

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

Alresford ♦ Stockbridge ♦ Winchester



FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A) 6th February, 2011

Writing about the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II said that "it would help to illumine with the light of faith the new situations and problems which had not yet emerged in the past." It is true that the teachings of the Church, which are our heritage as Catholics, are a limitless source of wisdom and light and the kind of light that Jesus mentions in today's Gospel.

It is also true that knowledge of Church teaching is not as widespread among us as it could be. There is no easy explanation for this except to say that catechesis, since the Second Vatican Council, has been in transition. Now we have clear principles which guide us in learning about the faith and now we have the Catechism which is an immensely valuable and underused resource.

I am therefore delighted that Fr. John Catlin, who combines the work of a pastoral priest with that of a seminary professor, is going to give two talks on the Catechism: one on Monday 7th February and the other on Monday 28th February, both at St. Stephen's Church, beginning at 7.30pm. The topic of the first talk is 'Catechism - The Ingredients', and the second topic is 'Catechism - The Recipe'. Please give this initiative your fullest support because the talks will be very worthwhile.

Car Parking at Weekends: Please be aware of the new parking regulations in Winchester City at weekends. As far as I can work out, the new regulations will only affect people coming to the 10.30am Mass. Please note that permit or paid parking is only available in St. Peter Street at this time and no parking is allowed in unallocated bays. Free parking is available in Tower Street Car Park and the Council Station Car Park. PJT

Milner Hall bookings have now been taken over by Claire Cafrine. Please contact her on 01962 884610, 07505965059 or clairecafrine@f2s.com

Sacramental Preparation

First Holy Communion 2011

For children in the parish who are eight or older between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 (Year 3 in school).

The next children's session will be the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10.00 - 11.00am in St. Peter's Church** on Saturday 12th February.

Confirmation 2011 - See the Young People section for details. There will be a Retreat at Cold Ash from Friday 18th February (6.00pm) to Sunday 20th February (3.00pm).

Please pray for all those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation during the coming year, and for their families.



TODAY

The Youth Choir are joining the Music Group to lead the music at 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's

St. Gregory's February Cake Sale after 11.00am Mass.

Praise Mass at 5.30pm in St. Stephen's (See box on page 2)

THIS WEEK

Monday 7th February - Adult Formation Evening led by Fr. John Catlin at 7.00 for a 7.30pm start at St. Stephen's Church - 'Catechism - The Ingredients'

Monday 7th February - Winchester Catholic History Group meets at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. in the Milner Hall for a talk on 'The Hazards of the Journey: Pilgrimage and Travel in the Middle Ages' by Imogen Corrigan, Lecturer in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval History at the Kent Federation of History. All welcome. Non members £3.

Friday 11th February - Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.00pm in the Parish Office (The Old Georgian).

NEXT WEEKEND

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

Sunday 13th February - Retiring Collection at all Masses for the work of the SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul).

Sunday 13th February - Flowers in St. Peter's are in memory of Dudley Utting.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL MASSES 2011

All at 10.00 a.m.

(NO 9.00am Mass in St Peter's on these days)

Saturday, 5th March ♦ Saturday, 4th June
Saturday, 10th September ♦ Saturday, 10th December

The Ministry and Mission displays which were used at the recent Parish Open Meeting will be taken on a 'Roadshow' to Masses in the parish during February and March.

12th February: 6.00pm at St. Peter's.

13th February: 8.00am and 10.30am at St. Peter's.

The Annual Report will be available at the back of churches during the roadshow.

Watch this space for more dates.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St. Gregory's, Alresford on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, beginning on 9th February, then on 23rd February, and so on each month, from 9.45am until 10.45am.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

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: Matthew 5:13-16



LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 14 February - Alresford Giles Group for the disabled and their carers will meet at 2.00pm in the Community Centre, West Street, Alresford for their AGM. Everyone welcome.

Monday 14th February - Parish Covenant with the Poor Group meet at 7.30pm in St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre, Alresford.

Thursday, 17th February - CWL meet in the Parish Offices after 7.00pm Mass. Deacon Gerard Dailly will give a talk on Lent.

Saturday 19th February - St. Thomas More Prayer Group meets from 3.00 - 5.00pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke. All welcome.

Friday 4th March - Alresford celebration of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be at 2.30pm (not 2.00pm as previously stated) at the Methodist Church, Jacklyns Lane. This year's theme is 'How many loaves have you?' Speaker: Dawn Carn, the Methodist Minister.

Friday 4th March - Women's World Day of Prayer. Women from the churches in the Stockbridge area gather together every year to celebrate this day with a service, this year devised by the women of Chile. All are invited at 2.00pm to St. Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell. Speaker: Rev'd Juliet Montague. Refreshments after.

Wednesday 9th March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Saturday 12th March - Rite of Election at 11.00am at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

Wednesday 16th March - St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meets at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Saturday 19th March - 8km Ladies only Moonlight Walk at the University of Winchester, starting at 9.00pm and in aid of Naomi House. For more information, please visit www.naomihouse.org.uk.

Saturday 26th March - Alton day of Renewal at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead, starting with Mass or Liturgy of the Word at 11.30am, ending at about 4.00pm. The speaker will be Charles Whitehead, subject 'For our salvation.' Any queries contact John Foley on 0118 933 3420 or sister Paddy on 01256 321276.

Tuesday 19th April - Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) at 11.00am at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

Sunday 24th April is Easter Sunday.

TODAY!

Praise Mass for Hampshire Downs

Hopefully the first of what will become a regular Mass in our Parish; 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 a Praise and Worship Mass **today at 5.30 pm in St Stephen's Church.**

Are you interested in learning more about Praise Mass Music?

If so, then **come along to St. Peter's School today, from 2.00 - 5.00pm.**

Led by the Catholic Rock Band - Crossbeam - this event is open to musicians, singers, music technicians and enthusiasts who would like to know more about Praise and Worship Music. You don't need to be expert, but you do need to be keen! Eventually we hope to put together our own Parish Praise Band. The workshop ends with a simple shared tea - please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

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

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 February we are focussing on toiletries, e.g. toilet bags, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo etc. Please place gifts, preferably in original packaging, in the boxes which can be found at the back of all churches.

The Bookshop now has copies of 'Lent for Everyone' by Tom Wright in stock. This has been recommended to us by Fr. Paul.

St. Peter's School Minibus Service - drivers wanted to add to our rota for the school minibus service, mornings or afternoons. No previous minibus driving experience is required. The job is paid hourly and training is provided. Can you help, or do you know anyone who may be able to do so? For more details, please contact Toni Hoff in the school office on 01962 852820.

Are you a qualified teacher who is interested in Supply Work? St. Peter's Catholic Primary School would be very interested to hear from you. We are looking for good, enthusiastic practitioners, who are able to fully support the standards, ethos and aims of this Catholic, Christian school. If you are registered as a Hampshire Supply Teacher, please send us a letter with your details. If you are not registered with Hampshire, please download and fill in the CES teacher application form and return it to the school.

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.

The January St Gregory's 100 Club prize of £50 was won by Piers Armstrong.

DIOCESAN

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Crispian 19th - 26th August 2011

To find out more about how to make this journey as a Diocesan Group, there are five Information Evenings from **7.30-9.00pm:** Meeting local to us: **11th March, St. Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford.** Notice at the back of all churches for dates and venues of other meetings. The Pilgrimage is for all ages and abilities, whether you wish to travel on your own, with your family or join as a young helper.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Winchester Basics Bank urgently need long-life milk, tinned spaghetti and tinned custard. Collection boxes are at the back of St. Peter's and St. Stephen's (box in St. Peter's is emptied each day).

CAFOD The next diocesan CAFOD Supporter's Day meeting is on Saturday February 19th, 10am - 1.15pm in Basingstoke. St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. Parishioners are welcome.

SUDAN Please continue to pray for peace in Sudan following the referendum in Southern Sudan and continue to press our Government to play their part in ensuring a just outcome for the people of Southern Sudan and in supporting development projects there.

Street Pastors: If you were unable to attend last week's recruitment evening but are interested in becoming a street pastor, it is possible to obtain application forms from the coordinator, Mark Hibbert Hingston (Winchester@streetpastors.org.uk or 01962 854454). Applications must be in by 28th February. Further information available from Steve Taylor (sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk or 01962 867117).



Young People

Receive the Gift - Confirmation 2011.

Confirmation Candidates are on Retreat at Cold Ash from 6.00pm Friday 18th to 3.00pm Sunday 20th February. If you are between 13 and 17 and want to be Confirmed, please contact the Confirmation Team via Don West on 01962 865153 or don.west@ntlworld.com. Also, see the parish website.



If you are 18 or over, you may find the Journey in Faith (Contact: Nick Kelly: 01962 890118) a more appropriate way to prepare for Confirmation.

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates and their families.

Year 7-8 Youth Group. The next session will be in February. Watch this space for the date.

SPOG's (Older Youth Group) next meeting is this Wednesday, 9th February, 2011 from 7.00 - 9.00pm in the Parish Office meeting room. It is aimed at young people who have been Confirmed, offering them an opportunity to explore their faith. Run for young people by young people, SPOG combines spiritual development with social time, music and plenty of pizza! We are keen to gain new members from the whole parish, so if you're interested please contact Lucrezia on lucrezia.slinn@hotmail.co.uk.

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 2011. It is aimed at young people from Years 11, 10 and 9. **Dates:** Friday 21st to Friday 28th October 2011. **Cost: £900.** We will be organising some sponsorship and fundraising activities during the spring and summer terms and will be offering some assisted places, so if you want to come and cost is a problem please see Fr Paul and we will sort that out. We are using a budget airline so need firm commitments and a deposit by the end of January. For further details please contact Sue Broadbent (01962 827764 or suewade@btconnect.com)

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.

Youth Leaders: Meeting for those involved in youth ministry across the YC South Area. We are looking at Youth liturgies led by Jack Regan, an experienced Catholic youth worker, School Chaplain and founder of the Catholic Youth Work Forum. It will be a chance to share experiences and learn what makes a good liturgy for young people so that we can more effectively help them in prayer and worship. St Stephen's Church, Winchester, Friday 25th March, 7pm-9.30pm. Contact Peter McGeady.

Weekend trip for those aged 14-18yrs at St Cassian's Kintbury. This will be an amazing event, not to be missed. **Friday 6th - Sunday 8th May 2011.** Please find a grey postcard, at the back of all churches, for more information. Contact Peter McGeady by the end of February to book a place.

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.

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 and Easter.

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.

Please come and visit our new premises!

Adult Formation

Scripture Reflection Group meetings have been suspended for the time being but there will be opportunities during Lent.

The Catechism in the Catholic Church. What does it offer us? ... We are delighted that Fr John will be sharing the secrets of the Catechism with us in two talks this term. **This Monday, 7th February** we have **'The Ingredients'** and on Monday 28th February we have **'The Recipe'**. Both talks will be at **St Stephen's' 7.00pm** for 7:30pm start; refreshments provided. Do come along and be prepared to be enlightened. (The talks will also be recorded and available to 'listen again' via the parish website.)

See our parish website for details of other opportunities.

LENT IN THE PARISH



Lent Groups. With Ash Wednesday starting on 9th March it is time to be considering joining one of the small faith-sharing groups which will be meeting throughout the parish in Lent to reflect on the Sunday gospels. Sign up sheets with details of times, days and venues of all the groups in the parish will become available in all our churches from Sunday 20th February.

Called to be a leader? Would you like to lead a group but are unsure what it entails? In order to support and encourage all those taking on this role, whether first timers or experienced leaders, there will be a meeting on Monday 21st February at 7.30 pm in the Community Room at St Stephen's. Please come along and find out more. If you would like more information, contact Teresa Keogh (07901 732154) or Augusta Wolff (07825 757287)

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The demolition is now complete. There is no parking in that area. The new building work will start in March. **Peterhouse, Milner Hall and the Convent are now accessed by the parish from St Peter Street.** Please contact the parish office if you have questions about the interim arrangements during the demolition and build phases.

Car Parking. In order to provide spaces for people attending Mass or visiting the church on weekdays, please refrain from parking in the church grounds for other purposes. 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.

Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for: Guild of St. Agatha; Brownie and Guide Groups in the Diocese; Benedictine Sisters in the Diocese (Feast of St Scholastica, 10th February); All who are sick (World Day of Prayer for the Sick, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th February). Canon Paul (ordained 11th February 1984)
† Most Reverend Derek Worlock, 5th Bishop of Portsmouth (died 8th February 1996)

Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths

Please pray for Ada Joyce Ames who died recently. Her Funeral Liturgy is at 2.00pm on Friday 11th February. May she rest in peace.



MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

5th to 12th February, 2011

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 5	6.00 pm	Mass - Mary Abbott RIP
Sun 6	8.00 am	Mass - Frederick Oakes RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Paula and Jim McGranaghan RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Mary and Bill Wild RIP
Mon 7	12.15 pm	Mass - Tom O'Donoghue RIP
Tue 8	8.00 am	Mass - Mary Lady Mannock RIP
Wed 9	12.15 pm	Mass - Sean Kelly RIP
Thur 10	7.00 pm	Mass - Margaret Merriman RIP
Fri 11	12.15 pm	Mass - Edward Hill RIP
	2.00 pm	Funeral Liturgy for Ada Joyce Ames RIP
Sat 12	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, Alresford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass - Julia Cook RIP
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Intentions of the Neil family
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

Eucharistic Adoration:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month: 9.45 - 10.45am



St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun	9.15 am	Mass - Christopher Heffernan RIP
	5.30 pm	Praise Mass



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun	9.00 am	Mass - People of the Parish
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

6th to 13th February, 2011

(Sunday Missal pp 384 & Weekday Missal pp 484
Psalter Week 1)

Sunday 6	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Monday 7	Feria
Tuesday 8	St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita or Feria
Wednesday 9	Feria
Thursday 10	St. Scholastica
Friday 11	Our Lady of Lourdes or Feria
Saturday 12	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria
Sunday 13	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Next Sunday's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20.

First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-11.

Matthew 5:17-37



Psalms Response: They are happy who follow God's law!

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Canon Paul Townsend	(Parish Priest)
Fr. John Catlin	(Associate Pastor)
Canon Alan Griffiths	
Fr. Vincent Convery	(Prison & Hospital Chaplain)
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Communion to Sick & Housebound - Imelda Weingart-West
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Milner Hall Bookings - Claire Cafrine
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We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,637.01**

Living Our Faith: Total raised so far: £1,368,783 from 410 pledges and gifts. We are working on the final £31,000 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.