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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Year B

*Love is getting us connected*

**Fr Mark writes:**

Sometimes it seems, as has been said before, that the devil has all the best tunes. The devil seems to have the best marketing strategy: he impresses would-be voters with glamour, style, power, popularity, fame, money, excitement, and a whole host of other seductive promises, aimed at making us feel good.

Compare this with Jesus:

“Take up your cross and follow me.”

Or in our Gospel this weekend:

“Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die...”

Why would anyone want to follow Jesus?

These promises of Jesus seem far less attractive and appealing than those of the devil BUT (and it’s pretty crucial this) Jesus, unlike Satan, always delivers on his word. The latter ultimately has no substance, as we can see in Dante’s depiction of him at the very bottom of hell: self-absorbed, lonely and isolated. In short, he has become disconnected.

Jesus, on the other hand, beckons us beyond the cross to eternal joy with him forever in heaven.

The path to heaven takes us to the cross, and a dying to self. What does Jesus mean when he speaks of the grain of wheat which has to die? He is saying that we, like him, need to surrender our whole being into the Father’s hands, seeking only His will: accepting whatever comes our way; trying to hear and follow what God asks of us and allowing ourselves to be fully God’s instruments of grace and peace in the world. A seed, such as a grain of wheat, remains lifeless and solitary unless it is buried in the ground. Jesus too was, in a sense, limited until after he was buried in the tomb and later rose from dead. It was only after the Resurrection and then Pentecost that Jesus and his message were carried to the very ends of the earth by apostles who, like him, would give away their lives completely.

We too need those parts of our memory, intellect and will which are self-centred and self-obsessed to die, in order that we may bear more fruit – namely, peace, joy, love, self-control, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

That can be a frightening prospect for many of us and so it’s unsurprising that so many of us shy away and cling to more attractive, quick fix idols. To surrender ourselves means that we need to make ourselves vulnerable. Sadly, many of us have learnt, the hard way, that being vulnerable can lead to being hurt by others who themselves are hurting. Hurt people hurt people. Why should God be any different?

Maybe an image would help...Imagine a parent who truly loves their child and sees that this child is hurting. Maybe it’s a physical pain or an emotional pain. That parent deeply wants to hold that child close to their heart, for their child just to feel and experience the warmth of their immense love. The child, however, is hurting and upset and so she turns in on herself and puts up barriers, a moat and drawbridge around her heart, to protect herself. Maybe the child expresses this hurt in anger or by withdrawing. Slowly, though, the child begins to allow herself to be drawn closer to her parent, who waits lovingly and patiently. She takes the risk and eventually allows herself to be enfolded in her parent’s embrace. Here she finds a safe space in which to “let go”, to release the hurt and pain she’s been holding onto and she melts into her parent and finds healing and a path back towards life.



God is, in many ways, like that parent. God loves us so much that he is drawing us back to him. Jesus says in the Gospel, “when I am lifted up from the earth” – that is, when he is nailed to the cross, with his arms stretched wide in an eternal embrace – “I shall draw all people to myself”.

This “drawing” takes place by attraction. God is love and, if we can remember back to last week’s Gospel, we learnt that God so loves the world that God gives his only Son. God’s love for the world is revealed on the cross, where Jesus is “lifted up from the earth”. In our first reading today, we also learn that God is planting his Law deep within us, writing it on our hearts. God’s Law, we discover at Pentecost, is God’s Love, the Holy Spirit. The Love of God revealed on the cross attracts the Love of God, the Holy Spirit, deep within us, so that we are drawn, like magnets, into God’s embrace.

“Then I will be their God and they shall be my people”, says the Lord, “There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest...since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.”

By following the deepest longings of our hearts, so often buried beneath layers of other idols and obstacles which we or others have placed within us, we can allow God to draw us to Himself and eternal life, which is Love.

We began this Lenten series by saying, “We’re going to get ourselves connected.” However, that’s not strictly true. We cannot get ourselves connected by our own efforts, we cannot heal or save ourselves. We do, though, have a God who loves us so much that He was willing to die for us in order to connect Himself to us, and us to each other, in a bond of Love so tight it can never be undone.

Are you able to accept God’s invitation to die to self and be drawn into God’s own eternal life of Love revealed in the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus? Are you willing to take the risk of surrendering to God’s Love in the hope of healing? Can you allow the Father to enfold you in His Love?

# Lent Opportunities – Reboot, Rediscover, Recharge

## Discovering more about Lent –

### A series of 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.

**The sessions have begun, but you are still very welcome to join us: please register using this link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd-2tpjktGtaM32RT\\_QLzazWSkZ57Yxhs](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd-2tpjktGtaM32RT_QLzazWSkZ57Yxhs)

**If you have any questions, please e-mail [formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)**

**The next (and sadly the last) session is:**

**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.*

**The Stations of the Cross** is a 14-step devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Each station focuses on a specific event of His last day, with meditation and prayers. It can be done individually when the church is open, and there is a guided service on Sundays in Lent at 4.30 – at St Peter's church, which is also livestreamed. The service lasts around 40 minutes.

### A Message from Father Mark:

### How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

We are aware, especially in this lead up to Easter, that many of you, because of the need to self-isolate, etc., are still unable to avail yourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fortunately, the Church teaches that it is possible to repent in another way: through an “act of perfect contrition.”

Pope Francis, in these times of the pandemic, encourages Catholics confined to their homes to ask God for forgiveness and then to go to confession when they are able. He said, “You do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your father, and tell him the truth...Promise him: ‘Later I will confess, but forgive me now.’ And immediately you will return to the grace of God”.

#### What is an act of perfect contrition?

Perfect contrition is sorrow for one's sins based upon love for God, which includes the firm resolution not to commit them anymore.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, contrition is called ‘perfect’ when it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible (para. 1451–1452).

#### So, how is an act of perfect contrition done?

Though not a replacement of the sacrament of reconciliation, an act of Perfect Contrition enables us to receive pardon for our sins outside of confession (even mortal sins) on condition that we determine to amend our life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for us.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: “My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins”.

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: “Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins”.
2. Contrition is ‘perfect’ if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus. The following or another may be used: “O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen”.
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

**On Holy Tuesday, 30th March**, we will be offering an extended Penitential Rite during our 7pm livestreamed mass. This will include an examination of conscience as well as the possibility of making an Act of Perfect Contrition.

## Calling all Alpha Graduates



**We are delighted to share some exciting and long-awaited news with you.**



Following on from Alpha, we will be establishing a more permanent network of small groups called ‘ACORN groups’ for our Alpha Graduates which launch on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The vision behind Acorn groups is to build a *community of small groups* that foster spiritual growth and faith-based friendships. More details will follow next week in the Alpha Graduates newsletter.

We will also be holding a ‘Come and See’ session for Alpha Graduates on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7.45pm -9pm; please register [here](#).

For more information about Acorn groups, email Sarah at [acorn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:acorn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Young People (aged 11-18)** – why not join our “Uncover Series”, on Zoom every Weds 7:30-8:30pm? Relaxed sessions, asking real, relevant questions, focussing on the Gospel of Mark. This series replaces our youth groups during Lent. To find out more information including how to register, please email [youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZ0qcuCrqTltGdN64ML8sclPhmUoFqQyJo3N> Alternatively check out our posts on the youth social media pages on Instagram (@spatwmyouth) and Facebook (St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Youth Ministry).



**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 our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter will lead to a deeper connection to God and to all people through Christ.

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



Gordon Wiles RIP  
Del Hunter RIP  
Hazel Warland RIP  
Peter Finn RIP

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 42: 1-2**

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15**

A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Second reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn12:26**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

**Communion Antiphon**

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.  
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

### ReadEasy

News of a great local project - ReadEasy helps with adult literacy, and has space for new clients.

Please share if you can to get the word out!

You can read a full leaflet here <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Read-Easy-leaflet-1.pdf>

You can still sign up to receive: a [short daily message](#) from the parish; or a slightly longer [weekly message](#); or an invite to join Fr Mark for a [weekly guided prayer](#) on Zoom on Sundays (or all three).

### Current lockdown regulations

**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/joinMeeting/register/tZUdp-CggDsJHdFJaIMzv9TVFB4lu-9cEITv>

Printable activity & colouring sheets are put up in advance on the website: click on the link on the [website homepage](#).

### 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 and **11am – 12pm** every day except Sunday, when it is **11 till 11.45am**, 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/UCbGgrcbDyLY75pmCAopfLig/live>

**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**.... Look at our website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>, or our [Facebook page](#) or email [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Suspicious emails - be on the alert!** A number of people have reported receiving an email from Canon Peter Wilkie, asking for help: this email is fake, and may be part of a scam. It's important that you ignore or delete it. The Diocesan IT department is investigating. No member of the clergy will be asking for help in this way. If in any doubt call the office 01962 852804 or forward the email to them [hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). It's always better to check first... and by the way, Canon Peter Wilkie himself is recovering well after his recent hospital stay.

### Parish Safeguarding Representative

Fr Mark would like to take this opportunity to offer an **enormous and heartfelt thank you to Hilary Kemp**, who has decided to step down from her role as Parish Safeguarding Representative after 10 years. Hilary has been exemplary in this role, and has carried it out with diligence, commitment, love and compassion. She will be sorely missed. We are grateful that Hilary will still be continuing in her other parish ministries, such as leader of our team of writers for the Bidding Prayers each week. We will very soon need to be recruiting for a replacement representative, who will be supported by Michaela Waterfield, our incoming Parish Administration Manager. In the meantime, please use the [safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) address for any queries or contact Ruth Attfield, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator on 02394216486.

### Laudato Si and Live Simply - 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

"Live simply so others may simply live." - Mahatma Gandhi and St. Teresa of Calcutta

Ideas for Living Simply this week:

1. Compost your kitchen waste.
2. Have a meat-free day once a week.
3. Turn off the lights in rooms you are not occupying.
4. Eat a simple meal with your family and donate what you save to other families in need, for example donations to your local food bank.

### Our Prayerline is one year old!

One of the most important ministries in the parish is prayer: and especially so in lockdown. A year ago we set up the Prayerline, a straightforward, instant and confidential way of asking for prayer. This week marks the first anniversary of a simple request being passed on to a small group of people - so the members of the now-much-bigger team have been looking back at the many prayer intentions since then, and forward to the future.



As well as personal requests, the prayer intercessors also pray for the Parish generally, and for the Mission and vision for the Parish. As Fr Mark says, intercessory prayer is central to what we do as a parish, and we know that we need the Holy Spirit to effectively direct us in our mission.

The team has handled more than 200 requests for prayers for individuals, and another 160 calls for prayer for the Parish in the past year. Requests are circulated twice a week. They come in via the email address, or from PeterCares callers, or via social media, or from personal requests – and also of course from the leadership of the parish.

The prayers give help and comfort to those who ask, and for the prayer team - there are now 18 intercessors - a chance to do something for others. We know the ministry has reached a huge number of people, and we have had many messages telling us how much it helped. We all know that all prayers are listened to by our heavenly father - sometimes the answer isn't clear, but we have had many happy outcomes reported to us. People have said that knowing they and their loved ones were prayed for made them feel better, and made them feel there was something they could do in such hard times, that they could report back to others that the prayers were being said. And as one parishioner said 'Thank you for being there'. There have been inspiring stories of remarkable recoveries - but equally inspiring to hear from those who have made small improvements, those who were struggling who are a little happier, those whose worries were lightened. And prayers are always important and always continuing for those who are still having troubles, and for the times when the answer isn't clear, and for those who have died and still need our prayers.

The team say: 'We all agree it is a privilege to be invited to pray for others. Prayer is an act of service.'

Contact the Prayerline – whether to ask for prayers or to offer help – via email [prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), or by any of the other usual methods.



### Message from St. Peter's School

Dear Parents

### Reception Lenten Liturgy

Thank you, Father Mark for leading a Lenten liturgy for our Reception children in the church last Friday. The children heard the story of 'The Lost Sheep' with the Reception staff acting out the parable so beautifully. The children had written their own prayers and produced a wonderful prayer chain made of paper. They showed Father Mark how they used numicon (maths resource) to count up to 40, having learnt that Lent is 40 days and 40 nights.



### Bamenda - our Twin Diocese

Some families may remember in June of 2014 we, St Peter's school, hosted the Bamenda delegation, including Arch Bishop Cornelius. Our guests spent time in each classroom, chatting with the children and seeing our education system in action. We had a celebration in the church with music, dance and prayers, capped off with an enormous cake and a chance for us all to get to know each other and share experiences. The delegation presented our school with gifts that are still in the school to be enjoyed today. – Mrs Woolgar

### Some words from Father Anthony, part 2:

However, there are still many visible differences between the schools in Bamenda and St Peter's. While every pupil in St Peter's seems to have the basic needs required for decent schooling, children in Bamenda still find it difficult to afford. There are still children who go to school yet cannot afford tuition fees. Some still cannot afford textbooks and writing material. Most of them go to school hungry and are not sure of a single meal a day. Unlike St. Peter's, where every child is entitled to a table and a chair, in Bamenda some schools still do not have tables and chairs, so most students sit on the dusty floors or broken benches. This explains why for the few that can afford benches, they are usually overcrowded. Similarly, most schools in Bamenda lack the essential infrastructure and as a result are often crowded in the few available classrooms. Unfortunately, these difficulties have been further exacerbated by the ongoing anglophone crisis, which has forced children to stay home, without school for almost four years. Although few children in urban areas can return to school, most are still afraid to do so, since there are still occasional crossfires between the military and the armed separatists.

Despite the many differences, the joy of being at school is a shared sentiment for both children in Bamenda and St Peter's, who for a while were deprived of schooling by the armed conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic respectively.



For more information about Bamenda you might be interested to have a look at our diocesan website:

<https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss) Headteacher

### St Peter's School WALK TO BAMENDA!

The PTA at St Peter's school, our parish school, has arranged a virtual walk to Bamenda, through Lent and they'd like everyone - schoolchildren, their families and friends **and parishioners** - to join in. Every time anyone takes a walk/cycle/run, we want them to log their miles on the link below. Each week we will provide an update of where we have reached in our journey to Bamenda.'

There is also the opportunity to donate money. Money raised will be shared between our school's PTA and the school with which we are twinned in Bamenda- St Jude's primary in Fundong.

We want parishioners to get involved- not just in asking for donations but in actually logging miles they walk/cycle etc, so we can feel this is a journey we are doing together!

### EASY AS 1~2~3

1. LOG YOUR MILES: <https://forms.gle/S5iffP3xBydX8hYK8>
2. FOLLOW THE JOURNEY: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1OSicOKjwvGVZ5dFbdHX9erHPquj2y-4i&usp=sharing>
3. COLLECT YOUR SPONSORSHIP: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta/#.YCwJV2j7Q2y>

**St Peter's School** is advertising a vacancy for a **Child and Family Support Worker:**

They are looking to appoint a motivated, resilient and nurturing person, who will further develop their nurture provision in addition to working with children and families to promote positive aspirations, develop self-esteem and develop strong home/school partnerships.

They need someone who:

- Supports the values, ethos and overall vision of the school.
- Has a positive approach and the ability to build trusting relationships with children and parents; working with integrity and professionalism.
- Is a skilled communicator and an excellent listener, able to bring about positive resolutions from difficult situations.
- Prioritises safeguarding and child protection, being experienced in responding appropriately to concerns raised and valuing the development of relationships with other professional agencies.
- Is able to work with individual and small groups of children in partnership with the teachers, SENCO, senior leaders and parents.
- Is a flexible team player.

Further details about the vacancy can be found on the website: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

## Virtual Church Programme – 21<sup>st</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

For Mass times, please check the newsletter or website.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Prayer</b>	<b>Monday - Friday</b>	Morning Prayer and Adoration @St Peter's (Public & live streamed)	8am – 9am
	<b>Monday - Saturday</b>	Holy Hour (Adoration) @St Peter's	10.30am – 12noon (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) 11am – 12noon (Monday, Friday & Saturday)
	<b>Monday - Friday</b>	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Online	2.55pm – 3.20pm
	<b>Monday - Sunday</b>	Night Prayer and Adoration (Live stream only)	9pm
	<b>Sunday</b>	Children's Liturgy - Online <b>(see website for registration)</b>	9.20am – 9.50am
		Stations of the Cross (Public & live streamed)	4.30pm
Lenten weekly guided prayer - Online (See newsletter for registration)		7.30pm - 8.30pm	
<b>Evangelisation &amp; Discipleship</b>	<b>Monday</b>	The Alpha course – Online (See website or newsletter for registration)	8pm – 9.15pm
	<b>Tuesday</b>	Discovering more about Lent – Online (See website or newsletter for registration)	7.45pm – 9pm
	<b>Friday</b>	The Gospel of Mark <i>(See newsletter for registration)</i>	7.45pm – 9.30pm
<b>Youth</b>	<b>Monday</b>	Youth Drop In <i>(Email <a href="mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)</i>	12.30pm – 1.30pm
	<b>Wednesday</b>	'Uncover Series' - Youth evenings <i>(Email <a href="mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)</i>	7.30pm – 8.30pm
<b>Social &amp; Fellowship</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	St Peter's Tea Room - Online	11.15am

For Divine Mercy or the Tea Room, 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](#)

Mass Timetable	20 <sup>th</sup> March – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2021		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		Livestream/Public
<b>SATURDAY – March 20<sup>th</sup></b> <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	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
<b>SUNDAY – March 21<sup>st</sup></b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	8 AM	<b>SUNDAY 8.00AM MASS WILL RETURN FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY, AFTER WHICH WE WILL REVIEW WHETHER WE ARE YET ABLE TO BRING IT BACK</b>	
	9 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	Arabella Cooke RIP Livestream only
	11 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Public, booking reqd
	11-11.45 AM	Adoration & private prayer	Open to public
	12 Noon	Mass	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
<b>MONDAY – March 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent	12.15PM	Mass	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass	Livestream & public
<b>TUESDAY – March 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	7AM	Mass	Livestream & Public
	10AM	Mass	Duke of Edinburgh - Health Livestream & Public
	10 AM	Mass at ST GREGORY'S	Public
	7.00PM	Mass	Livestream & public
<b>WEDNESDAY – March 24<sup>th</sup></b> Of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent	10AM	Mass	Lily Rankin RIP Livestream & public
	7PM	Mass	Livestream & public
<b>THURSDAY – March 25<sup>th</sup></b> Of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10AM	Mass	Sister Cecelia Livestream, Public
	7 PM	Mass	Soul of Dick Robson Livestream, Public
<b>FRIDAY – March 26<sup>th</sup></b> Of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent	10 AM	Mass at ST GREGORY'S	Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Livestream, Public
	7 PM	Mass	Livestream, Public
<b>SATURDAY – March 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9 AM	Mass	Livestream, Public
	3.30 PM	Family mass at St Peter's	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Livestream, public, booking reqd

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

\*To book mass at St Thomas More's Stockbridge, email: [stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). If you would like a phone number to call, 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

Extra mass at St Peter's – 7am, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Stations of the Cross – Sunday at 4.30pm at St Peter's

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)

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](#)

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

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

## Holy Week 2021

Here is the full timetable of all the liturgies <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Week-Liturgies-2021-A.pdf> [there may be last minute changes, and more information, but we will keep you updated]. The Triduum will be celebrated in St Peter's, St Gregory's and St Stephen's. All will be public, and those from St Peter's will be livestreamed. All the services below will require booking which is open now on the Parish website homepage. There will be other prayer and family services.

### **Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm at St Peter's & St Stephen's; 8pm at St Gregory's

### **Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3pm at St Peter's, St Stephen's & St Gregory's.

### **Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Vigil Mass: 8pm at St Peter's, St Stephen's & St Gregory's.

### **Easter Sunday Mass 4<sup>th</sup> April**

8am, 10am, 12pm & 5.30pm at St Peter's

9am at St Thomas More

9am & 11am at St Gregory's

9:15am at St Stephen's



## Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Our annual Diocesan youth pilgrimage to Lourdes is planned to go ahead this July (19th-23rd). The cost is £545 per person including flights, food and accommodation. All attendees need to be 16+ in order to go with us. Anyone younger than this will be considered on an individual basis.

It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other young people in the Diocese whilst on pilgrimage. Cost should never be a barrier, so please contact us if this is something we can help with.



For more information including how to book and/or financial assistance, please contact Jo Donaldson ([youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)).

## "Happy Easter Photos"

We would like to encourage all our parishioners and Easter guests to send in a photo of themselves holding up a simple message, saying, "Happy Easter!" The plan is to put these images into a slideshow which we can play before our livestream Easter masses. Photos of individuals or families are very welcome. Feel free to use a plain sheet of paper or to decorate to your heart's content. Please send to [editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) by Weds 31<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

## Easter celebrations on Social Media

Last year at Eastertime - when lockdown and the Parish Facebook page were both new - we had a fantastic collection of photos of Parishioners' special Easter activities and crafts. From branches on the door to decorated eggs, from Lego Bible scenes to children's drawings to Easter gardens, from Polish food to table centrepieces. The pictures lit up our Facebook page and everyone loved them - it was one of the features that really made our Facebook page take off, and gave us all a sense of community in adversity. So, let's do it again this year.

Fr Mark says 'why not put your best pictures or posters in your front window for everyone to see - and then take a picture of that!' Anything that you do that's special - send us your pictures to [editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or via Facebook and help everyone else to celebrate Easter.



## 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 and Property 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](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

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**We have a new email address for the newsletter** It is [newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) – please make a note of this and send any items there. The deadline for submissions is **the end of Wednesday**.