

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 5th February, 2012 (Psalter Week 1)

Simon's mother-in-law, who appears in today's Gospel, lived with Simon and his family. This was the practice in the community for which Mark was writing his Gospel. Large households accommodated extended families in the first century of Christianity and became the domestic setting for the gathering of the Lord's disciples in that locality. In the Roman house, Christians would have listened to the Word and celebrated the Eucharist.

It was in the home, not in the synagogue or Temple that the risen life of Jesus was evident in the lives of his disciples. The domestic "church" was the place of healing, as in today's Gospel.

After her healing, Simon's mother-in-law started to serve the household. The word "serve" that Mark uses speaks of the Christian service of proclaiming the message of Jesus in love and word. Our homes must be places where people gather to experience the healing and welcoming presence of the risen Lord, sustained and nourished by the weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. PJT

The Parish Office: I am immensely grateful for the guidance of the 'Parish Personnel Group' and for the support it gives me in making decisions on personnel matters. Following an extended period of review and reflection, I have decided to advertise for a new 'Parish Assistant'. Over the past few years following general reduction in the hours worked in the parish office and a gradual increase in the amount of administration, it has become clear that we need to appoint a new assistant to help with administration, duplication, diary management and the smooth running of the office. A future challenge will be the imminent move into the new Pastoral Centre which will bring increased pastoral development and activity. The newly appointed person will work with and support the existing staff, volunteers and clergy. The advertisement is included in this newsletter. PJT

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Psalms Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Gospel: Mark 1:29-29

Pilgrimage to Palestine/Israel: Following the requests from a good number before Christmas I have arranged a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will run between the 16th and the 25th October 2012. I will send the itinerary and booking forms to all those who gave me their name and contact details. Anyone who is interested should telephone the Parish Office or contact me at: canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk PJT

TODAY

Retiring Collection at all Masses today for the Catholic Education Service.

St Gregory's Cake Sale is after the 11.00am Mass today.

THIS WEEK

Monday 6th February - Winchester Catholic History Group - 'Ronald Knox and the Monks', Dom Aidan Bellenger, Abbot of Downside Abbey at 8.00pm in the Milner Hall.

Tuesday 7th February - Chaplain's Contact Lunch from 12.30 to 1.30pm (come and go as you need) in the Milner Hall. Why not invite a colleague too? e-mail chaplain@winccc.org.uk for catering purposes if possible, or just turn up.

Thursday 9th February - The Confirmation Candidates meet at 7.00pm in St. Peter's School.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 12th February - Retiring Collection at all Masses for the work of the SVP. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Sunday 12th February - Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday 10th February - Youth Band meets from 6.00 to 7.30pm in St. Stephen's.

Saturday 3rd March - Mass is in Winchester Cathedral at 10.00am. **No 9.00am Mass in St. Peter's.**

Sunday 11th March - Eucharistic Adoration meeting at 4.00pm in the Milner Hall. Light refreshments provided. All welcome. For further information contact Sarah Paul: sa.paul@virgin.net or 01489 877925

Corpus Christ Retreat: This is My Body. Within the Monastic rhythm of Douai Abbey (near Reading), Mary Dunn will lead a residential weekend retreat exploring what it means for each one of us to be part of the Body of Christ in our world. She will outline the context of Contemporary Spirituality so that individuals can find their own personal spiritual approach. There will be opportunities for silence, for participating in the Office of the Abbey, for sharing, and for familiar and new prayer experiences. These things will all be optional. Mary Dunn is a retired Clinical Psychologist, Therapist, and Spiritual Director. She has organised a series of Spirituality Workshops in The New Forest, and taken part in Diocesan prayer events. **Date:** 8th-10th June 2012. **Price:** £125 single; £95 sharing. **To Book:** contact the Parish Office on 01962 852804 or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. A non-refundable deposit of £40 is required. Places are limited so will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. **All Parishioners are welcome.**

Journeying through the Paschal Triduum:

3 sessions led by Canon Paul and the Adult Formation team to enable people to explore the riches of the Three Days, the high point of the Church's Year.

Session 1 - Holy Thursday - Wednesday 14th March 2012

Session 2 - Good Friday - Wednesday 21st March 2012

Session 3 - Holy Saturday - Wednesday 28th March 2012

Venue: St Stephen's Church, Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester SO22 4JB. *Meet at 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start ~ finish by 9.15 pm.* Simply turn up on the night - plenty of parking available. *Refreshments provided on arrival.*

Lent groups. This year Hampshire Downs Parish will once again be providing parishioners with the opportunity to join a small reflection group using materials based on the theme "God so loved the world: responding with passion." Sign up sheets will be available 11th /12th February. Called to lead a group? Please contact Augusta Wolff for more information 07825757287 or augustawolff@googlemail.com

Homework Club Assistant: **St. Peter's Catholic Primary School** runs a homework club each Tuesday and Thursday in term time. The Club is well established, organised and supervised by a member of the school staff. The children who attend range in age from 5-11. Perhaps you are a sixth form student, who is interested in a career in teaching? You could be just the person we need, to work alongside the Homework Club supervisor. The successful candidate will come to both sessions, from 3.30-4.30, and be prepared to help with administrative and practical tasks as well as helping the children with their homework. Payment will be made at £6.50 per hour. If you are interested please send a current CV and letter of application to the school office for the attention of the Headteacher.

GENERAL

Music at 10.30am Mass – YOUR help needed: The Music Group provides music at the monthly 10-30 Family Mass and for other celebrations. If you enjoy singing or play an instrument - we would love you to come and join us. We rehearse in St Peters church on Tuesdays at 8pm. All are welcome - we do our best to make beautiful sounds with whatever talent (however great or small) is available. Please contact Tony or Liz Darlison on 01962 863648, 07799860991, lizdarlison@btinternet.com, or come and see us after a Family Mass.

Peter Gregory won the St. Gregory's 100 Club January prize of £50.

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.

Basics Bank are in need of long-life milk, tinned rice, custard, pasta sauces and instant coffee. Collection boxes are at the back of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's and are emptied each week.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

There will be a Churches Together in Winchester meeting on Thursday 23rd February at Wesley Methodist Church, Stoney Lane starting at 7.30pm. The meeting will focus on the topic of assisted dying and will be facilitated by Professor Neil Messer, University of Winchester, author of '*Respecting Life: Theology and Bioethics*' who will give a talk entitled 'Assisted Dying - a Christian Ethical perspective'. All are welcome to take part in discussion after the talk and this will also give more opportunity for follow-up from the last Space in the City lecture 'Double Vision' on 8th February.

Volunteer wanted: Milford House, a hostel in Christchurch Road Winchester which takes referrals from Churches Together in Winchester housing and support schemes needs some volunteers who can help in their office, answering phones, basic paperwork and computer skills. A half day a week would help them hugely. The hostel manager is a Deacon of one of our sister Catholic parishes in Salisbury and is keen to develop contacts with us. SVP already have links and it would be very good if we can help them in this way too. Details via the parish office.

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.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK 4th to 11th February, 2012

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 4	6.00 pm	Mass - Canon Anthony Zollo RIP
Sun 5	8.00 am	Mass - Philip Felton RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - John Banyard RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Bernadette Rooney RIP
Mon 6	12.15 pm	Mass - Mary Lady Mannock RIP
Tue 7	8.00 am	Mass - Neil family RIP
Wed 8	12.15 pm	Mass - Reg Williams RIP
Thu 9	7.00 pm	Mass - Mary Flynn RIP
Fri 10	12.15 pm	Mass - Tom O'Donoghue RIP
Sat 11	9.00 am	Mass - Neil family RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tue 9.00 am - 7.00 pm

Wed 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Thur 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

St. Gregory's, Alesford

Sun	11.00 am	Mass
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
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

St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

DIOCESAN

Youth Leadership Course. Short course for young people (14-18yrs) that will be useful for CV's, University applications and life. This will be a relaxed and fun way to learn more about team work and to discover your skills. Wednesday evenings: 8th and 29th February, 14th and 28th March, 7.00 to 9.00pm. Contact Peter McGeady on 07769258378 or pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please pray for Teresa Connellan who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral is at 12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd February at Basingstoke Crematorium.

We acknowledge with thanks: Last week's collection:

(Alesford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,911.40

Parish Assistant:

25 hours a week 9.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday with a salary in the region of £12,000 (£17,000 pro-rata).

This is an important role in the Parish that includes:

- The management of the Parish Diary of Events
- Maintenance of Registers
- Production of Liturgical Materials

As part of a team you will also be:

- Handling enquiries from personal callers
- Answering the switchboard
- Providing a secretarial service to the Clergy
- Assisting the Parish Secretary and covering for when she is absent

Please call the Parish Office 01962 852804 for a copy of the Job Description and Application Pack.