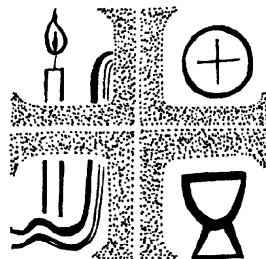


Peterpost

Newsletter for the
Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs



**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
UNIVERSAL KING (B)
22nd November, 2009**

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" is what Saint John the Baptist says as he announces the presence of the Christ in John 1:29. It is also what the priest says when he invites the people of Christ to come forward to partake of the most sacred Body and Blood of the Lamb. Until now these words have been "This is the Lamb of God .."

The new translation of the Mass will be less didactic and more dramatic: *Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.* This is an announcement rather than a lesson.

The new translation will continue: *Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.* This is taken from Revelation 19:9. The Lamb is victorious over death. He prepares this supper for his Bride, the Church, whose robe is washed white in his blood. At his table we are called to wear that baptismal robe and attend on the King, not as servants but as friends.

Our reply will be based on that of the Centurion in Matthew 8:8. Instead of "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you" we shall be saying: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.* The new translation has given us back the full sense of those wonderful words from the New Testament.

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National Youth Sunday - Today is the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. We know the Lord Jesus in whom everything and every person finds completion and wholeness. Completion and wholeness, that is ours in Christ, reminds us of the potential for life within all of us. This is especially true for our young people.

For as long as I have been a priest, parishes have gone to a lot of trouble to include young people in today's liturgy. I would like to thank all those who have gone to such trouble today. I appreciate that it causes disruption and much preparation and I repeat, thanks.

Thanks as well to the young people of our parish for their enthusiasm and commitment. I am immensely grateful to our 'Young Peoples' Team' for all their hard work and support.

One of the challenges for our parish is to provide appropriate formation in ministry for our young people. This has to include all ministries, especially those of catechist, lector, welcomer, and many others.

The contribution of our young people at the 'Climate Justice Event' was inspiring.

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TODAY

Today is National Youth Sunday.

Youth Choir are singing at 10.30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's today.

Welcome to Arthur Corbett who was baptised at St. Andrew's, Chilcombe and to Isabel Trow who was baptised in St. Peter's on Saturday.

We acknowledge with thanks:

Last week's collection

(Alesford, Stockbridge and Winchester): **£3,420.01**



TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalms Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33-37



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)

Sisters: St. Peter's Convent - (01962 854040)

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Headteacher: Mrs. Cath Howells (01962 852820)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 25th November - Space in the City: Please note that the final talk in the series 'Prophets for our time' has had to be cancelled. There will be no talk this Wednesday.

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.

Friday 27th November - Funeral Mass for Michael Ede at 12.15 p.m. in St. Peter's. May he rest in peace.

Saturday 28th November - Ursula and Joan are having a Coffee Morning for the Divine Mercy Mission in Romania from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 28th November – After Mass Club Meeting in the Parish Centre at 10.30 a.m. . New members would be warmly welcomed, or anyone who has good ideas on how to improve our service.

Saturday 28 November - Alton day of Renewal at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead. Charles Whitehead will speak on 'To establish God's Kingdom.' The Day begins at 11.00 a.m. and ends at 4.30 p.m. All enquiries to Deacon John Foley ☎ 0118 933 3420 or Sister Paddy on ☎ 01256 321276.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 29th November - Advent Service - The worshipping community of St. Stephen's invite all people in the parish of Hampshire Downs to the Advent Service at 4.00 p.m. followed by refreshments. Ample parking in the church and school grounds. A warm welcome awaits you.

Advent Groups - There will be opportunities during Advent to reflect on the Sunday readings. A group will meet in Stockbridge on Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Please contact Angela Muxworthy for details (01264 860693). For details of the groups in Alresford and Winchester, please contact the parish office or Catherine Christmas.

Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend for the Covenant with the Poor.

LOOKING AHEAD - PARISH

Saturday 5th December - Mass will be celebrated at Winchester Cathedral at 10.00 a.m.

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.

Monday 7th December - Catholic Women's League Advent Preparation Hour at 2.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre, led by Sister Cecilia.

Monday 7th December - Winchester Catholic History Group - 'How did we get our Mass' with Rev. Canon Alan Griffiths, Tutor in Liturgy at St. John's Seminary, Womersley at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. In the Milner Hall. All welcome. Non-members £3.

Friday 11th December - Hyde/Abbots Barton Area Mass will be held in Victoria House at 7.30 p.m. 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 1.00 p.m. at St. Stephen's. All will be welcome.

Tuesday 22nd December - Celebration of traditional Carols at 7.00 p.m. in St. Peter's, with a brass quintet and the organ. It will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Milner Hall after. All are welcome so please come and enjoy.

LOOKING AHEAD - OTHER

Saturday 5th December - THE WAVE - CAFOD, Christian Aid and others have organised a mass Rally and March in central London under the heading "Come together to stop Climate Chaos". This is two days before the start of the meeting of world leaders in Copenhagen to agree a global response to climate chaos. There will be an ecumenical service in Westminster Central Hall at 11.00 a.m. at which both Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Rowan Williams will speak. There will then be a march starting at 1.00 p.m. from Grosvenor Square. We are taking the 9.18 train from Winchester. Groups of 4 travel half price. See you at the station! More information... call Mike Slinn on 01962 865348

Sunday 20th December - Carol Service at St. Peter's, Stockbridge at 6.00 p.m. Please come along.

Last Friday's CAFOD Charity Lunch raised £64. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Advent 2009

Opportunities for prayer and Scripture reflection during the Advent season, to help us prepare spiritually for Christmas. All these are open to the whole parish. All are welcome!

Scripture Reflection

Mondays, from 7.00 - 7.15 p.m., 30th Nov, 7th & 14th Dec at St Thomas More, Stockbridge. (Contact Angela Muxworthy: 01264 860693 for details)

Tuesdays, 3.00 - 4.15 p.m., 24th Nov & 1st Dec in Ropley and 8th & 15th Dec in Alresford, (Contact Nick Reynolds: 01962 772393 for details)

Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m., 24th Nov & 1st, 8th & 15th Dec in Winchester (Contact Dawn Egerton Kemp: 01962 868729 for details)

Monday mornings for parents and toddlers, Committee Room in the Parish Centre from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on the 23rd & 30th Nov and the 7th & 14th Dec. (Contact Louisa Maschio: 01962 886768 for details)

The parish Scripture Reflection Group meets on Tuesday 8th December from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. in St Peter's Parish Centre.

Sunday 29th November - **Advent Service**, 4.00 p.m. at St. Stephen's

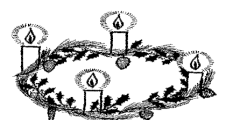
Thursday 10th December - **St Peter's School Advent Liturgy**, 7.00 p.m. at St. Peter's

Saturday 12th December - **Advent Morning of Prayer**, 10.00 a.m. at St. Stephen's

Saturday 19th December - **Family Penitential Service**, 10.30 a.m. at St. Peter's

Sunday 20th December - **Christingle Service**, 3.00 p.m. at St. Stephen's

Monday 21st December - **Parish Penitential Service**, 7.30 p.m. at St. Peter's



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

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.

The Winchester SVP Conference distributes Christmas food parcels in December to people in need. If any parishioner knows of an individual or a family who would benefit from receiving a parcel, please would he or she contact Audrey Atter on 01962 863317, email audrey.atter@homecall.co.uk

Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandads, do you enjoy reading? Would you like to pass on your enthusiasm to children in KS2 at St. Peter's School? Then read on! We are setting up a team to read on a one to one basis for 20 minutes at the beginning of the day. If you would like to be part of this initiative then leave your contact details with the school office - tel. 852820. For further information, please have a word with Mrs Clare Flynn. We look forward to hearing from you.

Afternoon drivers needed for the St. Peter's School minibuses
We are looking for afternoon drivers for the school minibuses. Would any members of the St. Peter's Community be able to help? Just one afternoon a week would be so helpful, approx. 3.00 - 4.30 p.m. Can you or do you know anyone who may be able to help? No previous minibus driving experience required. The job is paid and full training given. For more details, please contact Toni Hoff in the school office on 01962 852820.

Liturgy Of The Word With Children - We are continuing to collect names and contact details for children attending LOWC in order to comply with guidelines for safeguarding children. Adults bringing children to LOWC will need to fill in an initial registration form and from this information we will compile a register for use in future weeks. Anyone with questions regarding this can speak to members of the Children's Liturgy team or Wini Meikle.

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

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

Stewardship Reflection

'Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" - John 18:36



How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

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

- National:** Young People (National Youth Sunday)
- Diocesan:** Community of Christ the King, Brighton Hill, Basingstoke. Chapel of Christ the King, Sandhurst. All musicians in the Diocese and National Network of Pastoral Musicians. Diocese of Cloyne and associations with St. Coleman of Cloyne via dedications and devotions. Movement of Christian Workers. Parishes, communities and schools in the Southampton Central and West Pastoral Areas. Benefactors and Management Board of the Diocesan Clergy Retirement Fund. Survive-MIVA
- Churches Together in Winchester:** Vineyard Church



We are coming towards the end of the visits programme with about 120 left to do. Thanks to the band of 25 volunteers who have been doing the visiting; their commitment to the parish and support for Canon Paul's appeal has been massive. By the end of this phase, we will have contacted about 480 families and individuals in the parish. There are about 700 families and individuals in the parish, so if you haven't been contacted in the next few weeks, we will be asking you to contact us to arrange to hear about the details of the Living Our Faith campaign. We want to make sure that everyone in the parish has the opportunity to hear about it directly from a volunteer. We are also moving ahead with some of the parish projects that will be funded by the campaign. The revised design for the pastoral centre will be exhibited after all Masses on December 13th and 20th with the intention of submitting for planning permission and Historic Churches Commission approval in March. The Stockbridge riverbank works also are in hand. We have also met our commitment to the diocesan campaign by raising £330,000 for the future costs of increasing numbers of seminarians, support for laity involved in work in parishes and encouragement of vocations amongst our young people. 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: £1,075,014 from 191 pledges and gifts, with about £425,000 already in the bank. Our goal is to raise £1.8m to pay for a new pastoral centre at St Peter's, repairs to St Gregory, Alresford and St Thomas More, Stockbridge and further development at St Stephen's.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK
21st to 28th November, 2009

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat	6.00 pm	Phelan family RIP
Sun	8.00 am	Peter Sermanni RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret and Tom Carroll RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	In Thanksgiving
Mon	12.15 pm	Tony Da Cunha RIP
Tue	8.00 am	Deceased members of the Stockley and Thrower families
Wed	12.15 pm	Christopher Matthew Haviland RIP
Thur	7.00 pm	Paul Turner RIP
Fri	12.15 pm	Funeral Mass for Michael Ede RIP
Sat	9.00 am	Sister Angelina 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 - Phyllis and Nicholas Reid RIP
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Mass - Deceased in Morn Hill Cemetery
Wed	9.00 am	Mass
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 - Renee Long RIP



St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

22nd to 29th November, 2009
(Sunday Missal pp 697 & Weekday Missal pp 845;
Psalter Week)

Sunday	Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (B)
Monday	St. Clement I, St. Columbanus or Feria (Luke 21:104)
Tuesday	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (Luke 21:5-11)
Wednesday	St. Catherine of Alexandria or Feria (Luke 21:12-19)
Thursday	Feria (Luke 21:20-28)
Friday	Feria (Luke 21:29-33)
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday or Feria (Luke 21:34-36)
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent (C)

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16.
First letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Psalms Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.



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

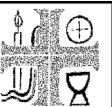
service for people living in the Winchester area to bring you to St. Peter's 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass and take you home.
Contact Peterhouse
☎ 01962 852804

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
☎ 01962 868729
dawnek@btconnect.com

**PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

The following are serving members of the council:
Angela Muxworthy (Chair)
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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Canon Paul Townsend
Sue Broadbent
Deacon Gerard Dailly
Mike Elks
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