

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (A) 14th August, 2011

Today we honour our Blessed Lady as we celebrate her Assumption, body and soul, into the glory and life of God. Recently defined as an infallible dogma (61 years ago) and held long as a sacred tradition in both East and West, I do not think that we have begun to plumb the depths of the truths contained in this teaching. Preoccupying many this week, not least the government and those unfortunate businesses, is the question of the search for meaning and purpose in life. Today's Feast proclaims eloquently that the human person and the human body has infinite and beautiful meaning and purpose. The body is the place which is the focus of so many connections, experiences and relationships on its way to the ultimate meaning and purpose of finding fulfilment in the life of the Trinity.

I am writing this by a slipway in Poole Harbour which is free but which offers many challenges to someone who would launch a boat. Everyday of life brings challenges as we launch into the unknown during every moment. Mary teaches us that all those challenges and our responses will be completed and glorified by Jesus.

Thanks to everyone for keeping me in your prayer during my Ignatian retreat at St. Beuno's. It came in the middle of my sabbatical leave. I look forward to returning at the end of September.

I was in the parish this week and during that time received Carmel McClean's resignation as sacristan in St. Peter's. Carmel has been doing the work as sacristan for more than 25 years and she has done it with unstinting diligence, generosity and commitment. In addition to her role as sacristan, Carmel has looked after the church particularly with regard to the supplies of all items from altar wine to leaflets at the back. She has also been the person who locks and unlocks the church and has been the welcomer for so many who have come to St. Peter's over the years.

On behalf of the parish, and my predecessors Bishop Peter Doyle and Monsignor Nicholas France, I thank Carmel for her generosity and commitment and her service to the Church.

Carmel had a large and important ministry. I thank all those who are beginning to pick up some of the things that Carmel did. When I return at the end of September, I will set about reviewing the work that is being done at St. Peter's with the intention of setting up the ministry to continue the work that Carmel has done so admirably.

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Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

Welcome to Arthur Pidduck, to Conor and Ellie-Jane Barnes and to Jake-John and Dylan-Lee Gosling who were baptised in St. Peter's last weekend.

Congratulations to Alastair Cobbold and Katie Elks who were married in St. Peter's last weekend.



TODAY

Sunday 14th August - Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

Sunday 14th August - New Translation of the Missal; the Music: Come and learn the new Missal chants ready for September at St. Stephen's after 9.15am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th August - Alton Day of Renewal at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead. It starts at 11.00am with Rosary, Mass or a service at 11.30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, shared lunch at 1.00pm, prayer and praise at 2.00pm, followed by a talk 'Spoke through the Prophets' by Joan Carnegie, ending at 4.00pm. Enquiries to Rev Deacon John Foley on 0118 933 3420.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

Psalm Response: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.



2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION IS CANCELLED FOR AUGUST

Readers and Musicians.

To prepare ourselves for the new translation of the missal in September can readers begin to say 'The Word of the Lord' at the end of readings. Also, apart from the brief pause before saying this at the end of each reading, can we maintain an extended and significant prayerful silence (of at least 15 seconds) after the second reading of the psalm and before the Alleluia. This is to allow everyone to ponder the word spoken.

I thank all Ministers of the Word, both readers and psalmists and musicians for their commitment. PJT

...and for **Readers at St Peters** for the 10.30 am and 7.00 pm Masses - please remember that there will be no cantors on any Sunday in August.

As you know, Bishop Crispian retires later this year. We do not know the exact date yet as this will depend on who the Pope appoints and when he can take up the position as our next Bishop. We will be holding a parish collection on 9th October which will be presented to him at a Diocesan gathering to celebrate his time with us (probably on the 19th November).

As you may have already heard, Bishop Crispian has unfortunately been diagnosed with bowel cancer. He is currently undergoing tests. Please keep him in your prayers.

I am most grateful to Bishop Crispian for giving me sabbatical leave. I am now on retreat for August and will then take time for private study until the beginning of October. PJT

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 23rd August - Winchester Catholic History Group - There will be a meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, The Old Georgian, for all those who are tasking part in the Visit to Cambridge from the 5-9th September to finalise arrangements. Enquiries to Helena O'Leary: helena@olry12.plus.com or telephone 01962 862796.

Weekend 10th & 11th September Father Michael Beattie SJ will speak at Masses to introduce the 'Apostleship of Prayer.'

Saturday 10th September - the date for the annual 'Ride and Stride' sponsored day for Historic Churches. Please take part (as a family or as an individual) by walking or riding (bike or horse!) to as many churches as you can manage. Part of the money goes to the local Church of your choice. St Gregory's has taken part for many years. This is an opportunity for the rest of the Hampshire Downs Parish to join in. For full details, ring Rosemary Chambers on 01962 733148 or see St Gregory's porch.

Saturday 17th September - Churches Together in Alresford will hold a Barn Dance from 7.30 to 11.00pm at Pinglestone Farm, Old Alresford with the Burseldon Village Band - light supper, raffle and auction. For full information, contact James Pinniger on 01962 738788, james.pinniger@btinternet.com.

Friday 14th October - a Churches Together in Alresford event in St John's, Alresford at 7.30pm - come and hear Henry Olonga: opera singer, cricket international and Christian.

New Translation of the Missal – Update

As you will be aware, the new translation of the Missal will be introduced into our parish starting with the Sunday Masses over the weekend from Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th September. To help us prepare for this transition, the Adult Formation Team has arranged the following:-

- Every parishioner will be provided with an Order of Mass booklet which will help them follow the new words and make their responses, including music, where applicable.

- During the last two weeks of August, the newsletter shows in the centre spread, the parts of Mass where words have changed in the people's parts, so that you can see the new texts and begin to get familiar with them before their introduction in September.

- Group sessions will be running throughout the parish where the Mass, including the new translation, can be studied and discussed. From Today, Sunday 14th August, sign up sheets will be available in all churches, or you can enrol for a group via the parish website. The groups run on a weekly basis for between 3 and 6 weeks.

- Two extra 'open' teaching sessions will be held on the following dates. These are one-off sessions which will provide an opportunity to learn about the changes and to gain more information. Please turn up on the day if you wish to attend.

1. Saturday 10th September at St Stephen's Church, Winchester from 10.00am to mid-day.

2. Sunday 18th September at St Peter's Church, Winchester - after 10:30am Mass (approx. 2 hours).

If you would like any further information, please email the parish office at office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Preparing for the new liturgy at St Gregory's.

With the new Liturgy we will also have new music using simple chants which will be included in the new missals.

The chants are not difficult and you will recognize their roots in plainsong. But we must learn them properly! During August, the singing group will practise them before Mass and so you may hear them then. From the first Sunday in September we will introduce the chants progressively into Mass. The group will practise the ones we will introduce that day from 10.40am. Please join us. At 10.55am we will teach the chants to the rest of the congregation, starting Mass a few minutes late to make sure that we are all confident.

Please continue to pray for Sister Antonietta who has been transferred from RHCH Winchester to Southampton (Western Community Hospital).

New Translation of the Missal - Come and learn the new Missal chants ready for September.

When we introduce the new translation of the Missal on 3rd/4th September, Canon Paul wants us to use the Missal chants until Advent at all Masses in all Worshipping Communities - so that we can, as a people, sing unaccompanied chants at any time.

To help you learn the new chants before September, there will be 3 sessions where the chants will be taught by cantors: **Today, Sunday 14th August at St Stephen's after 9:15am Mass; Sunday 21st August at St Peter's after 10:30am Mass, and Wednesday 24th August at St Peter's Church at 7:30pm.** Please do make every effort to come to one of these sessions, so you can join in the chants with confidence and enthusiasm in September!

If you have any queries, please contact liz.slenn@hotmail.com or martin.f.mcelroy@gmail.com.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Not a Catholic, but want to know more about the Catholic Church? Or perhaps you know someone who fits that bill? The Journey in Faith programme starts again on 27th September. We will be meeting in the Milner Hall on Tuesday evenings during term time [roughly 8pm to 9.40pm]. There are leaflets at the back of St Peter's Church with more information about the programme. If you want to come along, or if you simply want to know more about the course, please give Nick Kelly a ring on 890118.

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).

The Winchester LIFE Group need your help and support.

***LIFE's Annual Sale of Goods** at St Maurice Covert will take place this year on Friday 16th Sept, 9am-3pm. Collection boxes will be in churches from Sunday 28th August ready for you kind donations of books, bric a brac, DVD's, CD's, baby clothes and toys.

***LIFE's annual 'Pennies for Life' collection** will take place this September also, with our little Flower Pots being distributed after masses the weekend 10th/11th Sept, to be returned generously filled with your small change, weekend 24th/25th Sept.

Please consider volunteering to man the stalls or distribute flower pots after masses as we desperately need help of even the smallest amount of time to support us in both these events.

LIFE exists to save lives and transform the futures of some of the most disadvantaged children and young people.

in the UK by supporting vulnerable pregnant mothers and young families through difficult times, offering them the help they need to turn their lives around.

Please contact Julia Bray 01962 853813 or Tricia Hobbs 01962 882244

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.

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



YOUNG PEOPLE



Year 7-8 Youth Group. This is finished for this term.

Parish Youth Group also finished for the term.

Youth Band starts practising again in September.

Youth Group Holy Land Pilgrimage: During the October half term, 20 young people from our parish youth group are going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land accompanied by several leaders and Canon Paul. They are raising some of the money for this trip themselves. We are offering several assisted places on the pilgrimage as the air fares are very expensive, and if any parishioner would like to help fund these, please contact Canon Paul via the Parish Office.

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.

Peter McGeady (Youth Development Leader) is getting married to Chloe Child and he would like to invite you all to join them for their Nuptial Mass. They are celebrating the wedding at St. Peter's, Winchester, on Saturday 17th September at 12.30pm. All very welcome and they would appreciate your prayers. God bless.

We have a desperate need for volunteers (men or women) to join St. Peter's Church cleaning teams, sweeping and vacuuming for only one hour every eight weeks.

Please contact Pam Freeborn on 01962 864391.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The programme for the building project is that the building should be weather tight by October and handed over to the parish by Easter 2012. The internal walls, roof structure and external brick work should be completed during August. The ground source heat pump bore holes will be drilled during the middle of August. Also, during that time, car parking on the north side of the church will not be possible for a few days.

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 portaloos is available for the 10.30am Mass and the Milner Hall is also open after the 10.30am Mass.

SPONSORING POOR & ORPHAN CHILDREN IN INDIA:

As you are aware Fr. Ignatius Maddineni who was with us in 2007 is looking for individual donors to sponsor poor/orphan/semi orphan children in various schools in India partially supported by his charity (Save the Children Welfare Society). The sponsorship money (£120 per year per child of age between 5-15) will be used to provide food, clothes, books, uniforms, toys etc. Your support would be much appreciated. There are about 350 children in various schools who needs to be sponsored, but so far there are only 36 children sponsored.

For further details please contact Fr. Ignatius Maddineni on e-mail: maddineni1971@googlemail.com - 01635 864416, or 07515001645

GENERAL

Senior Citizens Club - All meetings 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, single 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.

There will be no St. Gregory's Cake Sale in August. The next will be on Sunday, 4th September.

St Gregory's Cleaners - the rota from August to the end of 2011 is now on the porch notice board. New volunteers would be most welcome. For more information, please consult anyone on the list.

Moira Redmond writes:

"I have taken over as editor of the Hampshire Downs website - www.hampshiredowns.org.uk - Do investigate the website. I'm interested to hear any thoughts, comments and requests - e-mail me on editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk, or use the contact form on the site. In particular, if you or your group are represented on the website, please look at your own page and tell me if it needs updating or changing in any way."

Developing the Parish Pastoral Council

Work by the Parish Pastoral Council to group the different ministries into clusters continues. If you would like to contact any of the coordinators 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.

Welcome and Hospitality

Max Wilson - maxwilson@dsl.pipex.com or Liz Bradley lizwynbradley@hotmail.com and

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

The other clusters, which are Young People and Communications are all waiting for coordinators, 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 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 are now available from the Bookshop. They are priced at £4 each.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

13th to 20th August, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 13 6.00 pm Mass - Susan Carter RIP
Sun 14 8.00 am Mass - Mary Jeffery RIP
10.30 am Mass - Daniel Sheehan RIP
12.15 pm MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM
6.00 pm NO Evening Prayer and Benediction
7.00 pm Mass - The Moriarty family deceased
Mon 15 12.15 pm Mass
Tue 16 8.00 am Mass - William Meader RIP
Wed 17 12.15 pm Mass - De Souza family deceased
Thur 18 7.00 pm Mass - CWL - For families and young people everywhere
Fri 19 12.15 pm Mass - Edmund Wheble RIP
Sat 20 9.00 am Mass - In Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Suspended until September.



St. Gregory's, Alresford

Sun 11.00 am Mass - People of the Parish
Mon 9.00 am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue 10.30 am Mass - Patrick George McCall & family RIP
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



St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 9.15 am Mass - Mary Heffernan RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

14th to 21st August 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 955 & Weekday Missal pp 679
Psalter Week)



Sunday 14 **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (A)**
Monday 15 Feria
Tuesday 16 St. Stephen or Feria
Wednesday 17 Feria
Thursday 18 Feria
Friday 19 St. John Eudes or Feria
Saturday 20 St. Bernard
Sunday 21 **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23. Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:33-36. Matthew 16:13-20

Psalm Response: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

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Fr. John Catlin (Associate Pastor)
Canon Alan Griffiths
Fr. Vincent Convery (Prison & Hospital Chaplain)
Fr. Brian Croughan (Retired Priest)
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Communion to Sick & Housebound -
Contact the Parish Office - 01962 852804

Eucharistic Adoration - Irena - 01962 880678

Milner Hall Bookings - Claire Cafrine
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St. Gregory's Hall Bookings - Jim King
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,544.54

Retiring Collection:

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,394,752. We are working on the final £6,000 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 the Parish Office.

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.