

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish



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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 15th January, 2012

We know that the human body is sacred and St. Paul tells us why in today's reading from I Corinthians. Crucial to his understanding and ours, is the fact that in our bodies we are members making up the body of Christ. This means that our bodies are more than we can see and feel. For St. Paul the word body includes all those invisible aspects of human experience which have their focus and expression in the human person. The human person, in his or her body, is at the centre of a whole web of connections, relationships and experience which cannot be separated from the much bigger reality of the body of Christ.

So Paul is right. Our bodies are not ours to do with what we like because we have been bought and paid for and belong to God. We are temples of the Holy Spirit with powers for good and bad which extend in all directions often beyond our conscious experience.

The message is simple. Every word and action, every thought and decision, the use we make of our sexual and relational powers must all be guided by the message of love in Jesus Christ. That is why in everything, like Samuel in the Old Testament reading, we must "let no word of his fall to the ground". PJT

I would like to thank everyone for sharing the lovely evening with me last Saturday. I was overcome by the celebration, and all the kindness that has been shown to me over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Sacristan at St. Peter's.
Carmel McClean 😊

Please pray for Jack McNamara, invaluable St. Gregory's parishioner, devoted husband of Nan, father, grandfather and brother, who died last Sunday. May he rest in peace. Canon Paul will celebrate Jack's Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 17th January at 10.30am in St. Gregory's.
Please also pray for Liza Callender who died this week. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass is at 12.15pm on Wednesday 25th January in St. Peter's

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: First book of Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Psalm Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

We acknowledge with thanks: Last week's collection:
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £3,943.31

TODAY

Today is Peace Sunday.

Churches Together in Alresford Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today with the Annual Lunch in the John Pearson Hall.

THIS WEEK

Monday 16th January - The ASCENT Group meets in the Convent at 2.15pm. New members most welcome.

Monday 16th January - The Justice and Peace Group meet at 7.30pm in the Milner Hall.

Tuesday 17th January - The Headmaster of Winchester College invites parishioners to this year's Cardinal Beaufort Lecture by Christopher Jamison OSB - 'The Real Big Brother: Monks, Religion and the Media'. The lecture is in the Museum at 7.00pm. Please make your way to the Porter's Lodge from where you will be directed.

Wednesday 18th January - The St. Stephen's Pastoral Group meets at 7.30pm in St. Stephen's Community Room.

Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th January - Evening Prayer at 7.00pm in St. Gregory's.

Thursday 19th January - The CWL meet at 4.30pm in The Old Georgian. Theme for meeting is 'Looking Forward' - followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

Thursday 19th January - Inspire Youth Group meet from 7.00 to 8.30pm in St. Stephen's.

Friday 20th January - Churches Together in North Winchester Ecumenical Service is at 7.30pm at St. Barnabas, Weeke.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 22nd to Friday 27th January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - See separate notice below.

Sunday 22nd January - Christian Unity Service in Winchester Cathedral at 6.30pm. There will be no Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's.

Sunday 22nd January - Annual Unity Service at 6.00pm in St. John's Church, Alresford.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 30th January - The Covenant with the Poor Group meets at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, The Old Georgian. The meeting will be looking at suggestions for future projects and everyone is welcome.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 22nd to 27th January

Wednesday to Friday 7.00pm Evening Prayer at
18th to 20th January St. Gregory's

Monday 23rd 12.30-1.00pm Lunchtime Prayers
United Church, Jewry Street

Tuesday 24th 12.30-1.00pm Lunchtime Prayers
City Church, Jewry Street

Wednesday 25th 6.00-9.00pm Prayer Vigil
St. Swithun upon Kingsgate

Thursday 26th 12.30-1.00pm Lunchtime Prayers
St. Peter's

Friday 27th 12.30-1.00pm Lunchtime Prayers
St. Swithun upon Kingsgate

Sunday 22nd January

Annual Unity Service at St. John's, Alresford at 6.00pm
Shared ministry at various times and venues during the morning

6.30pm Christian Unity Service in Winchester Cathedral
Speaker: Fr. Timothy Radcliffe O.P. the Dominican who was worldwide head of the order and become well known for his publications including 'What is the point of being a Christian?'

GENERAL

Communion at home: Paul Kennedy has taken over the work of co-ordinating those who take Communion to people in their homes when they are unable to come to Mass. If you, or somebody you know, needs this service, please contact the Parish Office. Our thanks go to Imelda Weingart-West who previously did this work.

First Communion 2012: Please see the monthly diary for information and a tear off slip.

Confirmation Programme 2012 - The Hampshire Downs Programme has now started with Confirmation on the 26th June. For information, contact Don West on 01962 865153 or don.west@ntlworld.com.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, new and old are needed by the **Catholic Women's League** as gifts for the **Winchester Domestic Abuse Service**. Boxes are in every church or donations can be sent to the school. Toiletries and duvets/pillows/towels are still acceptable.

Also, gifts for mothers will be appreciated.

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.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Saturday 28th January to 5th February - Poverty & Homelessness Action Week 2012. Open information evening on Thursday, 2nd February at the Discovery Centre.

Friday 3rd February to 5th February 'Stop-Get Ready-Go' Weekend of Prayer organised by the Department of Pastoral Formation. Contact Eileen Stephenson, on 01329 835583 or email: estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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.**

Winchester Nightshelter: It's that time of year once again when the Parish of Hampshire Downs helps to fill the freezers in the kitchens of the night shelter. We supply 18 hot meals per week for a 12 week period. Would you be willing to supply a meal such as shepherd's pie, a curry or a casserole of some sort to feed 6 of the 18? Please let me know, I already have a list of willing helpers, but all rotas benefit from more names to call on.
Email: patlunn.harris@ntlworld.com or telephone 01962 620979

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.

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

14th to 21st January, 2012

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 14	6.00 pm	Mass - Mary and Margaret Downie RIP
Sun 15	8.00 am	Mass - Isabella Docherty RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Eva and Nina de Sousa RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - Alie RIP
Mon 16	12.15 pm	Mass - Intentions of St. Antonietta
Tue 17	8.00 am	Mass - Founders
Wed 18	12.15 pm	Mass - Intention of Nicholas Ible
Thu 19	7.00 pm	Mass - CWL - 'Our Armed Forces'
Fri 20	12.15 pm	Mass - Pat O'Leary RIP
Sat 21	9.00 am	Mass - Ellen O'Donnell 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 - People of the Parish
Mon	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	10.30 am	Requiem Mass for Jack McNamara RIP
Wed	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thur	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Fri	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Sat	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 9.15 am Mass - Therese Neale RIP

St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - Bristol family RIP

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.

THANK YOU

- to our organist, Chris Allain, who has re-written the Milner Mass for the new translation of the Missal. St. Peter's and St. Stephen's will be using the new setting from this weekend and for the next few weeks. There will be an opportunity to learn the new setting before each Mass but if you would like to listen and learn there are recordings on the parish website sung by our very own Martin McElroy : www.hampshiredowns.org.uk
- to all those who helped arrange the Epiphany party last weekend. As many will have seen in the Hampshire Chronicle, we awarded Carmel McClean with a diocesan medal to thank her for her work in the sacristy, which as I pointed out, extended far beyond the confines of the sacristy because of her generosity and commitment. PJT
- to everyone in the Confirmation and the First Communion Teams now that both these programmes have begun. It was tremendous to see so many first communion parents at the parents meeting at St. Stephen's last Thursday. PJT