

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



## FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER(A) 1st May, 2011

Last weekend prayer cards were distributed asking our prayers following the announcement of the retirement of Bishop Crispian Hollis. Bishop Crispian, who has entered his 75<sup>th</sup> year, has written to the congregation of Bishops and his resignation has been accepted but he will remain our Bishop until such time as a new Bishop is appointed.

A process of consultation about a new Bishop is now underway. Anyone is free to contribute to this process either by offering views about the type of Bishop, the needs of the diocese or by suggesting the names of possible candidates. Contributions should be sent to the Apostolic Nuncio who is Archbishop Antonio Mennini. His address is 'Apostolic Nuncio, The Nunciature, 54 Parkside, Wimbledon, London SW19 5NE.'

Thanks to everyone for your kindness and generosity in giving to the parish clergy last weekend.  
PJT

**Today**, together will millions of Catholics throughout the world, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The Feast of Divine Mercy was established by Pope John Paul II in 2000 during the canonization of St. Faustina in Rome. By this declaration, Pope John Paul II fulfilled Our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter should be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The image of The Divine Mercy shows Our Lord as He appeared to Sister Faustina in 1932. Jesus asked that His image should be solemnly blessed and venerated and that everyone should have access to it. Today, at 3.00pm, Canon Paul will lead us in honour of the Feast of Divine Mercy and in thanksgiving for the Beatification of John Paul II. Pope Benedict's choice of this date for the Beatification is particularly poignant. Deo Gratias.

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 2:42-47

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

**2nd Reading:** First letter of St. Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31



### TODAY

**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday** - Mass is 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.

**There will be no Cake Sale at St. Gregory's today.**

### THIS WEEK

**Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday.** Mass in St. Peter's is at 10.00am

**Tuesday 3rd May - Eucharistic Adoration** resumes again after the Easter break.

**Friday 6th May - Mass at St. Barnabas,** Weeke is at 10.00am

**Friday 6th May - There will be a return of May Devotions** on Friday evenings at 7.00pm in St. Peter's. Hymns, and prayers in honour of Our Lady, bearing in mind her traditional place of influence with our Lord. 'To Jesus through Mary.' Enquiries: Contact John Docherty on 01962 860069.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 8th May - Family Mass** at 10.30am in St. Peter's.

**Sunday 8th May - Mass in the Extraordinary Form** at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

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

**Sunday 8th May - Praise Mass** at 5.30pm at St Stephen's Church. 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.

**Cycle of Prayer:** This week we pray for: Daughters of Wisdom (La Sugesse) in the Diocese. God's blessing on human work. Bishop Crispian (ordained Bishop 5.5.1987). Fr. Bernard Fisher RIP.

### 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 this Saturday, 7th May from 10.30am - 12.00 noon 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.*

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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**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 - Covenant with the Poor Group** meet at 7.30pm in St. Gregory's Church Hall. All are 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 - Retiring Collection** at all Masses for the Clergy Training Fund.

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

**Sunday 15th May - this year two events in Alresford coincide - First Communions and the Watercress Festival.** As in past years, the centre of Alresford will be closed for the Festival for the day. It will not be possible to drive a car along East Street (by the junction with Sun Lane) to the cross roads where West Street and Jacklyns Lane meet. Broad Street will be closed, as will Station Road and Station Approach. The Station Car Park will be reserved for disabled visitors. If you are coming from the Ropley direction it may be best to travel along the bypass and enter Alresford from the Winchester end. There is bound to be pressure on the St Gregory's car park. Once it is full you will be advised to park on the football pitches along Grange Road (Charge £3.00, levied by the festival).

**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.

**Saturday 4th June - Mass in the Lady Chapel in Winchester Cathedral** is at 10.00am. **No 9.00am Mass in St. Peter's.**

**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 862796 or e-mail Helena@olry12.plus.com

## Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

**Please pray for** Gertrude Heggerty who died recently. May she rest in peace.



## 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?

## 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 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](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 10th-12th June. For details please contact Chris & Mary Farrall 02380 275401 or visit [/www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.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).

**'Ever Ancient ever New'**. Young adults aged 18 plus are invited to consider the beauty of the call to religious life in the 21st Century by spending a weekend of 13th/15th May with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details call 01277 373848 or visit the events page of their website [www.walsinghamcommunity.org](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org)

**Wednesday 4 May** - The new series of **Space in the City**, entitled *The World as Gift*, will look at how we can "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly" in the face of the environmental problems that confront us all in the 21st century. The opening talk, *What is going on?*, will be given by Celia Deane-Drummond, Professor of Theology and the Biological Sciences at the University of Chester. The talks will be held in St Lawrence-in-the-Square from 12.30pm until 1pm. Admission is free and sandwiches will be available after the talks. For more information go to [www.spaceinthecity.org.uk](http://www.spaceinthecity.org.uk)

## 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)



## 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.** This is finished for this term but please join in with the 'Great Escape' Youth Group and your friends from Chandler's Ford are planning to visit.

**SPOG (Older Youth Group)** has relaunched as a film night group. Watch out for dates and details.

**Youth Band** meets this 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.

**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.

**This 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.

**Eucharistic 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.

## 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.

## 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

30th April to 7th May, 2011

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 30	6.00 pm	Mass - Milly and Alex Greig RIP
Sun 1	8.00 am	Mass - Jack Laishley RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Kitty and John Keane RIP
	3.00 pm	Divine Mercy Mass - In honour of the Feast of the Divine Mercy and in thanksgiving for the beatification of John Paul II
	6.00 pm	<b>NO Evening Prayer and Benediction</b>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Intention of Agata Stocherska and Rominder Florian
Mon 2	10.00 am	Mass - Annie Manning RIP
Tue 3	8.00 am	Mass - Florence McClean RIP
Wed 4	12.15 pm	Mass - Mary Lady Mannock RIP
Thur 5	7.00 pm	Mass - Philip Felton RIP
Fri 6	10.00 am	Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke
	12.15 pm	Mass
Sat 7	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
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Dead in cemeteries and founders
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 - Des le Grys RIP



### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

1st to 8th May, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 321 & Weekday Missal pp 281  
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 1	<b>Feast of the Divine Mercy, Second Sunday of Easter (A)</b>
Monday 2	St. Athanasius
Tuesday 3	Ss Philip and James
Wednesday 4	The English Martyrs
Thursday 5	Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
Friday 6	Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
Saturday 7	Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Sunday 8	<b>Third Sunday of Easter (A)</b>



**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22-33. First letter of St. Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24:13-35

**Psalms Response:** Show us, Lord, the path of life.

## 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

**Headteacher:** Mrs. Cath Howells ☎ 01962 852820

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**Baptisms** - Contact the Parish Office (01962 852804)  
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  
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**St. Gregory's Hall Bookings** - Parish Office (01962 852804)

## We acknowledge with thanks:

### Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester):



**Living Our Faith:** Total raised so far: £1,382,537. 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.