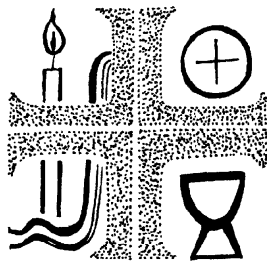


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



SOLEMNITY OF
ALL SAINTS

1st November, 2009

I'll be honest, I was dreading going back to seminary. I'd had a fantastic time in the parish of Hampshire Downs, enjoying the delights of Winchester and savouring the food at Peterhouse! How on earth would I cope returning to a Victorian building with flies in the library, wasps in the showers and ice in the Chapel? I'm not painting a particularly flattering picture of St. John's Seminary and I may be exaggerating somewhat for dramatic effect.... However, as I look back at the past 6 weeks from the comfort of my half-term holidays I can see that my dread was ill-founded.

Formation for the Priesthood isn't always the easiest of experiences, and I personally have had (and will continue to have) my share of ups and downs. But the crucial thing is that I am not alone. In the seminary itself I am sharing the journey with over 30 other guys. As much as we can irritate each other now and again (playing music too loudly, using up all the washing powder, eating the last slice of cake etc. etc.) we do keep each other going with the well-placed smile and the encouraging word.

And then there is another group of people who share this journey with us: You. I cannot tell you how essential your prayers, encouragement and support are to those of us preparing for Priesthood. My year in Hampshire Downs reminded me why I am in this game (if I may put it like that!). You ask any of my brothers at seminary and they will say the same: we cannot wait to get out and live with real people, serving you, learning from you, working with you for the Kingdom of God.

Finally, there is one more community who support each and every one of us, whether we are in the seminary, school, home or workplace: the Saints, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Today reminds us of the amazing place they have in our lives as Christians, praying for us and guiding us towards Jesus. And it is because of Jesus that flies, wasps, cold, noise, washing powder and cake all pale into insignificance.

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Swine Flu Restriction Lifted: As from today we are reverting back to what was previously the normal practice in the Diocese, with Holy Communion being offered under both kinds and with the exchange of the greeting of peace by handshake or other suitable ways. For further information, please take a copy of the letter which can be found at the back of church from Bishop Crispian.

TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today in aid of our twin Diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, West Africa.

The flowers in St. Gregory's today are donated in memory of Manus O'Boyle at Mary Talbot's request.

St. Gregory's cake sale is after the 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Pastoral Centre today.

This year's Churches Together in Alresford's Christmas Shoebox packing is in St. Gregory's Pastoral Centre at 2.00 p.m. today.

Mass Count at all Masses today.

Welcome to Oliver Fickling being baptised in St. Peter's today.

After Mass Club - Everyone, adults and children, are warmly invited to come to the Parish Centre after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sundays where club members will welcome them with tea, coffee and biscuits. Do come and meet your fellow parishioners.

Parish Diary for November is available in all churches.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14

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



2nd Reading: First Letter of St. John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Questions of the Week

Children: When have you become a peacemaker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?

Youth: All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in your life?

Adults: When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own 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 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.

Tuesday 3rd November - The Meditation Group continues to meet weekly in the Headteacher's office at St. Peter's School from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries: phone Lynda on 01962 856243

Tuesday 3rd November - Winchester Churches Christmas Project 2009. There will be 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.

Wednesday 4th November - Space in the City: In this series of talks entitled "Prophets for our Time", eight speakers discuss a 'modern prophet' of their choice. This week's speaker is Gillian Court who has chosen to talk about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, resistance leader in Nazi Germany. At the United Church from 12.30 p.m. until 1.00 p.m. Admission free. For more information on the series and on Dietrich Bonhoeffer in particular, go to the parish website at <http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk/ecumenism.aspx>

Friday 6th November - Mass at St. Barnabas at 10.00 a.m.

Friday 6th November - Funeral Service for Alexander Hall at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's.

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.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 8th November - Membership Appeal for the Catenian Association at all Masses in St. Peter's.

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. PT

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**Please pray** for Deacon Peter Lattey, Dr. Richard Dreaper, Brian Poulter, Marzi Ford-Jones, Alexander Hall and Laszlo Vass who died recently. May they rest in peace.

## LOOKING AHEAD - PARISH

**Friday 13th November - Mass of Remembrance** for those who have died. 7.00 p.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. The names of those who have died during the past year will be read out during the Eucharistic Prayer. All are welcome.

**Tuesday 17th November - The Scripture Reflection Group** will meet next in the Parish Centre from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m.

All are welcome. There will be a simple, shared meal, followed by prayer, reflection, sharing, some theological input, ending with a focus on our lives in Winchester. Please bring simple food to share.

**Tuesday 17th November - Climate Justice Event Thursday** St. Stephens Church 7.00 p.m. This will be an evening of entertainment and information about Climate Change. There will be entertainment from St. Peter's School with their play "And along came man", a production by St. Peter's Youth Theatre Group (yes the very same group that gave us "The Little Shop of Horrors") and music from our young people. Robert Hutchison, Chair of WINACC, and Katy Harris from CAFOD will provide the information on what is happening in Winchester and on the Justice issues that we need to be aware of when we consider the impacts of climate change on the 3rd World. Please support this Event. Tickets £1 for adults include refreshments.

**Thursday 26th November - Christmas Shopping Evening.** St. Peter's School PTA is hosting its very successful shopping evening again this year, giving you the opportunity to spend a relaxing evening shopping for festive food and wine, beautiful gifts, decorations and cards for all the family. We have over 25 fantastic stalls this year selling a wide variety of high quality products, including our own 'St Peter's School' Christmas pudding. The event will run from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m. in the school hall. Entrance £3 including a glass of wine.

**Saturday 5 December - The Alresford Christmas Bazaar** this year will be in the Alresford Community Centre (where East Street, West Street and Broad Street meet) with Piers Armstrong the Co-ordinator. For more information take a copy of the list of stall holders from the trolley in the church porch and watch the Porch notice board, or contact Piers at Walnut Tree House, New Farm Road, Alresford ☎ 01962 734542 or 07908 689009. Email: [piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com](mailto:piers.armstrong@btopenworld.com).

**Friday 11th December - Hyde/Abbotts Barton Area Mass** will be held in Victoria House. For directions, please ring 01962 864764 or 01962 868660. All welcome.

**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 - OTHER

**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. Details can be found at: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/climate/the-wave>

## GENERAL NOTICES

The Winchester Catholic History Group is looking for a replacement for Jim Heward, its publicity officer, who will be retiring at the end of the year. The responsibilities include computer designing and printing posters for each of its monthly talks, and the design and printing of invitation cards to the annual November Memorial Lecture. Enquiries to Audrey Atter 01962 863317 or [audrey.atter@homecall.co.uk](mailto:audrey.atter@homecall.co.uk)

A sincere thank you to the St Gregory's APF Red Box holders who collected £314 in the six months to September, bringing the total for the past year to £652.

**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. 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. Pat Harris 01962 620979 [patlunn.harris@nitworld.com](mailto:patlunn.harris@nitworld.com)

**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.

### **We acknowledge with thanks:**

Last week's collection  
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,316.96**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2010** - is for children who are eight or older between 1st September, 2009 and 31st August, 2010 (Year 3 in school) and would like to enrol in the programme. It begins with an introductory session for parents from 8.00 to 9.00 p.m. on Thursday, 14th January in our Parish School. The first session for children is from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon on Saturday, 16th January in our Parish School. Please complete the tear-off slip and return to Peterhouse

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2010**

**Name** .....  
**Date of birth** .....  
**School** .....  
**Address** .....  
.....  
**Post Code** ..... **Tel No** .....

**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](mailto:pbk25@btopenworld.com)

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

### **Stewardship Reflection**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3



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Those of us who have been well blessed by God could be a little discouraged by the Beatitudes. At first it sounds like only those who have problems will find a place in heaven. However, we are all guaranteed a spot in heaven if we are willing to be 'poor in spirit'. We are poor in spirit when we recognise that we really do not own anything. Everything we have belongs to God. When we take this attitude we can more freely open our hand and offer out time, talent and treasure to help build up God's kingdom here on earth.

**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:** To attain the company of the saints. Faithful departed of the Diocese. Diocesan Department for Finance and Property. Companions of St. Martin de Poors. Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Thatcham. Faithful departed of each parish or community. All deceased clergy of the Diocese. National Conference of Priests and our Diocesan Representatives.

**Churches Together in Winchester:** Vineyard Church,



**Living Our Faith Visits:** These visits are made by fellow parishioners who have volunteered for this pastoral task. The purpose of the visit is to explain the needs of our parish and diocese and the 5 year pledge system which is a different form of donation. The Living Our Faith Team are fully conscious of the time and effort which the band of Volunteers are putting into the fundraising Campaign. Their dedication has helped enormously towards the total which has been raised so far. If you would like to help and are a bit nervous about what is involved do contact the Campaign Team. One of the Volunteers would be happy to speak to you and tell you of their experience in visiting other parishioners at home, and how much can be gained by both the visitor and the visited from that initial contact. 290 visits have been completed with another 280 or so to go so please bear with us. The visit list is not selected in any particular order so do not worry if you haven't been contacted yet. It may be that we do not have your up to date details and if you are anxious about this please contact the Campaign Team at the parish office. The Living Our Faith Campaign team can be contacted at Peterhouse on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and for urgent matters please call 07774075861. For details please look at the Living Our Faith and parish centre section of the parish website: [www.hampshiredowns.org.uk](http://www.hampshiredowns.org.uk)

**Total raised so far: £1,067,775 from 170 pledges, with about £400,000 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.**

## MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

31st October to 7th November, 2009

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

|      |            |                                                     |
|------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat  | 6.00 pm    | Halina Wrona RIP                                    |
| Sun  | 8.00 am    | Michael Lee RIP                                     |
|      | 10.30 am   | Jack Kilroy RIP                                     |
|      | 6.00 pm    | Evening Prayer and Benediction                      |
|      | 7.00 pm    | Deceased members of Winchester Catenian Association |
| Mon  | 12.15 pm   | Mary Lady Mannock RIP                               |
| Tue  | 8.00 am    | Peter Cook RIP                                      |
| Wed  | 12.15 pm   | Mrs. Giles RIP                                      |
| Thur | 7.00 pm    | Mrs. Fletcher Randall RIP                           |
| Fri  | 10.00 a.m. | Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke                         |
|      | 10.30 a.m. | Funeral Service for Alexander Hall RIP              |
|      | 12.15 pm   | Francis and Maria Szymanski RIP                     |
| Sat  | 9.00 am    | Philip Felton RIP                                   |
|      | 2.30 pm    | Mass at St. Margaret's, Tichborne                   |

#### 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 - Intentions of James and Maureen Lange |
| Mon  | 9.00 am  | Mass                                         |
| Tue  | 7.30 am  | Mass in Latin                                |
|      | 10.30 am | Mass - Neil Intention                        |
| 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

1st to 8th November, 2009

(Sunday Missal pp 962 & Weekday Missal pp 808; Psalter Week 3)

|           |                                                                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | <b>Solemnity of All Saints (B)</b>                                    |
| Monday    | All Souls ( <i>Luke 14:12-14</i> )                                    |
| Tuesday   | Blessed John Body ( <i>Luke 14:15-24</i> )                            |
| Wednesday | St. Charles Borromeo ( <i>Luke 14:25-33</i> )                         |
| Thursday  | Feria ( <i>Luke 15:1-10</i> )                                         |
| Friday    | Feria ( <i>Luke 16:1-8</i> )                                          |
| Saturday  | St. Willibrord, Our Lady on Saturday or Feria ( <i>Luke 16:9-15</i> ) |
| Sunday    | <b>Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (B)</b>                           |

**Next Sunday's Readings:** First Book of Kings 17:10-16. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44

**Psalm Response:** My soul, give praise to the 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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dawnek@btconnect.com

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The following are serving members of the council:  
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Canon Paul Townsend  
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  
Augusta Wolff

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Marcus Whitfield (Chair)  
Canon Paul Townsend  
Sue Broadbent  
Deacon Gerard Dailly  
Mike Elks  
Peter Gregory  
Trish Mitchell  
Angela Muxworthy  
Barry Poffley  
Brian Roberts