

# Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish

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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (B) 1ST JANUARY, 2012

As our celebration of the Lord's birth continues, today we ask God's blessing on the New Year of 2012. New Year's Day is always the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and in the Gospel today we are told that Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart". In those words, I suggest there is a new year's resolution for us all. Mary pondered the details of her life and it was in those details that she recognised God's communication to her and responded to it with faith and hope. Let our New Year resolution be a new determination to treasure the details of life and ponder them and in prayer to continually ask the question "Enlighten me Lord, to see your presence and action and your word in the details of my life during 2012."

A Happy New Year to everyone.

PJT

## TODAY

There will be no St. Gregory's Cake sale in January.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 2nd January is a Bank Holiday** - Mass in St. Peter's is at 10.00am.

**Saturday 7th January - Feast of the Epiphany.** There will be drinks and nibbles in the Milner Hall after 6.00pm Mass. All are welcome.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 8th January - is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

**Sunday 8th February - Mass in the Extraordinary Form** is at 12.15pm in St. Peter's

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday 9th January - Winchester Catholic History Group** - 'The Turbulent Lifetime of Thomas Vachell' by Tony Hadland, Author and Editor of Oxfordshire Family Historian at 8.00pm in the Milner Hall. Non-members £3.

**Thursday 12th January - Inspire Youth Group** meet from 7.00 to 8.30pm in St. Stephen's.

**Sunday 15th January - Churches Together in Alresford Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Lunch in the John Pearson Hall. More details after Christmas.

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

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

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

**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.

Fr. John and I would like to thank everyone for their generosity to us at Christmas and particularly in the offering at the Christmas Masses. PJT

## TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**1st Reading:** Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3

**Psalm Response:** He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

**2nd Reading:** Letter to the Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

## MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK 31st December to 7th January, 2012

### St. Peter's, Winchester

#### Masses:

Sat 31	6.00 pm	Mass - Intentions of the Patta family
Sun 1	8.00 am	Mass - Cyril Eaton RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Paul Turner RIP
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer and Benediction</b>
	7.00 pm	Mass - Doris Short RIP
Mon 2	10.00 am	Mass - Cath Leal RIP
Tue 3	8.00 am	Mass - Bristol family RIP
Wed 4	12.15 pm	Mass - Sean Kelly RIP
Thu 5	7.00 pm	Mass - Molly O'Brien RIP
Fri 6	12.15 pm	Mass - Mollie and Tom Falvey RIP
Sat 7	9.00 am	Mass - Philip Felton RIP

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Tue Eucharistic Adoration has ceased

Wed for the Christmas period

Thur and resumes on Tuesday, 10th January, 2012

### St. Gregory's, Alresford

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 - Dr. Moira Pollard RIP

### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 22ND TO 27TH JANUARY

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

Shared ministry at various times and venues during the morning  
6.30pm Christian Unity Service at the Cathedral  
Speaker: Fr. Timothy Radcliffe.