the 100 Club are passed on to the Parish as a whole. To maximise these profits it needs to have a full membership. Currently there are vacancies which need to be filled and these are open to anyone in the Hampshire Downs Parish. Please contact Patrick Trowbridge or Jack Gore at St Gregory's to join. Emails to pbk25@btinternet.com will be forwarded.

The St. Gregory's May Cake Sale raised £100. Our thanks to May Murphy and its supporters.

The St. Gregory's 110 Club May Prize winner was Frank O'Loughane

Ursula and Joan would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning for the Divine Mercy Orphanage in Romania and for the kind donations which amounted to £300 altogether.

The Milner Hall is in need of some more cutlery. If you have any spare that you do not need, please contact Claire Cafrine on 01962 884610.

Work by the Parish Pastoral Council to group the different ministries into "clusters" continues. If you would like to contact any of the co-ordinators so far nominated, their email addresses are:

Catechesis - Sue Trowbridge, sue.trowbridge@btinternet.com.

Liturgy - Liz Slinn, liz.slinn@hotmail.co.uk.

Outreach and Mission Steve Taylor - sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk and

Enabling - Brian Roberts at brian@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

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.

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.

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.

Copies of the Magnificat will be coming into the Bookshop soon. They will be priced at £4 each.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

11th to 18th June, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 11	6.00 pm	Mass - Denis Hodgketts RIP
Sun 12	8.00 am	Mass - William Giltrap RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Veronica and John Shire RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Bridget Knight RIP
Mon 13	12.15 pm	Mass - Kath Soper RIP
Tue 14	8.00 am	Mass - Neil Intention
Wed 15	12.15 pm	Mass - Philip Felton RIP
Thur 16	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - Bridget Knight RIP
Fri 17	12.15 pm	Mass - Sir Henry Leach RIP
Sat 18	9.00 am	Mass - John Delaney 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
Wed	1.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Thur	9.00 am - 5.00 pm



St. Gregory's, Alresford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Neil Intention
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 - Philip Felton RIP
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St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
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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
Sisters of St Lucy, St. Peter's Convent ☎ 01962 854040

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

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

12th to 19th June, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 355 & Weekday Missal pp 561
Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 12	Pentecost Sunday (A)
Monday 13	St. Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 14	Feria
Wednesday 15	Feria
Thursday 16	St. Richard of Chichester or Feria
Friday 17	Feria
Saturday 18	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 19	Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 34:4-6.8-9. Second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13. John 3:16-18

Psalm Response: To you, glory and praise for evermore.



We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,626.43

Retiring collection for World Communications: £613.58

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,388,546. We are working on the final £11,500 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.