

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 25th September, 2011

How often have we said we'll do something, but not done it? Sometimes we might be agreeing to an activity to be polite, with no intention of actually doing it. At other times we might agree to take part in something, or do something for someone, with the very best of intentions and a determination to do what we say. But then events take over, things change and get in the way, and we don't complete the task. We call Jesus 'Lord' in church, but do we do his will?

The message of the Parable of the two sons can be boiled down to the phrase 'actions speak louder than words' (but words and actions would please the father most). We profess our faith and say 'yes' at Sunday Mass, but do we live out our faith in our daily lives? Modern Western society likes to try and remove religion and faith from affairs of state and day-to-day living. But as Pope Benedict said during his historic visit to the UK, Blessed John Henry Newman teaches that there can be no separation between what we believe and the way we live our lives. We have been urged as a Catholic Community to make our faith more visible.

Neither of the two sons responds well to their father in today's reading. One says 'no', but then has the strength of character to change his mind and do what he knows is right. The other pays lip-service to his father, but doesn't do his will. Perhaps the modern-day version of this parable would include a third child, self-conscious and ill at ease, who asks their father not to ask too loudly or publicly, embarrassed in case anyone overhears their father's request or sees them working in the vineyard

Dear Jesus, give us courage to respond to your call and challenge. Help us to make a positive contribution to society in your name. Amen

Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

Welcome to Jonathan Piotrowski who was baptised in St Peter's last weekend.

Congratulations to Peter McGeedy & Chloe Child who were married in St Peter's last weekend.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 18:25-28

Psalm Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

2nd Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word. And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses is for our Cathedral in Portsmouth.

Churches Together in Alresford Healing Service in St Mary's, Old Alresford at 4.00pm.

St. Peter's Readers: The next Readers' Rotas (together with a Readers 'aide-memoire' plus an aid to difficult pronunciations) are ready for collection from the sacristy.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 28th September - SVP. There will be a Mass at 7pm instead of the usual meeting. All are welcome.

Thursday 29th September - Please note that there will be **No Evening Mass** at 7.00pm in St. Peter's.

Sunday September 25th Concert at The Church of St Cross - Cambridge Taverner choir plays Music from Tudor England at 7.30pm.

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 1st October - **St. Thomas More Prayer Group** meets from 3.00 to 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All welcome.

Sunday 2nd October - **Retiring Collection** at all Masses for Bishop Crispian's retirement present.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd - **Sponsored Car Wash at all Masses** for the Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Sunday 2nd October - **Family Fast envelopes** - Please take one of the envelopes from the back of church for the Family Fast Day on Friday, 7th October and return them on Sunday, 9th October.

The St Gregory's October Cake Sale will be after the 11.00am Mass. As always garden produce, fruit and preserves are as welcome as cakes and savouries. Vanessa Albertini (01730 828321) will be in charge.

SVP: September Awareness Month

Members of the SVP Conference thank all those in the parish who have supported them so generously over the last twelve months.

During that time 2,850 visits have been made.

For details about these, a record of income and expenditure and information about other activities, please see the display board at the back of St Peter's.

The board will later be placed in St. Stephen's, St. Gregory's and St. Thomas More's - for one week at a time in each church.

(Further enquiries to Audrey Atter: 01962 863317)

Moira Redmond writes: 'Do investigate the website at www.hampshiredowns.org.uk. 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.'

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 5th October - Justice and Peace Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Sunday 9th October - Retiring collection at all Masses for the Family Fast Envelopes. Thank you so much for your prayers and incredible generosity shown to our East Africa appeal this summer. Although this collection follows on very soon from the appeal, it is absolutely crucial as it will be used to support the life-saving work of all our other partners across the world. For more information, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/fastday

Sunday 9th October - Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

Wednesday 12th October - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Wednesday 12th October - Itchen Valley Area Ecumenical Mass is to be held at St Swithun's Church, Martyr Worthy at 7.30pm. Canon Paul will officiate and there will be refreshments in the village hall afterwards. All are welcome! Further information from Lucinda Ffennell 779701 or Patricia Ringrose-Voase 779204.

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.

Sunday 16th October - Mass for the Sick and Housebound is at 3.00pm in St. Peter's. **Please note there will be no Evening Prayer and Benediction that day.**

Sunday 23rd October - at lunchtime at St Gregory's - 'A Taste of the Gambia' - more details and tickets later.

Monday 31st October- The Covenant of the Poor Group meets at 7.30pm in St Peter's Parish Office, The Old Georgian, 29 Jewry Street. The meeting will be looking for future projects and everyone is welcome.

Fridays 4th November and 2nd December - Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke at 10.00am. No Mass in September, October, January 2012 or Good Friday. Don't forget the new responses.

Thursday 17th November - Cabrini Childrens Society Wine Tasting Festival. In London, for further details contact Ann Hoggan on 020 8668 2181 or email ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk.

Sunday 3 December- St Gregory's Bazaar will take place in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford.

Please keep Bishop Crispian in your prayers. He has had his operation and is recovering in Bishop's House. He thanks everybody for their prayers and support.

Please continue to pray for Sister Antonietta who is still in Southampton (Western Community Hospital).

Winchester Catholic History Group

The History Group is about to start its new season. The first talk on Monday 3 October, titled *Romeo & Juliet – The Hidden Story*, is to be given by Clare Asquith, Countess of Oxford; author of *Shadowplay: the Hidden Beliefs & Coded Politics of William Shakespeare*. All are welcome.

A programme of all the talks and details of membership and admission charges are available at the back of the church or see the Parish website.

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).

Winchester Churches Christmas Project—need new volunteers for visiting families and donations. For further details contact The United Church on 01962 849 559 or deanacre@talktalk.net Please remember that the Parish SVP also runs a Christmas Hamper Project.

Cycle of Prayer:

This week we pray for:

Thanksgiving for the Harvest, sisters of the Cenacle.

MUSIC GROUP - SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTAL PLAYERS NEEDED

The St Peter's Music Group is looking for additional singers and instrument players.

We are especially keen on hearing from alto, tenor and bass singers (though we welcome sopranos too), and players of any string or woodwind instrument, and most of all a bass guitarist - if there's one out there!

Instrument players should be of grade 5+ standard, able to play competently from sheet music.

For singers, the only qualification is enthusiasm!

We play once a month at the 10:30am Family Mass at St. Peter's, and have 2 rehearsals a month - so the commitment can be easily accommodated in the lives of busy people.

Please do come and join us, and enjoy singing the praises of the Lord!

Contact Martin McElroy on 865159 or martin.f.mcelroy@gmail.com for more details.

DIOCESAN

The new translation of the Missal: How should we listen to the texts? How might we move beyond the words? Fr Paul Turner, an internationally renowned liturgical expert, will explore these questions on Sunday 9th October, 2.00-6.30pm at Bishop Challoner School, Basingstoke RG22 6SR. Cost £5. More details at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone Nicky Stevens at the Department for Pastoral Formation 01329 835583.

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

www.hampshiredowns.org.uk



Young People



Parish Youth Group for secondary school age Thursday 29th September at St. Stephen's from 7.00-9.00pm. Come along for fun activities and pizza. Call Sue at the Parish Office for details.

Year 7-8 'Inspire' Youth Group starts again after half term. Watch this space.

Youth Band starts practising again on September 30th from 6.00 to 7.30pm in St. Stephen's. Canon Paul is keen to have a youth band so that all young people can contribute their musical gifts of all standards during Mass. New members are very welcome.

Youth Group Holy Land Pilgrimage: October half term. 20 young people from our parish are going on pilgrimage accompanied by several leaders and Canon Paul. We are offering several assisted places 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. We will be holding a sponsored car wash on the weekend of 1st/2nd October to raise money for the trip. Final briefing meeting, 11th October at 7.00pm in the Milner Hall

Youth Choir (age 7 and up) - If you like singing, singing along and would like to know better what Mass is all about, come and join the Youth Choir. We provide friendship, fun, expert singing tuition, and ample opportunity to engage with our faith through song, and the music we sing at Mass and in the community. All this is FREE, so come along and sing with us! come and join us this Thursday in St Peter's Church (4.40pm to 5.45pm) and find out what we do, Contact Jeanine McElroy 01962 865159.

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.

THANK YOU Last Sunday Fr Joe Kengah from Kenya visited St Gregory's. He has asked us to thank all who contributed to the £300.00 raised towards the cost (£1,000) of a microscope for the hospital dispensary in his home parish. Any further contributions can be passed to the Simons family who will forward donations to Fr Joe.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Please note that St. Peter's Street will be closed on the 26th September for gas and water services to be brought into the new pastoral centre.

The building is on schedule and should be weather-tight by October. We are still on target to have the handover by Easter 2012. During September the roof and windows should be completed and the internal electrical work will start. The ground source heat pump bore holes have been completed and the underfloor heating is being installed.

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.

GENERAL

Pennies for Life—Any more flower pots, please return next weekend to the church. Thank you for all the donations for our sale last Friday.

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: TRAINING

In accord with a Diocesan directive, all parishioners who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults (including taking communion to people outside of the Mass) must attend a Diocesan training session before the end of the year or they are no longer permitted to volunteer. To that end we have arranged two Diocesan training dates in November. Training for those people volunteering with children is at 7.30pm in St Peter's School on Monday the 7th of November. For those people volunteering with vulnerable adults the training session is at 7.30pm in St Peter's School, Oliver's Battery on Wednesday the 9th of November. To register for these training sessions, please either telephone Wini Meikle on 01962 714509, or e-mail Wini at wameikle@yahoo.co.uk. To determine if you have already taken the course, please check the parish website www.hampshiredowns.org.uk under Safeguarding.

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. **The new Missals will be available in the bookshop from November (red only). Orders can be taken in the Parish Office or in the bookshop. Price: £18**

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 24th Sept to 1st Oct 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 24	6.00 pm	Mass - Cecily Wake RIP
Sun 25	8.00 am	Mass - Joseph Yong RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Tom Craze RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - George and Gwen Graham RIP
Mon 26	12.15 pm	Mass - John Exworthy RIP
Tue 27	8.00 am	Mass -
Wed 28	12.15 pm	Mass -
Thur 29	7.00 pm	No Evening Mass
Fri 30	12.15 pm	Mass
Sat 1	9.00 am	Mass Philip Felton 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	Mass -
Tue	9.00 am	Mass -
Wed	8.00 am	Mass - Latin
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



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass People of the Parish

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

25th Sept to 2nd October, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 458 & Weekday Missal pp 750

Psalter Week 2)

Sunday 25	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)
Monday 26	St. Cosmas & St Damian
Tuesday 27	St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday 28	St. Wenceslaus
Thursday 29	Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Friday 30	St. Jerome
Saturday 1	St Teresa of the Child Jesus
Sunday 2	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7. Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9 Mathew 21:33-43

Psalms Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.



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CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

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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 - Imelda Weingart-West
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,643.51

Retiring Collection: £792.60

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,394,752. We are working on the final £5,000 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.