

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 9th October, 2011

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus inaugurated a new age in the story of creation and humanity. An age, continuing until Jesus' second coming, during which the presence of Jesus' risen among us is celebrated in the banquet of the Eucharist and lives lived with faith in him.

Today's Gospel from Matthew offers us a parable which can be interpreted to bring us deeper into the mystery of our relationship with Jesus. The theme, which we met last week in the parable of the vineyard, continues today as the king's servants are slaughtered. They represent missionaries and prophets who are rejected because they proclaim the message of Christ.

The unfortunate person who is brought in from the street and who is ejected into outer darkness is the one who has accepted the invitation to the Christian banquet. His lack of a garment represents the fact that he has not undergone the conversion of life required by the message of Jesus.

PJT

Sr. Antonietta, of St. Peter's Convent, has been unwell for the last five months. Her recovery, which has been mainly in Southampton, has been very slow indeed. The forecast is that her recovery will continue at a very slow rate and she will move to the 'Casa Volto Santo Home' in Rome at the end of October. This Nursing Home belongs to the Institute of 'Maestre Pie Filippini' of which Sr. Antonietta is a member. In England we know the Sisters as the 'Sisters of Religious Teachers Filippini' named after the founder St. Lucy Filippini.

Sr. Antonietta came to England in 1955, immediately after her profession as one of the 5 foundation members of the Pontifical Institute in this country. She has served in Winchester for 36 years in a variety of ways. The different aspects of her ministry are too numerous to mention here. I remember her stories of running the youth programme in the rooms in the church tower, which we are no longer permitted to use – just one aspect of a flexible and generous ministry to the people of this parish young and old. At this stage in her religious life, I would like to thank Sr. Antonietta for all her kindness to me and her support in any number of ways.

PJT

Mrs. Angela Muxworthy has resigned as the Chair of our Parish Pastoral Council because she is soon to move to Devon. I would like to thank Angela for her commitment, vision and leadership skills which she has given to her ministry in this parish over the past few years. For the time being I will chair the Parish Pastoral Council.

PJT

Cycle of Prayer:

This week we pray for: Parish Lay Administrators in the Diocese. Society of St. Peter the Apostle in the Diocese. Little Sisters of the Poor in the Diocese.

TODAY

Mass Count - there will be a count at all Masses today and for the next three weeks.

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the Family Fast Envelopes. Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity shown to our East Africa appeal this summer. Although this collection follows so soon after 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.

Flowers at St. Stephen's today are in memory of Des Le Grys RIP on the 3rd anniversary of his death.

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

The West End to Winchester - Genevieve Lemon in Concert at the Discovery Centre at 7.30pm today in aid of the Winchester Churches Nightshelter.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th October - Youth Group Holy Land Pilgrimage final briefing is at 7.00pm at St. Stephen'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 - Devotions to Our Lady are taking place at St. Peter's at 7.00pm each Friday during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. Enquiries to John Docherty on 01962 860069.

Friday 14th October - a Churches Together in Alresford event in St John's, Alresford at 7.30pm - We welcome Zambian, Henry Olonga to an evening of music, song, chat and faith. Tickets £8 each or £15 for two from James Pinigar, 01962 738788; e-mail wirp@hotmail.co.uk or Piers Armstrong, 01962 734542; e-mail piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com

Saturday 15th October - Anya Wilson and Bernie Plaisted invite you to their Nuptial Mass to be held in St. Peter's at 2.00pm

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 16th October - Mass for the Sick and Housebound is at 3.00pm in St. Peter's followed by tea in the Milner Hall. Would anyone able to offer a lift or anyone wanting a lift, please contact Martin Bell on 01962 713066. **Please note there will be no Evening Prayer and Benediction that day.**

Sunday 16th October - members of the community from Lisieux will be holding an afternoon focusing on 'A Story of Love with Jesus Christ' at 2.30pm at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

2nd Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 18th October – Parish Pastoral Council meet at 7.00pm in the Parish Office, The Old Georgian.

Wednesday 19th October - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Wednesday 19th October - Do you live in Fulflood, Weeke or Harestock? If so, have you had your invitation? New project to implement Canon Paul's dream of small neighbourhood groups looking at the Sunday readings each week. Starting with a House Mass 7.30pm. Phone Liz (863648) or Louisa (886768) or email lizdarlison@btinternet.com for details if you haven't had an invitation.

Saturday 22nd October - ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal) St Lucy's Convent Medstead. The theme for this year is Renewal of Faith – 'Credo' – I Believe. (using the new translation). We start with Rosary at 11.00am – Mass at 11.30am, ending at about 4.00pm Speaker is Mgr. Jeremy Garratt and the subject is 'Forgiveness of sins'. Collection to cover expenses. For more information, ring: Revd. Deacon John Foley on 01189 333420 or see poster.

Sunday 23rd October - Buffet lunch at St. Gregory's offering 'A Taste of Africa' - arranged by Yvette Carrous, Tel: 01962 676162. Tickets available now at £5 each. Profits to 'Living Our Faith'. All welcome.

Saturday 29th October - St. Thomas More Prayer Group meets from 3.00 to 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All welcome.

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 October, January 2012 or Good Friday. Don't forget the new responses.

Sunday 6th November - Family Mass in St. Peter's at 10.30am

Sunday 6th November - Churches Together in Alresford Annual Christmas Shoeboxes Packing Party at St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre. Full information from James Pinniger on 01962 738788 or Phil Collins on 01962 732105.

Sunday 13th November - Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

Sunday 13th November - Blessing of the graves at St. James Cemetery is at 3.00pm

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 20th November - Blessing of graves at Magdalen Hill Cemetery is at 3.00pm

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

Family Mass:

On the first Sunday of each month at St. Peter's Church there is a Family Mass at 10.30am. The choir are present and special music is prepared as is a special sheet for everyone. The readers are children and the homily is prepared both for children and adults. I was very disappointed last Sunday because so few families and children were present. It was a particular shame because Eddie Lane and Emily Somers, the head boy and girl of St. Peter's School read Isaiah's story of the vineyard so beautifully.
PJT

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).

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 meets 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 01962 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 also 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.

Street Pastors - Many of you will have seen the pictures and article in the Hampshire Chronicle about street pastors. Some of you will also have noticed that two parishioners featured prominently in several of the photographs. The scheme is going well and already we are being asked to provide an even greater presence on the streets of Winchester. Are you interested in becoming a street pastor in 2012? We are now recruiting for a training programme starting in January. If interested apply to Mark Hibbert-Hingston, our administrator on 01962 854454 or e-mail winchester@streetpastors.org.uk. Alternatively call me on 01962 867117 to chat about it.
Steve Taylor

Christian Response to 'The Big Society'. Do come to the United Church in Jewry Street to a discussion hosted by Churches Together in Winchester at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th October. Coffee served from 7.15pm.

ADVENT GROUPS

Hampshire Downs parish is again offering all members of the community the opportunity to join 'house groups' this Advent. Watch this space for more information.

Called to be a leader?

If you would like to lead or co-lead a group this year, there is the opportunity to learn some of the skills at a training evening on 8th November at 7.30pm in St Peter's School led by Monika Chmelova from the Diocesan Department for Pastoral Formation. Book via Augusta Wolff - augustawolff@googlemail.com, tel 07825757287.

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

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 13th October 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 practises every fortnight on Fridays from 6.00 to 7.30pm in St. Stephen's. Next meeting is on Friday 14th October. 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. Final briefing meeting, this Tuesday, 11th October at 7.00pm at St. Stephen's. Thank you for the donation last weekend for the car washing which raised £393.91

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.

Canon Paul's Jerusalem Journal - there are only a few copies left. So, if you've been meaning to buy one, you need to take action now. We have some at the Parish Office, so call in and buy one, or phone (01962 852804) or contact us through the website to reserve a copy - we can post it to you if necessary. Cost £5 (or whatever you can afford), to include a donation to charity.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

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 October the internal electrical work will start and some of the landscaping. The link door to the church will be modified during the next two months.

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.

Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

Welcome to Jonathan Piotrowski and Harry Whiles who were baptised in St. Peter's recently.

GENERAL

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, new and old are needed now by the Catholic Women's League as Christmas gifts for the Winchester Domestic Abuse Service. Boxes are in every church or donations can be sent to the school. Toiletries and duvets/pillows/towels are still acceptable. **Also, gifts for mothers will be appreciated.**

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.

St Gregory's Pastoral Centre - is now regularly used on Mondays, so could able bodied members of the community please help put the tables away after coffee on Sundays.

St Gregory's Cake Sale raised £92. Many thanks.

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 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.

New Sunday Missals: Please place orders for the new Sunday Missals at the Parish Office/Bookshop. They will be available only in red, from November and will cost £18.00. The daily Missal will be available after January.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK 8th to 15th Oct 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 8	6.00 pm	Mass - Michael Ede RIP
Sun 9	8.00 am	Mass
	10.30 am	Mass - Mary and Andrew Foley RIP
	12.15 pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form John Cogle RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Deceased relatives of the Whiteman family
Mon 10	12.15 pm	Mass - Freddie Woodhead RIP
Tue 11	8.00 am	Mass - Dead and Founders
Wed 12	12.15 pm	Mass - Helen Smith RIP
Thur 13	7.00 pm	Mass - Michael Kilroy RIP
Fri 14	12.15 pm	Mass - Ted Pollard RIP
Sat 15	9.00 am	Mass - William Meader 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 - People of the Parish
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Tue	9.00 am	Mass - Benefactors
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 - Desmond Le Grys RIP 3rd Anniversary
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St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

9th to 16th October, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 466 & Weekday Missal pp 776
Psalter Week 4)



Sunday	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)
Monday	St. Paulinus of York or Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	St. Wilfrid
Thursday	St. Edward the Confessor or Feria
Friday	St. Callistus I or Feria
Saturday	St. Teresa of Avila
Sunday	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6. First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5. Matthew 22:15-21

Psalm Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

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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 ☎ 07854 709301
Sisters of St Lucy, St. Peter's Convent ☎ 01962 854040

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Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB
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Weddings - Parish Office - 01962 852804

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Eucharistic Adoration - Irena - 01962 880678

Milner Hall Bookings - Claire Cafrine
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,200.80

Retiring Collection for Bishop Crispian: £ 912.84

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.