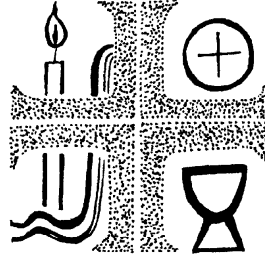


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



THIRTIETH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR

25th October, 2009

Next Saturday is the eve ("e'en") of All Saints' Day, once known as "All Hallows' Day" and hence, our "Hallowe'en." All Saints' is complemented the following day by the commemoration of the faithful departed, All Souls' Day.

Why has the cult of the faithful departed become a commercialized romp of ghosts, witches and "trick or treat?" What has happened to the dead in our culture that they have become threats to us rather than our dear departed friends and brethren in Christ? Why have we allowed the dead to become outcasts and excommunicated like this?

Catholics are in the best position to counter the "Hallowe'en" nonsense peddled by the shops. We need to reclaim the eve of All Saints' with a liturgy of hope and peace. Our tradition bids us remember the Saints as those who support us by their constant intercession. We keep fellowship also with the cheerful (NB accent on "cheerful") expectancy of the Church in the ascent of Purgatory.

There are serious issues of Catholic faith, religious practice and identity here. We can redeem this time of the year, since in Christ, the risen One "The shadows of death give way to the bright promise of immortality."

So don't cancel the Hallowe'en Party (Catholics should be the best party givers, surely), just make it less Ghoulish. The dead don't want to be thought of as enemies or characters in a comedy, but as friends, who just as friends often do, ask for our prayers.

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Canon Paul, a group of our young people and adult helpers are on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this week. Please keep them in your prayers. They return this Friday.

A big thank you to everyone for the £1,100 from the sponsored car wash and for all the donations.

Here is the plan of visits:

Saturday: Jericho, Mount Tabor, Nazareth and Cana. Sunday: Sea of Galilee and Capernaum. Monday: Mount Carmel, Caesarea Maritima and Jerusalem. Tuesday: Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Bethlehem. Wednesday: Jerusalem, Temple and Holy Sepulchre (including the Via Dolorosa) Thursday: Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, Mount Nebo. PJT

TODAY

Mass Count at all Masses today.

18-25 Group - Sunday lunch meeting at Liz and Mike Slinn's home at 16 Abbey Hill Road, Winchester today at 12.30 p.m. All welcome, including new students!

Welcome to Eve Cunningham-Brown being baptised at St. Stephen's and to Isabella O'Donnell, Isabella Lanni-Steele and Tamsyn Sayles being baptised at St. Peter's today.

Welcome also to Matthew Richman who was baptised in St. Peter's last Sunday.

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,382.02**

Retiring collection for World Missions : **£ 795.30**



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



Questions of the Week

Children: What would you like to ask Jesus for?

Youth: "Master, I want to see!" How do you lost want to be able to 'see' in your own life? How are you blind?

Adults: What does it mean for you to 'see'? Are there blind spots in your life?

CLERGY & PARISH TEAM

Canon Paul Townsend (Co-ordinating Pastor and Parish Priest)

Fr. John Catlin (Associate Pastor)

Canon Alan Griffiths

Fr. Vincent Convery (Prison and Hospital Chaplain)

Fr. Brian Croughan (Retired Priest)

Deacon Gerard Dailly (01962 736389)

Deacon Nick Reynolds (01962 772393)

Catherine Christmas (Director of music, liturgy and communications)

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St. Peter's Catholic Primary School:

Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB

Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Monday 26th October - Cheese & Wine Evening. The Knights of St. Columba invite any Catholic gentlemen who would like to know more about their Order and to help start a Council of the Order in Winchester to this evening starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 27th October - Funeral Service for Matthew Goddard at 11.00 a.m. in St. Peter's.

Tuesday 27th October - The Meditation Group. As it is half term we will be meeting this week in the Community Room in St. Stephen's Church, Oliver's Battery Rd North at 7.30 p.m. The entrance is via the left side door of the church. Follow the signs. All welcome. Enquiries phone Lynda on 01962 856243.

Saturday 31st October - Votive Mass of St. Vincent de Paul at 11.00 a.m. in St. Peter. All are welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 1st November - Second Collection in aid of our twin Diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, West Africa.

Sunday 1st November - The St. Gregory's cake sale will be held after the 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Pastoral Centre with Linda Smith (☎ 01962 734336) in charge. All contributions will be most welcome.

Sunday 1st November - This year's Churches Together in Alresford's Christmas Shoebox packing will be in St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre at 2.00 p.m. For full details of how you can contribute, please contact James Pinneger on 01962 738788 (evenings and weekends) or jamespinnegar@btinternet.com

LOOKING AHEAD - PARISH

Monday 2nd November - Winchester Catholic History Group - The Seventh Roy Wake Memorial Lecture on 'Cardinal Pole' by Lucy Beckett, historian, novelist and poet will be at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. in the Milner Hall. Non-members: £3

Friday 6th November - Quiz Evening with Fish & Chip Supper at 7.15 p.m. in the Milner Hall. Tickets £10. Money raised will be donated to Living Our Faith, and Catholic Women's League Charities. For tickets please contact Anne Whitmarsh on 01962 889461.

Saturday 7 November - At the invitation of Anthony Loudon, Canon Alan will celebrate Mass at 2.30 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Chapel at Tichborne House. For many years, until St Gregory's was opened as Alresford's Parish church in 1968, Catholics from Alresford and the surrounding villages depended on St. Margaret's and the chaplain supplied by the Tichborne family, for Sunday Mass. Travel directions - take the B3046 from Alresford to Cheriton. Once you have gone over the Alresford by-pass and past the golf course the drive leading to Tichborne House is on the right just beyond the summit of the hill. The entrance to the Chapel is at the back of the house. Everyone welcome.

Sundays 8th and 15th November - The Blessing of Graves: November is upon us once again and I shall be visiting our two cemeteries in Winchester to pray for those who are buried there and to bless the graves. Both celebrations take place at 3.00 p.m. on the 8th November at St. James and on the 15th November at Morn Hill. PJT

Friday 13th November - Annual Mass for those who have died during the past year and beyond is at 7.30 p.m. in St. Peter's. All are welcome.

Tuesday 17th November - Climate Justice Event at St. Stephen's Church at 7.00 p.m. An evening of entertainment and information - for all ages. For more information contact Mike Slinn on 01962 865348.

Saturday 5th December - The Christmas Bazaar at St.

Gregory's this year will be in the Alresford Community Centre (where East Street, West Street and Broad Street meet) and Piers Armstrong the Co-ordinator. For more information, watch this space and the porch notice board, or contact Piers at Walnut Tree House, New Farm Road, Alresford, telephone 01962 734542 or 07908689009. E-mail: piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com

Saturday 12th December - Advent Morning of Prayer for the Parish of Hampshire Downs, organised by the Stewardship Group will be from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at St., Stephen's. All will be welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD - DIOCESAN

Saturday 7th or Saturday 14th November - 'Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good' - an opportunity to find out what stewardship is and why it is so important in the life of our diocese. Both days are at 10.00 for 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 7th at St. Joseph's Convent School, Reading and the 14th at St. George's School, Southampton. Cost £5 and bring a packed lunch. To book, contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LOOKING AHEAD - OTHER

Tuesday 3rd November - Winchester Churches Christmas Project 2009. There will a meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the United Church where you can find out how this project works for supporting individuals and families in Winchester and the surrounding area who have had a particularly difficult year. All are welcome.

Saturday 7 November - Do you know someone who has suffered a significant loss or bereavement who would benefit from time and space and, perhaps, a listening ear? From 10.30 a.m. -4.00 p.m. (coffee from 10.00 a.m.) at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 83L, we are offering a day with such a person in mind. We are requesting a suggested offering of £15 to include a light, home-cooked lunch, refreshments throughout the day and all materials – but please ensure that all who might wish to come are welcome regardless of ability to make an offering at this time. Brochures and posters are available from our website www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk. Telephone: 01794 830206. Email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

Saturday 21st November - Overseas Group Quiz with Kevin Ashman (Brain of Brains and Mastermind record holder) as Quizmaster) at 7.30 p.m. in St. Lawrence with St. Swithun's. £10 per head with a hot supper (no alcohol for sale - BYOB). Teams of eight individual applicants welcome). Includes an 'Ask Kevin' round. Contact: Penny Beveridge (01962 859459) or write c/o The Parish Office, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LH.

THE WAVE - Saturday 5th December, Central London: the Stop Climate Change coalition, of which CAFOD and Christian Aid are also part, is organising an Ecumenical service and a rally for climate justice ahead of the meeting of world leaders in Copenhagen to discuss the post-Kyoto treaty. Ecumenical service at 11.00 a.m. (with Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Rowan Williams) at Westminster Central Hall, followed by a march starting at 1.00 p.m. from Grosvenor Square. All details on the day and information on local transport to get there are available at: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/climate/the-wave>

GENERAL NOTICES

A big thank you to Clare Cadrine for making the beautiful green vestment for St. Peter's.

Abby and David Dailly would like to thank everyone from St. Gregory's who donated money - whether their car was washed or not - for the Holy Land pilgrimage last Sunday. St. Gregory's raised £177.00. Thank you.

St. Peter's School - Starting school in September 2010 - Was your child born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006? If so, it is important that you apply for a school place by 12.00 midday on **Friday, 20th November 2009**. To do this you will need to collect a **St. Peter's Supplementary Information Form**, School Brochure and CR2 from your local primary school from week beginning 21st September. Although you can complete the CR2 form on line you cannot complete the St. Peter's Supplementary Information Form on line - this needs to be handed back to St. Peter's School with relevant paperwork.

Winchester Nightshelter, for the homeless, (opposite St Peter's church in Jewry Street) are currently struggling to keep their overnight guests fed. Unfortunately one of the larger local contributors has changed store policy which means there is less to give away at the end of the day. Up to 17 people need to be given a hot meal every evening. If you feel that you could support the nightshelter by offering to provide a meal at some stage over the winter it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Nightshelter directly on 01962 862050. The office is open between 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. weekdays. The people of this parish currently support a 10 week slot early in the year. I maintain the list of volunteers. Please let me know if you wish to be added to the list for 2010. Thank you. Pat Harris 01962 620979 patlunn.harris@ntlworld.com

The congregation at St. Stephen's are building an electronic archive of photos charting events during the forty years of the church's history. If you have any photos of significant events at St. Stephen's and would be willing to lend them to us for scanning, please contact Mark Pellegrini on 02380 696393. If you would rather, just send a copy via e-mail to mcp@pellegrini.freemove.co.uk. Please attach a title/description and a date (if possible).

Are you a doctor, social worker or police officer with current or recent experience of safeguarding adults or children? Would you like to offer your skills and experience to the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission? If interested, please contact Angela McGrory, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator for an informal chat on 02392 816396 or 07554427064. This is a voluntary role that is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced CRB Disclosure.

Get Creative! For CAFOD Portsmouth - The CAFOD Portsmouth Office has recently launched a competition to produce a CD of songs and poems from people across the Diocese. Entries are welcome from individuals and/or schools and groups. The topic of the song or poem could be anything from environmental justice to livesimply, from worship to social action. Deadline for submission: 7th June 2010. Full rules and entry forms can be downloaded from www.cafod.org.uk/Portsmouth or contact the office at Portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329285 for more information.

The Catholic Women's League sincerely thank all who supported their recent Charity Lunch - £80 was raised.

Key Amnesty: The keys to the Parish Centre and the Sacristy which are kept in Peterhouse are disappearing fast again so that when people call at Peterhouse to collect keys we have none here. If you have a key which you do not need, could you please put it through Peterhouse door a.s.a.p.

The deadline for anything to be inserted into Peterpost is midday Thursday.

Please send Alresford news to

Hermione O'Donovan (01962 732980) or Paul Kennedy (01962 735287); pbk25@btopenworld.com

To hire St Gregory's Pastoral Centre, please call Catriona Mills (01962 736160) to check availability.

Stewardship Reflection

'Immediately he received his sight and followed home on the way' ... Mark 10:52

Sight is just one of the many gifts that God has given to us. Like all of our basic senses and talents, sight is a gift we often take for granted. We pat ourselves on the back for our accomplishments, forgetting that whatever we do, we do with the gifts that God has given to us.



Cycle of Prayer: This week, please pray especially for:

National: The spread of the Gospel. The harvest, fruits of human work and reverent use of creation. Justice and Peace. All victims of war. Young people. Prisoners and their families.

Diocesan: The work of the Secular Clergy Common and New Common Funds. Parish of Christ the King & St. Coleman, Bitterne. Jersey Pastoral Services. Parishes, communities and schools of the Bournemouth Pastoral Area. Parishes, communities and schools of the Alton/Petersfield Pastoral Area. Parishes, communities and schools of the Solent Pastoral Area. Our twinned Diocese of Bamenda and the Bamenda Committee.

Churches Together in Winchester: St. Barnabas, Weeke

Living Our Faith
The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



Thank you to Alex Reidy who has raised a massive £3,440 for **Living Our Faith** through his sponsored bike ride, and to all who supported him. More than 200 parishioners signed up as sponsors and it has been a truly encouraging parish wide event.

The new pastoral centre project is beginning to take shape with preliminary work on energy sustainability surveys taking place. The revised design following our parish wide exhibition of drawings in July will be presented after Masses in November and December, and we still aim to apply for planning and Historic Churches Commission approval in March.

The Living Our Faith Campaign team can be contacted at Peterhouse on Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday and for urgent matters please call 0777 407 5861. For details please look at the Living Our Faith and parish centre section of the parish website: www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

Total raised so far: £1,065,890 from 177 gifts, with about £420,000 already in the bank. Our goal is to raise £1.8m to pay for a new pastoral centre at St Peters, repairs to St Gregory, Alresford and to St Thomas More, Stockbridge and further development at St Stephens.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK
24th to 31st October, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Tom and Mary White RIP
Sun	8.00 am	Special Intention
	10.30 am	Stanley Kilner RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Nigel Flesher RIP
Mon	12.15 pm	Phillip Brown RIP
Tue	8.00 am	William Meader RIP
	11.00 am	Funeral Service for Matthew Goddard RIP
Wed	12.15 pm	Richard Winiarski RIP
Thur	7.00 pm	Anthony Williams RIP
Fri	12.15 pm	Margaret Bird RIP
Sat	9.00 am	Richard Wheble RIP
	11.00 am	Votive Mass of St. Vincent de Paul

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
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	7.30 am	Mass in Latin
	10.30 am	Mass - Julia Cave 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 a.m. Mass - Mary Heffernan RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun. 9.00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

25th October to 1st November, 2009
(Sunday Missal pp 683 & Weekday Missal pp 798;
Psalter Week 2)

Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (B)
Monday	Ss Chad & Cedd or Feria (Luke 13:10-17)
Tuesday	Feria (Luke 13:18-21)
Wednesday	Ss Simon and Jude (Luke 13:22—30)
Thursday	Feria (Luke 13:31-35)
Friday	Blessed Winchester Martyrs (Luke 14:1-6)
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria (Luke 14:1.7-11)
Sunday	All Saints (B)

Next Sunday's Readings: Book of the Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14.
First Letter of St. John 3:1-3. Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm Response: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord



NEW TO THE PARISH?



Please fill in a yellow welcome leaflet and hand it to one of the Welcomers, or drop it into the parish office (Peterhouse).

**Welcome Team
Co-ordinators:**

Clare & Paul Robinson
☎ 01962 885858

welcoming.team@yahoo.co.uk

NOT SO NEW?

However long you've been in the parish, **please fill in a parish census form** to help us update our records.

Thank you!

**SAFEGUARDING
Children
& Vulnerable Adults**

Contact Wini Meikle
☎ 01962 714509
for information and CRB forms

TELEPHONE PRAYER LINK

If you need extra support through prayer for yourself or someone you know, contact:
Eleanor Porter (01962 620833)
or Augusta Wolff (07825 757287)

HOUSEBOUND

If you are housebound, even for a short period, and would like to receive Communion at home please Contact Peterhouse
☎ 01962 852804

MINIBUS

service for people living in the Winchester area to bring you to St. Peter's 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass and take you home.
Contact Peterhouse
☎ 01962 852804

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.

Peterpost - Copies of the newsletter are available each week in larger print and sometimes in Polish. If you would like one, just ask one of the welcomers.



CHURCH FLOWERS: If you like flowers in church and would like to have some dedicated to someone special for a week, you are now able to do this. There will then be a notice in Peterpost saying that the flowers that week are specially for or in memory of We ask that you give a donation for the flowers and leave the money and details at Peterhouse when you book the date.

**PARISH BAPTISM
PROGRAMME**

Jon and Dawn Egerton-Kemp

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**PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

The following are serving members of the council:
Angela Muxworthy (Chair)
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Deacon Nick Reynolds
Deacon Gerard Dailly
Sr Antonietta
Peter Bolger
Sue Broadbent
Catherine Christmas
Wini Meikle
Jane Reidy
Brian Roberts
Clare Robinson
Liz Slinn
Steve Taylor
Sue Trowbridge
Louise Warren
Marcus Whitfield
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Deacon Gerard Dailly
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