

Hampshire Downs Catholic Parish



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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) 22nd January, 2012

This weekend falls right in the middle of the week of prayer for Christian Unity and there are numerous opportunities for us to meet and worship with other Christians. It was a great joy for me to join the people of St. Barnabas Church at Weeke last Monday evening for the induction of The Reverend Philip Cochrane, who is the new vicar there. It was a lovely celebration and I congratulate Philip and look forward to working with him.

A readiness to work with Christians of other traditions is a responsibility for us all whether ordained or lay and I am grateful to Steve Taylor, who is Chair of Churches Together in Winchester and to all the "Churches Together" teams in the Parish for all the work they have done for Unity Week and throughout the year. In addition to a whole week of prayer opportunities, the congregation at St. Stephen's will be able to welcome the Reverend Alan Baxter and at the 10.30am Mass at St. Peter's, Canon Michael St. John-Channell, who is the Precentor at Winchester Cathedral will be taking part. Everyone is invited to the different Unity Liturgies that are taking place around the parish, especially to the one at the Cathedral on Sunday evening at 6.30pm when the Dominican priest Fr. Tim Radcliffe, the well known author and preacher, will be preach.

The "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is a time of intense activity and prayer which serves as a reminder of our continual ecumenical initiatives, prayer and dialogue throughout the year. As Catholics we are all challenged to be part of the ecumenical process and to make our own personal contribution to it. Offering our gifts as part of the journey to "that blessed day when full unity in faith will be attained and we can celebrate together in peace the Holy Eucharist of the Lord. (Ut Unum Sint number 77, by Pope John Paul II) PJT

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
Canon Michael St John-Channell from Winchester Cathedral will be preaching at 10.30am Mass in St. Peter's.

Alan Baxter, a retired Methodist Minister is preaching at 9.15am Mass in St. Stephen's

Annual Unity Service at St. John's, Alresford at 6.00pm
Christian Unity Service in Winchester Cathedral at 6.30pm

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?'

TODAY

Sunday to Friday this week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - See separate notice below.

Christian Unity Service in Winchester Cathedral today at 6.30pm.

There will be no Evening Prayer and Benediction in St. Peter's today.

Churches Together in Alresford's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today with the Annual Unity Service at 6.00pm in St John's Church, Alresford.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th January - Alton day of Renewal at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead starting at 11.00am, ending at about 4.00pm. The theme for 2012 is 'The new evangelisation - let His light shine.' Speaker David Torkington, on 'Built on Prayer.' Queries John Foley 01189333420. For full details, see poster.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 30th January - The Covenant with the Poor Group meets at 7.30pm in the Convent. (Please note change of venue.) The meeting will be looking at suggestions for future projects and everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 31st January - Hampshire Downs Youth Ministry - looking to the future: There will be a meeting to discuss the future of the youth group in St. Stephens (community room) at 7.30 pm. The current youth team is looking to concentrate more on the post-Confirmation age group, so we need to talk about how to continue and improve our groups for the younger ones (roughly, years 7-9). If you have an interest, or something to offer, or children coming up to or in that age group (or all three!) - then please come along - everyone welcome. We want to hear your views and see what ideas people have. Contact Moira on moirar@msn.com or W 861123 if you have any questions.

Friday 3rd February - Mass at St. Barnabas, Weeke at 10.00am

Sunday 5th February - the next St Gregory's Cake Sale after the 11.00am Mass.

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.

Sunday 12th February - Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at 12.15pm 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

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5.10

Psalm Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

2nd Reading: First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Please pray for Liza Callender who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass is this Wednesday at 12.15pm in St. Peter's.

We acknowledge with thanks: Last week's collection:
(Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester): £4,191.04

St. Peter's Convent: We have decided to close the Convent Nursery School at the end of this academic year. In 1960, when it was opened it was probably the only school of its kind in Winchester and was very well supported, having a long waiting list. It served a good purpose in the parish and the city then.

Now, with nearly every primary school (including St. Peter's) having its own pre-school, it is no longer necessary and closing it would enable the sisters to take a much fuller role in parish work, something we would like to do.

We would like to thank all who in any way helped us in the past and rely on your continued support and prayers in our new role.

Thank you all.

The Sisters

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.

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

Urgently needed: Temporary accommodation for a homeless mother and five year old child. For more information, please contact Audrey Atter on 01962 863317 or audrey.atter@homecall.co.uk

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.**

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.

Who remembers 'The Mask of Lupus'? This was the amazing film project undertaken by the Youth Group a few years back. Clearing out the Youth Group cupboard, we found a handful of copies of the disc. It's a thrilling adventure set in and around Winchester, featuring the amazing acting, film-making and special effects skills of our young people. If you've lost your copy of the DVD, would like another, or are just interested, then get in touch: call Moira on W 861123, or email moirar@msn.com

MASSES AND LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK 21st to 28th January, 2012

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses:

Sat 21	6.00 pm	Mass - Deceased members of the Hill family
Sun 22	8.00 am	Mass - William Meader RIP
	10.30 am	Mass - Helen Henry RIP
	6.00 pm	NO Evening Prayer and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass - June Howard RIP
Mon 23	12.15 pm	Mass - Gumbrell family - Thanksgiving
Tue 24	8.00 am	Mass - Deceased members of the Blessed Sacrament Guild
Wed 25	12.15 pm	Mass - Funeral Mass for Liza Callender RIP
Thu 26	7.00 pm	Mass - Anna Wilson RIP
Fri 27	12.15 pm	Mass - Raymond Scott RIP and William Woodman RIP
Sat 28	9.00 am	Mass - Patrick George McCall 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, 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 - Marek Jedraszek RIP

St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 9.00 am Mass - People of the Parish

DIOCESAN

Saturday, 4th February - Day of Prayer at St. Swithun Wells Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford. The theme of the day of 'Prayer: tools for the toolbox'. It will include a variety of sessions, enabling people to experience different ways of praying as well as a quiet room for silent prayer. The day starts at 10.30am and ends at 4.00pm. Feel free to come to part or all of the day. Bring a packed lunch. **Booking essential.** e-mail: estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. 01329 835583. No charge for the day.

THANK YOU

- **Nan McNamara and family would like to say a huge thank you** for all the love, support and prayers they received throughout Jack's illness and in recent days since his death. Your kindness has been overwhelming and they are so very grateful to you all. Thanks also for your generous donations; over £490.00 raised for the children's brain tumour charity, Ali's Dream.

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.