

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 8th May, 2011

The Gospels tell us that the disciples were slow to recognise the risen Jesus when he appeared to them.

Mary Magdalen thought he was the gardener. It was a long time before the disciples walking to Emmaus realised that the 'stranger' walking with them was Jesus. Eventually 'their eyes were opened and they recognised him' when at supper he blessed the bread and gave it to them.

We recognise Jesus present with us in the bread of the Eucharist. However, apart from the Eucharist I doubt that we are any better than Mary Magdalen and the others at recognising the risen Jesus when he is with us.

St. Charles de Foucauld, who lived in North Africa in the last century, gave us a piece of advice I find helpful. 'See Christ in others, and act accordingly.'

JC

The New Translation of the Roman Missal - what New Translation?

The translation of the Mass which we currently use is going to change from the beginning of September. Over the coming months there will be short articles in this newsletter each week which will help us to understand what these changes are and why they have come about. There will be plenty of opportunities provided for people to learn more about the new translation and become familiar with the changes. A number of day and evening sessions will be arranged for those who would like to find out more, as well as specific sessions for those involved in e.g. music. A variety of printed resources will be available, including the new responses for Mass. The coming of the new translation is a great opportunity for us all to learn more about the Mass and deepen our understanding of the liturgy and its meaning and relevance for us in our lives today. Watch this space!

Sacramental Preparation

The rehearsals for the First Holy Communion Masses are Saturday 14th May (for Mass on the 15th) and Saturday 21st May (for Mass on the 22nd), both from 10.00 to 11.00a.m. in St. Peter's Church.

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.



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22-23

Psalm Response: Show us Lord, the path of life.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13.35



TODAY

Family Mass at 10.30am today in St. Peter's.

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

The Bookshop is visiting St. Gregory's, Alresford today. First Communion gifts, rosaries, Missals, cards etc. are available.

Praise Mass at 5.30pm today 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.

THIS WEEK

Monday 9th May - The Giles Group for the disabled and their carers 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.

Friday 13th May - May Devotions 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.

Saturday 14th May - Coffee Morning run by Rosetta for the Sisters of St. Lucy to help their aids orphans in Africa is at 9.30am in the Milner Hall. All help gratefully received.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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 Jacklins 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).

Cycle of Prayer:

This week we pray for: Diocesan Advisors to TV and Radio. Mill Hill Fathers in the Diocese. Portugese Chaplancies. Diocesan Finance Council. Teams of Our Lady.

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

Please remember to support Christian Aid Week which starts on 15th May and gives us all the chance to think about relief work in the UK and abroad. There will be a street collection in Alresford on Saturday 21st May from 9.00am to 12 noon. Volunteer collectors are needed - please contact a Churches Together in Alresford representative.

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 Heroes 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.**

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.

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

Friday 17th September (not 10th September as previously announced) Churches Together in Alresford will hold a Barn Dance in a wonderfully restored historic barn in Old Alresford. More details about tickets next month.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Thank you to Canon Paul for leading the beautiful liturgy in celebration of the Feast and in thanksgiving for the Beatification of John Paul II. Thank you, also, to everyone who joined us on this very special occasion.

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.

Today, 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

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

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.

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

The Parish of St Swithun Wells is looking for a practising Catholic with relevant experience who will lead and support the development of lay leaders enabling them to contribute to the growth of the individual communities through the more effective proclamation of the Gospel. The person will: Evaluate needs across the parish for catechesis and adult faith formation; encourage and promote all forms of catechesis; teach the faith to people who will lead others to faith; develop suitable programmes of faith formation, identify and train suitable people to take on roles in catechesis and adult formation; support people through appropriate resources, individual contact, support groups and networking. Salary: Circa £25,000. Flexible 35 hours per week to include some weekends and evenings. This new post will be on a 3 year fixed term contract subject to completion of a successful CRB clearance and delivery of key performance indicators. For further information and a full job description please contact Fr Michael Dennehy, Parish Priest Tel: 02380 612430 email: mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Deacon Paul Owen, Tel: 02380 658251 email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date: 27th May 2011 Interviews: Early June 2010.

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. Booking forms are also available at the back of churches.

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

Wednesday 11 May - The present series of **Space in the City**, entitled *The World as Gift*, is looking 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 next talk, *Loving Mercy ...* will be given by Martyn Goss, Director of the Council for Church and Society in the Exeter Diocese. The talks are being held in St Lawrence-in-the-Square from 12.30pm until 1.00pm. Admission is free and sandwiches will be available after the talks. For more information go to www.spaceinthecity.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.

Youth Band meets Friday, 20th 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 (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.

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.

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Welcome to Ava Blair and Dominic Wood who were baptised in St. Stephen's recently.

Please pray for Joyce Wilson who died recently. May she rest in peace.



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 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 Jim King Tel: 01962 732180: james33.king@mypostoffice.co.uk

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.

St. Gregory's 100 Club bi-annual prizes were won by Pamela Gore - £50, Victoria MacIntosh - £100, Patrick Edworthy - £200 and Jean Simons - £500.

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. 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. The pilings are finished and ground work and the concrete raft are the next phase.

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

7th to 14th May, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 7	6.00 pm	Mass - Linnane family RIP
Sun 8	8.00 am	Mass - Rosalind Billings RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Kirkpatrick family
	12.15 pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass -
Mon 9	12.15 pm	Mass - Friends and Relatives of the Voller family
Tue 10	8.00 am	Mass - Margaret Mary Robertson RIP
Wed 11	12.15 pm	Mass
Thur 12	7.00 pm	Mass - Dorothy Gupta RIP
Fri 13	12.15 pm	Mass
	1.30 pm	Funeral Service for Joyce Wilson RIP
Sat 14	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, Alesford

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 - Benefactors
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	9.45 am	Exposition
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 - Molly, Tom and Jack Falvey RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

8th to 15th May, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 325 & Weekday Missal pp 298
Psalter Week 3)

Sunday 8	Third Sunday of Easter (A)
Monday 9	Monday of the 3rd week of Easter
Tuesday 10	Tuesday of the 3rd week of Easter
Wednesday 11	Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter
Thursday 12	Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter or Ss. Nereus & Achilleus or St. Pancras
Friday 13	Friday of the 3rd week of Easter or Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 14	St. Matthias
Sunday 15	Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)



Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:14.36-41.
First letter of St. Peter 2:20-25. John 10:1-10

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alesford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,244.34



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.