

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Alresford • Stockbridge • Winchester

14th FEBRUARY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

Lent is coming - We've got to get ourselves connected

Fr Mark writes:

My mobile phone gets used for all sorts of things, almost least of which is phoning people. It's where I get my emails and my news, it's my Satnav and my sound system, my camera and my running coach, my prayer book and my tv, to name but a few.

It also functions as my alarm clock. Each night I plug the phone in to recharge, set the time for the next day and head to bed, safe in the knowledge that it will bring me to semi-consciousness a few short hours later. I will lurch my way across the room in a semi-haze, press snooze and take the phone back to my pit, snuggling up to it as if it were a cold and merciless teddy until I can bear its whining no longer and get up, not quite ready or willing to attack the day.

Everything goes like alarm clockwork, day in, day out, night in, night out, until...One morning I drift slowly into the land of the living, smug with myself and how I've woken without need for the alarm, well rested, and wondering how long before the day's chosen tune is about to kick in...I look to the clock by my bedside and realise, slowly but very surely and much to my horror, that I have actually overslept!! I've missed the gym class and am in danger of missing morning prayer if I don't kick speedily into action. What has happened? Had I forgotten to set the time? Had I turned the volume down inadvertently?

I look carefully at my once beloved phone and realise that it is lifeless, flat and unwilling or unable to utter even the faintest of cries. It is plugged in, the switch is down and yet...Closer inspection reveals a tiny and yet vital clue, a piece of cotton, doubtless from the inside of my trouser pocket, which has lodged itself between the connector and the port and has made connection, and therefore charging, impossible. A quick clean, a re-connection and a few hours later and my phone and I were back up and running. The battery indicator turned a contented green and we were back in business, alive and ready to take on the world...

A life without connection can only take us so far. After a while, our batteries run low and we cannot function as healthily or efficiently as we would like. Connection has, to say the least, been extremely challenging over these last few months. Many of the normal ways in which we connect with each other (e.g. meals, sport, school, the arts, hugs, mass) and with God (public worship, especially mass) have been reduced or limited. We have had to be creative in finding other ways of connecting with God and with the wider community.

Lent is a time to focus on connection or reconnection. How can I plug into God? How can I connect with my loved ones, my fellow parishioners and the wider community? How can I be recharged by this incredible cosmos? Just as the electricity gives life and energy to my phone, so God's Amazing Grace, that completely free, undeserved, gift of God can bring each of us Life this Lent so we are ready and able to blossom and bloom and flourish with Christ this Easter.

Our vision for this Lent is that it's a time of connection. I want all of us to come out of the other side of Lent plugged in, recharged, alive with the joy of Easter. I want us to be more connected with God and more connected with each other, so we can support each other and together be supported by Christ.

I have been inviting you to begin asking yourself, and asking God, "what grace or gift or help would I like from God this Lent?" Please write that down somewhere in a safe place so that you can refer to it throughout Lent. Maybe it's more general: "to find happiness" or "to have more joy in my life" or "to discover real peace". Maybe it's very specific: "to be able to trust God in my decisions about relationships" or "guidance with a specific decision I need to make" or "to be able to forgive "Fred" for what he did to me".

This week, I'm once more inviting each and every one of you to engage in our parish offering for Lent in one of three ways: re-boot; re-discover or re-charge.

Re-boot – if you feel like you need to "re-boot" your spiritual life, I'd like to invite you to participate in Alpha. Maybe you've been drifting along in your faith life or aren't really sure what you believe any more...Or maybe you are new to all this "God stuff" and want to be able to ask questions in a safe space. Or maybe you're just feeling on the edge of the parish and want to meet some new people. It's an 11-week course that creates space where we can explore the big issues of Christian faith in a relaxed and informal way. You can register [here](#).

Re-discover – if you feel like you want to know Jesus better and connect with him in a deeper way or a desire to explore some of the teachings of the Catholic Church, I'd like to invite you to register for either (i) [Gospel of Mark](#) or (ii) "[Discovering More about Lent](#)" (links are for registering: more details of the courses elsewhere in the newsletter)

Re-charge – if your batteries feel flat and you feel like you're running on empty, I'd like to invite you to sign up with these easy links, where you can choose any or all of the following: (i) receive a [short daily message](#) from the parish; (ii) receive a slightly longer [weekly message](#); or (iii) join Fr Mark for a [weekly guided prayer](#) on Zoom (Sunday evenings but "catch up" available; cameras off during prayer ☺).

We also have options for our children and young people and for those who cannot access anything online. We hope to put these on our website and send out soon.

*Which are you signing up for?
Let's get ourselves connected this Lent.*

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a day in the Church's year which is always popular. There's something about that symbolic ritual of receiving ashes and hearing those words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a new chapter: the possibility of starting again, of choosing life rather than death.

This year, as with so much else, Ash Wednesday will be different. For those able to join us for mass in person (7am, 10am, 12:15pm in St. Peter's and 10am in St. Gregory's), ashes will be "sprinkled" on our heads (typical, I believe, of Italy and several other countries) rather than the cross marked on our foreheads, which is more familiar to us in England. The priest will be wearing a face mask, as for the distribution of communion.

For those joining on livestream (any of the St. Peter's masses, or also 7pm – a livestream-only mass), we will invite you to make a sign of the cross on your own forehead or on the forehead of others who are gathered with you.

Could this be a pivotal moment for you
or someone you know?



TRY ALPHA ONLINE



Monday at 8pm from 22nd February OR
Wednesday at 12.30pm from 24th February

Visit www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha
For more information, email alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Welcome..... If this is your first time reading the newsletter, then you are particularly welcome. Please get in touch - we'd love to tell you about everything that's going on here, and invite you to join us. Just to start you off, elsewhere in the newsletter you will find our services, our virtual church timetable and other activities. And best of all, there's **Alpha** just above this.... Look at our website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/> , or our [Facebook page](#) or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Big news! We have successfully appointed a Parish Administration Manager. Michaela Waterfield will be joining us in April – she introduces herself here:



Anyone who knows me well, will tell you that the 3 most important things in my life are my faith, my family and my work as a primary school teacher. My personal journey in faith began in Basingstoke (my hometown), continued when I made the move to Southampton to train and work as a teacher in a Catholic school, and now it seems, it is leading me to Winchester, to join you on your journey and to support your parish mission. I have never been one to stray too far from home!

My parents and siblings still live in the Basingstoke area, but I have made my home in Hedge End, where I live with my husband and 2 daughters (1 a teenager, the other, very much practising!). We enjoy being part of the City Centre Parish in Southampton and attend St Edmund's Church. I am currently one of the assistant head teachers at Springhill Catholic Primary School, but having taught there for almost 24 years, I am now grasping the opportunity God has given me to grow and serve Him in a different way. I will miss teaching, but I very much look forward to learning with you, from you and to doing all I can to support you in my new role as your Parish Administration Manager.

Please keep Canon Peter Wilkie in your prayers...

He has had a fall and damaged his ribs but is doing well and would appreciate prayers.

Current lockdown regulations

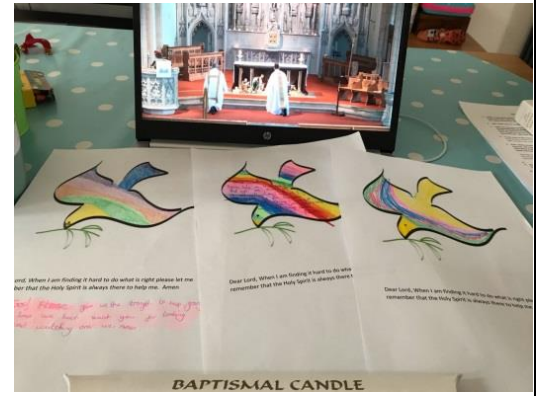
We want everyone to stay safe and take due care: we – all of us - have been given a responsibility by being allowed to continue going to church so it's important that we observe the social distancing regulations. We've had a trust placed in us, and we must respect that: that's the only way we can keep our churches open.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST (BY LAW) WEAR A FACE COVERING IN CHURCH AT ALL TIMES, UNLESS YOU HAVE AN AGE, HEALTH or DISABILITY REASON FOR NOT DOING SO (SOME PEOPLE ARE LESS ABLE TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS, AND THE REASONS FOR THIS MAY NOT BE VISIBLE TO OTHERS. PLEASE BE MINDFUL AND RESPECTFUL OF SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES). YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR FACE COVERING BRIEFLY AND TEMPORARILY TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, AND IF YOU ARE PROCLAIMING THE READING AT MASS.

It's also particularly important that you keep your distance from those in the congregation from other households, and don't socialise or stop and chat with them at the end of Mass, either inside or outside church. Please: wave, nod, smile and greet from a distance. We know how hard that is, none of us likes it, but we have to observe the rules in the hope of a better future... And remember that **all services from St Peter's are livestreamed** so you can always take part from home.

Children's Liturgy Online

Our weekly Children's Liturgy is running now via our online Zoom platform. The sessions take place at 9:30am - 9:50am on Sundays, so you are then free to join in with the 10am livestreamed Mass if you wish. To make the sessions as secure as possible, you will need to pre-register here:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUPd-CgqDsjHdFJalMzv9TVFB4lu-9cEITv>

You will then receive an email with an individual ID (please don't share this with anyone) and a few safeguarding reminders. Printable activity & colouring sheets are put up in advance on the website: click on the link on the homepage [The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs](#)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 'Adoration'

We cannot encounter God and remain unchanged however subtle the encounter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) takes place every day in St Peter's Church. Come spend time with the One who knows you best!

Times: **8am – 9am** weekdays

11am – 12pm every day except Sunday, when it is 11 till 11.45 because of mass

To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration and Night Prayer & Adoration, go to our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbGgrcbDyLY75pmCAopfLg/live>



Parish Financial Report to August 2020

The Parish Financial Report is now available to view on the Parish website.

We will be holding an open meeting when members of the Parish Finance and Property Advisory Committee will be presenting this Financial Report and you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Parish finances. You are warmly invited to attend the meeting which will take place by Zoom on Thursday 18th February at 19:45. To confirm your attendance [please register here](#).

For young people: We are still having our two **youth groups** for year 7-9, and for year 10-13, but online! We play games, do activities and have discussions about chosen topics, and then end in a prayer. It starts at 7pm for the year 7-9s and 7.30 for the 10-13s. Anyone is welcome, you do not have to be Catholic!

We're also holding a **virtual drop in** on Mondays from 12.30pm - 1.30pm for anyone in year 7 and above. You do have to sign up so that we know who is coming into the group, but you can do this in 5 minutes, so you could sign up and then follow the link directly into the meeting. It's an open space to come and chat, so feel free to drop by! Email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to get the links for any of these, and for more information on dates.

Useful Contacts

Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest); Fr Anthony Chiatu Njingo (Assistant Priest); & Fr Stephen Vooght

Deacon Gerard Dailly and Deacon Martin McElroy

Director of Evangelisation and Leadership: Allegra Mutanda

Finance Manager Annette Parr,; Facilities and Resources Manager Sean Reidy

Pastoral team: Rosanne Walker, Jo Donaldson

To get in touch with them, and for other general matters, please contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk .

- **PeterCares :** petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
- **Prayerline:** prayer@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
- **Newsletter:** editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
- **Newsletter list:** hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
- **St. Peter's School Office:** 01962 852820
- **St. Thomas More's Stockbridge:** please email Anne Keenan at anne@annekeenan.co.uk
- **For stewarding and volunteering:** please email Anna annasmylie@outlook.com

Apologies if you have had problems receiving the newsletter by email – we are victims of our own success. With so many people signing up, the distribution system buckled under the numbers! Doing our best to put it right, tell us if you have issues. editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

PRAYER CORNER: Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because *"if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour"* (Ps 127:1) **Fr. Mark**

This Week's Intention **Let us pray that as we share the message of hope that God brings through Lent, others will respond to that reminder and join us as we prepare for his ultimate sacrifice.**





Message from St. Peter's School

Dear Parents

‘Jesus Heals Many’

On leaving the synagogue Jesus went to the house of Simon and Andrew, where Simon’s wife lay unwell with fever and sickness...

‘And coming to her, he lifted her up, taking her by the hand; and immediately the fever left her...’ Mark 1: 31

A miracle is an event that cannot be explained by science or nature. We heard about how Jesus performed many miracles, through which Jesus came to reveal Himself as the Son of God. This fits in with our RE theme of ‘Revelation’ at the moment.

We may think that we have never seen an actual miracle, but really we see them every day.

What miracles can we come across every day? We thought that examples of everyday miracles could be the sun coming up each morning, the world continuing to spin, the flowers in all their variety and beauty, the weather, the fact that we keep breathing, our families and our friends. Life itself is a miracle and revelation of God. Miss Buxton shared some of the things she has seen in the last year of things that she found awesome and amazing... (Obviously before and in between lockdowns!!)



Dear God Thank you for all the wonderful things that we see around us. Thank you for the wonder of the world. Thank you for the stories in the Bible, which remind us that God can do anything. Please help us to be part of the wonder of the world, as we care for others and help them to have happy lives. Please be with all of the people in the world who are sad, hurt or lonely. Thank you. Amen.

The Gospel Challenge is to find out how many miracles Jesus performed during His time on earth.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)

Headteacher

Gospel of Mark - Scripture Reflection series with Deacon Martin

Deacon Martin invites you to join him, and other parishioners, on a journey through the Gospel of Mark.

Throughout this year, most of our Sunday gospels (and those at weekday Mass) are from Mark's gospel. So we hope this series will help you put each of those gospel readings in context - as we'll read and reflect together on a chapter each week.

The format of each session will be discussion-based, plus a summary of each chapter's key themes from Deacon Martin. There'll also be plenty of opportunities to ask questions, and meet other parishioners. Don't worry if you can't attend every session: you'll be given the materials from each week's session to catch up if you want.

The sessions are taking place weekly over Zoom, on Friday evenings, from 19:45-21:30, starting **Friday 5th March**. To join us, and get more details, please register via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludOGtqD4oGdaE2DG12xsvz4CgBP3AxqWz>

If you have any questions, please email formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

We hope you will join us, not only to learn about Mark's gospel, but more importantly to get to know its subject: "Jesus Christ, the Son of God" ([Mk 1:1](#)).

Frontispiece of the gospel of Mark, from the Lindisfarne Gospels (Cotton MS Nero D IV), courtesy of the British Library.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11
You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation cf. Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved

Virtual Church Programme - Week commencing 14th February

All public liturgies are also livestreamed

	Sunday 14 th Feb 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monday 15 th Feb	Tuesday 16 th Feb	Wed 17 th Feb Ash Wednesday – Day of Prayer & Fasting	Thursday 18 th Feb Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday 19 th Feb Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday 20 th Feb Saturday after Ash Wednesday	
8am – 9am		Public Morning Prayer & Adoration	Public Morning Prayer & Adoration	7am - Public Mass 8am - Morning Prayer & Adoration	Public Morning Prayer & Adoration	Public Morning Prayer & Adoration	9am Public Mass @ St Peter's	
9.20 – 9.50am	Children's Liturgy Online (See website for registration)							
10am	Sunday Mass Live stream only		Public Mass @ St Peter's	Public Mass @ St Peter's	Public Mass @ St Peter's			
11.15am	St Peter's Tea Room Zoom Virtual room							
11am – 12noon		Holy Hour (Adoration) @ St Peter's	Holy Hour (Adoration) @ St Peter's	Holy Hour (Adoration) @ St Peter's	Holy Hour (Adoration) @ St Peter's	Holy Hour (Adoration) @ St Peter's	Holy Hour (Adoration) @ St Peter's	
12noon	Public Mass @ St Peter's							
12.15pm		Public Mass @ St Peter's		Public Mass @ St Peter's		Public Mass @ St Peter's		
2.55pm		Divine Mercy chaplet (Online)	Divine Mercy chaplet (Online)	Divine Mercy chaplet (Online)	Divine Mercy chaplet (Online)	Divine Mercy chaplet (Online)		
3.30pm							Family Mass @ St Peter's	
5.30pm	Public Mass @ St Peter's							Public Mass @ St Peter's
7pm		Public Mass @ St Peter's	Public Mass @ St Peter's	Mass Live stream only	Public Mass @ St Peter's	Public Mass @ St Peter's		
7.45pm	Course: Discovering more about Lent (See website or newsletter on how to register)							
9pm	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	Night Prayer - Live Stream only	

To access the Zoom virtual sessions, click

<https://zoom.us/j/4388694572>

Alternatively, sign into Zoom and enter **Meeting ID: 438 869 4572**

Password: 376428

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE
IN MASS ONLINE](#)**

[Click here if you wish to see recorded services](#)

Discovering more about Lent

A series of six evening sessions

Lent is a time when we are invited to repent, which means to turn back to God, to take stock of our lives and to resolve to deepen our love of God and our neighbour. In this series we help one another to discover more about some of the practices that help us to do this. We will look at some of the beautiful scriptures on forgiveness and love for our brothers and sisters, the teaching of the Church, and the wonderful gift of the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Sessions will be led by: Fr Stephen Vooght, Tony Darlison, Mike Elks, Mike Slinn, Rosanne Walker.

If you would like to join us, please register using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd-2tpjktGtaM32RT_QLzazWSkZ57Yxhs

If you have any questions please e-mail formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

What is Lent? *Tuesday 16 February 19:45 – 21:00* Reflect on Jesus' forty days in the desert following His baptism, as he prepared for his ministry. Deepen your understanding of how you are invited to imitate Jesus this Lent.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving *Tuesday 23 February 19:45 – 21:00* Learn about why the Church, since the earliest times, has recommended the three 'pillars' of Lenten devotion: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Develop your understanding of prayer and fasting and share practical ideas for Lenten observance.

Called to Serve *Tuesday 2 March 19:45 – 21:00* Listen to how the third 'pillar' of Lent, almsgiving, is a call to service. Deepen your understanding of prayer as the source of love, and service of our neighbour as a consequence of love.

Service in Scripture *Tuesday 9 March 19:45 – 21:00* Meditate on some beautiful passages from the scriptures in which the Lord speaks to us of the nature of His love for us and His command to imitate him by loving our brothers and sisters.

Service in Church Teaching *Tuesday 16 March 19:45 – 21:00* Discover more about how the Church has helped interpret Jesus' teaching on service in the form of her social teaching, and reflect on what it might mean in our lives now.

Penance and Reconciliation *Tuesday 23 March 19:45 – 21:00* Explore this beautiful sacrament, instituted by Jesus Christ, in which He heals us, gives us 'pardon and peace', reconciles us to Himself and to His Church, and gives us grace to strengthen us on our path to holiness.

Mass Timetable	13 th February – 20 th February			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – February 13th <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9 AM	Mass		Livestream, public
	3.30 PM	Family mass at St Peter's		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Vigil Mass	KJ John RIP	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – February 14th 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 AM	THERE IS NO 8.00AM SUNDAY MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		
	9 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Philippa Tatham	Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	Dr Anna Wilson RIP	Livestream only
	11 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	John Francis Cahill RIP	Public, booking reqd
	11-11.45 AM	Adoration & private prayer		Open to public
	12 Noon	Mass	Soul of Guilielmi Meader	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Soul of Peter Walshe	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
MONDAY – February 15th	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Margaret Merryman	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream & public
TUESDAY – February 16th	10AM	Mass	Soul of Beatrice Hew Tomson	Livestream & Public
	10 AM	Mass at ST GREGORY'S		Public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream & public
WEDNESDAY – February 17th <i>Ash Wednesday – ashes will be distributed at all masses</i>	7AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	10AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	10AM	Mass at ST GREGORY'S		Public
	12.15AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	7PM	Mass		Livestream only
THURSDAY – February 18th	10AM	Mass	Intentions of the CWL	Livestream, Public
	7 PM	Mass		Livestream, Public
FRIDAY – February 19th	10 AM	Mass at ST GREGORY'S		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	For the Benefactors	Livestream, Public
	7 PM	Mass		Livestream, Public
SATURDAY – February 20th <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9 AM	Mass	June Howard RIP	Livestream, Public
	3.30 PM	Family mass at St Peter's		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd

***** Ashes will be distributed at all the public Ash Wednesday masses on 17th February, to mark the start of Lent *****
Please note that the 7pm mass at St Peter's on Ash Wednesday is livestream only

All at St. Peter's, except where stated.

*To book mass at St Thomas More's Stockbridge, email Anne anne@annekeenan.co.uk. If you would like a phone number to call her, please ring the office 01962 852804 to ask for it.

All other bookings via website homepage - [The Parish of St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs](#) - or call office 01962 852804

Note that the **FAMILY MASSES** (3.30pm Saturdays) are always at St Peter's for now.

Night prayer (livestream only) every evening from St Peter's, 9pm

Morning Prayer (open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8am, followed by Adoration till 9am

St Peter's also open for Adoration and private prayer every day 11 till 12 (11.45 on Sundays)

Confessions are usually available (without booking) on Saturdays, 11 till noon, then 4.30 to 5

ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER, NIGHT PRAYER & ADORATION) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Christopher Chalmers RIP
Carmel Wright RIP
Bernard O'Keefe RIP
Helena Mary O'Leary RIP
Pat Cowling RIP



FAMILY MASS – SATURDAYS, 3.30PM

We want to support our families - please know there's a special mass for you at St. Peter's at the moment: 3:30pm on Saturday's. It's there if you'd find it helpful (but there's no pressure on you to come) - we'll keep it going as long as there's a need (and if we stop we'll start again as soon as there is a need). It will always be livestreamed for live viewing, or catchup later.