

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



26th September, 2010
Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year (C)

In our Gospel today Lazarus, the poor man at the gate, was so hungry that he just wanted to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Sadly, they were not for him. In Jesus' time, diners at a rich man's house did not use cutlery. Instead they used their fingers wiping them with pieces of bread which they threw on the floor. It was the dogs' work to eat the scraps. The poor man today is rather like the younger son last week who longed to eat the pigs' food but nobody would give him anything.

St. Luke emphasises the wealth of the rich man. He is wealthy not only in clothes and food; he is also rich in privilege and is free from the worry that besets the poor. Somehow his wealth and privilege blind him to the plight of the poor man who lies at the gate. (*Thanks to Fr. Denis McBride in his book Seasons of the Word.*)

We may not be as privileged as the rich man but most of us live comfortable lives. Could there be a danger that we are blind to the needs of the poor? Could it be true that we are missing the opportunities to help the poor in any number of ways?

The Social Doctrine of the Church is given to us to help us to see more clearly the needs of the poor and that we might be more aware of how we so often collude with unjust systems. That is why I am so grateful to Mike Slinn and the Parish Justice and Peace Group for arranging the six sessions on Catholic Social Teaching which began last Wednesday. I hope the experience of the rich man and Lazarus in today's Gospel moves more people to support this series of talks.

In addition to thanking the Justice and Peace Group for providing a very valuable opportunity, I have other reasons for expressing gratitude.

The first is to say thank you to Gillian Barry for all she did to arrange our visits to the papal events last weekend. A great deal of detailed and time consuming work was involved and without Gillian's generosity we would not have been able to have so many pilgrims going to see Pope Benedict (who also deserves our thanks for such a brilliant visit).

The second 'thank you' is to everyone in parish for giving me such a lovely boat for my sixtieth birthday. I have long wanted to be able to sail in Poole Harbour and now it is a possibility, thanks to your generosity.

PJT

What a wonderful Parish this is: The collection for Canon Paul's 60th birthday has enabled us to present an Avon scow sailing dinghy from us all to Canon Paul. The boat was fully rigged with sail and on its trailer in the grounds of St. Stephen's and was presented on the Parish's behalf by Angela Muxworthy at the start of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting this week. Canon Paul poured a little champagne across the bow and blessed the boat and all who sail in her.

TODAY

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

The Filipino Association in Central Hampshire are taking a leading role in the 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's today. The Mass includes some Filipino songs and a remembrance of our dearest friend Binky Martin who passed away on 17th August, aged 38. All are invited to stay after Mass for some Filipino delicacies for refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Readers' Rotas and Scripture Guides for St. Peter's Readers can be collected from the sacristy.

St. Gregory's subscribers to Living Faith booklets: Your Autumn edition is on the porch trolley for you.

St. Gregory's APF Red Box Holders: Please leave your box in the porch to be emptied or give it to Nan McNamara. Tel: 01962 734425

Stockbridge parishioner, Lydia Bluring is doing a run on the 9th October for Neonatal Research. Sponsorship forms can be found at the back of St. Thomas More's today.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29th September - The Autumn series of 'Space in the City' is entitled *Sanctuary* and will explore the concept of sanctuary through the eyes of eight speakers. They will take place at the United Church, Jewry Street on Wednesdays from 12.30pm until 1.00pm, admission is free, and sandwiches are available after the talks. The first talk is entitled "An Comerach: a Gaelic spiritual sanctuary" and the speaker is Giles Charrington. More information can be found on www.spaceinthecity.org.uk.

Wednesday 29th September - SVP Mass at 7.00pm in St. Peter's.

Thursday 30th September - Memorial Mass of Thanksgiving for Corinne Bennett will be held at Southwark RC Cathedral at 11.00am. Archbishop Peter Smith will be presiding and Canon Paul Townsend will be among the concelebrants. The Mass will be followed by a reception. You are all very warmly invited. The Cathedral is 10 minutes walk from Waterloo station, almost opposite the Imperial War Museum.
Keith Bennett and Fr David Wilson

Friday 1st October - is 'CAFOD Harvest Fast Day' - Please support Harvest Fast Day. As you know, it has been a particularly difficult year in global terms and this day is as crucial as ever to CAFOD's many partners around the world who rely on us all for support. Please stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection in St. Peter's is on Sunday 3rd October.

Friday 1st October - Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke, 10.00am. All are welcome.

Saturday 2nd October - A Day on the Eucharist with an Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World from 10.00am - 4.00pm in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Portsmouth. Led by David Payne and Fr. Emmanuel C.F.R. facilitated by Fr. Paul Leonard. David Payne and Fr. Emmanuel will hold a discussion about what Eucharistic Miracles are and how we as individuals can relate. Some of the 140 Eucharistic miracles such as Lanciano, Cascia, Siena, St Faustina Kowalska, and the Apparition of Lady in Guadalupe will be discussed in depth. There will be Mass celebrated by Bishop Crispian, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with silent and guided meditation), Sacrament of Confession, Catechesis, Testimonies, Healing Service with the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship, refreshments and light lunch. Tickets £5.00. Please contact Joan or Michele at Sacred Heart Fareham Parish Office 01329 318869.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 3rd October - Retiring Collection for CAFOD

Sunday 3rd October and every weekend in October - Mass Count at all Masses.

Sunday 3rd October - The St. Gregory's October Cake Sale will follow the 11.00am Mass. Vanessa Albertini, tel: 01730 828323, will be in charge. All offers of contributions most welcome.

Sunday 3rd October - We offer a warm welcome to students arriving in Winchester for the first time or returning to continue their studies. If you are 18-25 and living or studying in the area you are invited to Wine and Snacks in the Parish Centre (next to the church) after 7.00pm mass for a chance to meet each other and members of the parish. We hope you can come.

LOOKING AHEAD AND NOTICES

Monday 4th October - Winchester Catholic History Group will meet at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Milner Hall. Dom Geoffrey Scott OSB, Abbot of Douai, will give a talk on 'The English Benedictine Community of the Glorious Assumption of Our Lady of Winchester'. Non-members: £3.

Friday 8th October - 'Race Night' - Come and enjoy all the fun of the Races at St. Gregory's Parish Pastoral Centre at 7.00pm. Tickets £7.50 to include a ploughman's supper will be on sale after Mass on Sundays.

Saturday 16th October - Half-day of Reflection for all Ministers of Communion in the parish, from 10.00am, in St. Stephen's Church and St. Peter's School. Details to follow.

Sunday 17th October - Mass for the Sick and Housebound is at 3.00 p.m. in St. Peter's. Would anyone able to offer a lift or anyone wanting a lift, please contact Martin Bell on 01962 713066

Tuesday 19th October - Scripture Reflection Group. 7.30-9.15pm, in the Parish Centre. A simple, shared meal, followed by prayer, reflection, sharing and theological input. Please bring simple food to share. All are welcome.

Wednesday 20th October - Mass in St. Mary's, Twyford at 7.00 p.m.

Saturday 23rd October - CWL Quiz Evening with Fish and Chip Supper. 7.15pm in Milner Hall. Tickets £10 are on sale after Masses and from Anne on 01962 889461, to include a drink on arrival. Raffle. Money raised will be donated to Winchester Night Shelter and Help for Heroes. Come and join us, either as a team, or an individual.

Sunday 31 October - Churches Together in Alresford and Alresford Rotary Club will hold their annual Shoebox Appeal to send Christmas boxes to children aged 0-15 in Tanzania, Montenegro and Romania. The boxes will be packed in St. Gregory's Parish Pastoral Centre. For more details, contact James Pinnegar on 01962 738788.

Tuesday 2nd November - St. Peter's Youth Theatre Group starts again. (see Young People section opposite).

Saturday 13th November - Morning of Reflection for all Ministers of the Word in the parish. Details to follow.

Sunday 21st November - The Youth Choir are singing at 9.15 a.m. Mass in St. Stephen's.

Saturday 4th December - St. Gregory's Christmas Bazaar. A list of the Stalls and other events is now in St. Gregory's porch. Would volunteers to man them or help in any way, please sign up or contact Piers Armstrong on 01962 734542, 07908 689009 or piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Amos 6:1.4-7

Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading: First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Autumn Series of Lectures and Workshops on Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is often described as one of the best-kept secrets of the Catholic church! Each evening will start at 7.00pm with a glass of wine and nibbles, with a lecture followed by a question and answer session and a facilitated workshop. Venue is Milner Hall. All welcome.

Wed 29th September - Michael Hornsby-Smith: Economic Life". Michael Hornsby-Smith is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Surrey and was chairman of the Justice and Peace Commission in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Wed 13th October - Rev. Dr James Sweeney: "Human Work". Fr. James Sweeney teaches in the Pastoral & Social Studies Department at Heythrop College, University of London and is secretary of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain.

Wed 20th October - Bruce Kent: "Justice and Peace". Bruce Kent is a former priest and is now a Vice President of Pax Christi, CND and the Movement for the Abolition of War. He was once President of the International Peace Bureau in Geneva.

Wed 3rd November - Dr Keith Chappell: "The Human Person and Human Rights". Dr Keith Chappell is a member of the Las Casas Institute on Ethics, Governance and Social Justice based at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, and of the Maryvale Institute, Birmingham where he teaches Catholic Social Teaching.

Wed 10th November - Professor Mary Grey: "Safeguarding the Environment". Professor Mary Grey is an ecofeminist liberation theologian, until recently D. J. James Professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of Wales and now professional research fellow at St Mary's University College, London.

LOOKING AHEAD - OTHER EVENTS

Tuesday 28th September - Florence Nightingale is one of Hampshire's best-known 19th-century residents; her life was one of many parts, inspired by a deep sense of Divine calling, and ranging from hands-on nursing in the Crimea to her influence over the design of hospitals, notably RHCH. 2010 is the centenary of her death, and this anniversary has been marked by the writing of a dramatic presentation of her life. 'Florence' will be performed by Chester House Productions at Hampshire Record Office in Sussex Street at 7.30pm; the evening will also include a special chance to see a display of original letters by, and sketches of Florence. Tickets cost £7 - to book, phone 01962 846154. More details at www.chesterhouse.net and www.hants.gov.uk/archives

Saturday 9th October - A Piano Recital by Nicholas Walker. Playing Balakirev, Chopin, Beethoven and Glinka at St. Swithun's School Performing Arts Centre, Alresford Road at 7.30 p.m. A Preview of the Balakirev Centenary Celebration which will be held in London from 4th to 22nd November. www.stswithuns.com Tickets are £15 (children under 16 - £10) available from 01962 835715 or email: boxoffice@stswithuns.com

11th October - Alan Lovell, the High Sheriff of Hampshire, and his wife thank St. Peter's for making them feel so welcome last Sunday. The highlight of their visits to different faiths is a multi-faith evening in Winchester Cathedral: 5.30pm - Evensong (optional: 7.00pm - Talk by Indarjit Singh: 8.00pm - Multi-faith meditation. All are welcome.



Young People

Thursday 30th September - Youth Group Sessions Come aboard the Tardis as the Hampshire Downs Youth Group launches into the past and future with four weeks of activities this Autumn. Youth group is for young people at secondary school. We have art, quizzes, activities and, of course, pizza. We will also have the challenge of putting together a time capsule to bury under the new parish centre! Next meetings Thursdays 7th & 14th October in the Parish Centre. 7.00-9.00pm. Bring £2 for pizza. Call 01962 868714 if you have any queries. (Liza, Moira, Marion and Sue.)

15/16/17th October - Life Conference - There will be 2 or 3 spaces available in a car going to the Life Conference on the 16th. Price: £5 per day for students. If interested, please contact Julia Bray on 07964 361598.

2nd October - Youth are leading an event in Eastleigh for young people. Peter McGeady, the Youth Development Leader is promoting this especially for **older teenagers and young adults**. "Sing to the Lord a new Song" ... An evening of vibrant music and prayer for young people by the music team of Jesus Youth at Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh from 6.00 to 8.00pm. All are invited, especially the youth.

Tuesday 2nd November - St. Peter's Youth Theatre Group will be starting again. Existing members must register on or before that date. There will be a limited number of places available for new members. If you are interested in joining the waiting list, please contact Julia Bray on 01962 853813 or Deb Falconer on 01962 843638.

Sunday 21st November - Youth Day. Young Catholics South present 'A Noble Adventure' - an afternoon for young people aged 11-25 to explore the journey of faith, organised in the east of Southampton at St. Patricks, Woolston. A mixture of talks, various activities and workshops and finishing with a youth mass. Come along to take part or to help out. 1pm - 6pm.

Peter McGeady - Contact details:

Young Catholics South group page

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=146346682073674#!/group.php?gid=348103697656>

Add me as a friend. Make sure your parents are happy with this if under 18.

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=348103697656&v=app_2344061033#!/pjmceady

YC South contact detail cards are in the parishes. I am trying to create a database of all young people in the area so please fill the cards out and hand them to the parish office or to someone trustworthy. You can email me your details if you like.

MARRIED COUPLES

Would you like to experience a marriage enrichment weekend organised by Worldwide Marriage Encounter? It's a residential weekend designed to deepen and strengthen good marriages, away from the distractions of everyday life. It's not marriage counselling, therapy or a retreat, but a positive experience that can benefit any couple of any age group. The next weekend to be held in the South takes place in Hertfordshire from 22 - 24 October. Details: Mary & Chris Farrell 02380 275401 or <http://wwme.org.uk>

Journey in Faith

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 is for those who might be searching for a faith in their lives - or simply searching for something more - or perhaps want to know more about what the Catholic Church believes and does, possibly to support their family. The programme starts again on 28th September. We will be meeting in the Milner Hall on Tuesday evenings during term time [roughly 8 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, please give Nick Kelly a ring on 01962 890118.

CLOSING THE PARISH CENTRE NOVEMBER 2010

The Hampshire Downs Pastoral Centre building project starts in earnest now we have planning permission. We have some more archaeology and other enabling works to be done before the main contractor is appointed in January. To prepare for this, the old parish centre will be demolished in November. The link door will be closed and wooden hoardings will be erected around the parish centre part of the site. There will be no parking in that area and no pedestrian access past the old parish centre. Peterhouse, Milner Hall and the Convent will be accessed by the parish from St Peter Street. **All items in the parish centre will need to be cleared by the end of October.** Please contact the parish office if you have questions about the interim arrangements during the demolition and build phases.

Trees

A number of trees around the old parish centre will be felled during the next week or so to prepare for the demolition site. Two of them are diseased and need to come down anyway. We will be replanting, using native species, in alternative and more suitable places.

Car Parking

In order to provide spaces for people attending Mass or visiting the Church in the weekdays, please can we all refrain from parking in the church grounds for other purposes. Thank you.

PAPAL VISIT

Watch again the remarkable events of last weekend and read Pope Benedict's homilies. Videos of the visit are available on the Papal Visit website (follow the link from our parish website, www.hampshiredowns.org.uk, or go directly to www.thepapalvisit.org.uk). Texts of the Holy Father's homilies and speeches are also available, along with photos. In addition, there is information about Blessed John Henry Newman and about the Catholic faith.

Look out for a report in the Hampshire Chronicle.

Memories of the Hyde Park Prayer Vigil, from Mary Tutton:

What a wonderful experience I had last Saturday. I felt so honoured to carry the beautiful Hampshire Downs banner all round Hyde Park and up onto the altar to shake hands with so many bishops, including our dear Bishop Peter. Thank you for such an opportunity. It will be a day I won't forget. The banner was made especially for Pope Benedict XVI's visit by Liz le Grys and Stephanie Altenburger from the idea of Franziska Weingart-West.

Please pray for Veronica Paske who died recently. Her Funeral Mass is at 12.15pm on Monday 4th October. May she rest in peace.

MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

25th September to 2nd October, 2010

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Mass - Cecily Wake RIP
Sun	8.00 am	Mass - Margaret Bogan RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Intentions of Denise Whittle, and Michael and Simone Toner RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - In thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI
Mon	12.15 pm	Mass - In Thanksgiving
Tue	8.00 am	Mass - Founders
Wed	12.15 pm	Mass - Gerald, Elizabeth and Michael Churchill RIP
Thur	7.00 pm	Mass - Elizabeth and William Smith RIP
Fri	10.00 am	Mass at St. Barnabas - Bert Knight RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass - Intentions of the Patta family
Sat	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, 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 - William Meader 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 - Nellie O'Rourke RIP and Mrs. Champion RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun. 9.00 am Mass - Edward Fitzgerald RIP

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

26th September to 3rd October, 2010

(Sunday Missal pp 885 & Weekday Missal pp 1172 ;
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year (C)
Monday	St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday	St. Wenceslaus, St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions or Feria
Wednesday	The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Thursday	St. Jerome
Friday	St. Teresa of the Child Jesus
Saturday	The Holy Guardian Angels
Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year (C)

Next Sunday's Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3.2:2-4. 2nd Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 1:6-8.13-14. Luke 17:5-10

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

ST. PETER'S BOOKSHOP

Books, cards and religious items.



Situated in the link between the church and the parish centre, and open after Saturday 6.00 p.m. Mass and all Sunday Masses. Other opening times can be found at the back of church. Look out for the bookshop when it travels to St. Gregory's, St. Thomas More's and St. Stephen's.

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
Deacon Nick Reynolds ☎ 07854709301
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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GENERAL NOTICES

Communion for Sick and Housebound - If you are housebound, even for a short period, and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office.

Minibus - a 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. Contact the Parish Office.

Property left in the church is put in the Lost Property cupboard in the Sacristy. This cupboard can be accessed through the 'St. Joseph's' entrance door and is situated alongside the wheelie bins. If a lost item is deemed to be valuable it will be taken to Peterhouse. Periodically, unclaimed items will be sold to charity.

CONTACTS

Parish Pastoral Council - Angela Muxworthy (Chair)

Finance & Property Committee - Marcus Whitfield (Chair)

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(☎ 01962 849425) aaustinnippy@aol.com

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Baptisms - Jon & Dawn Egerton-Kemp (☎ 01962 868729)
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Weddings - Parish Office (☎ 01962 852804)

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alesford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,799.79**

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: **£1,340,432** from 384 pledges and gifts. Thank you. We are working on the final £60,000 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.

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.