# **PETERPOST**

# Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Year B

Next Door II - Trinity Sunday

#### Fr Mark writes:

We are in the second week of our series we are calling Next Door: The Art of Neighbouring. The premise of this series is that God wants you to be a channel of his goodness and grace in your neighbourhood. If you are a follower of Christ, the Holy Spirit is sending you to be an instrument of his goodness and grace to the people who live near you. Throughout the course of this series we are going to work to change our thinking and take some initial steps towards allowing God to use us in our neighbourhood. Jesus commands us to love our neighbour. And whenever we follow what Jesus says there are always blessings to be found.

Last week, we started with a simple step, which each and every one of us can take. We were encouraged to pray for our neighbours and our neighbourhood. We looked at the challenge of praying for the neighbourhood as a whole. Praying for neighbours we know, and those we don't. Praying for God's grace and blessing upon the people who live there. Today we are going to suggest another very simple step that is a little more challenging. But it is a very simple way we can work with God for his purposes in our neighbourhoods.

We are looking at a passage from the very end of Matthew's Gospel. On Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead. Then, for forty days Jesus appears to the apostles (as well as hundreds and hundreds of other disciples). In his last appearance, before he ascended into heaven, Jesus gathered the eleven remaining apostles. He said to them,

"Go...make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:18)

Jesus came to renew and restore creation by bringing people into a growing relationship with him, by making disciples. This is why the Universal Church exists. It exists to renew and restore creation by bringing people closer to Jesus, into a growing relationship with Christ. And while there is a universal call to renew and restore all of creation, our own responsibility is more parochial: to make that work as specific as possible. God wants to use us for the transformation of the world to build his kingdom. And the transformation of the world happens person by person, family by family, door by door, neighbourhood by neighbourhood. Jesus continues:

"Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." (Matthew 28:18-19)

Today is Trinity Sunday and we are reminded of a core truth of our faith: God is not alone. God is a communion of three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This means that God, in his essence, is relational. God is Love Loving.

We too are created for communion, fellowship. This is true for every area of our lives. We are made to live in connection with others.

- ▶ You might like the work you do but if you don't have a connection to the people you work with, you are less likely to like your job.
- You might enjoy sports, but you probably enjoy them a whole lot more when you're in the company of people who enjoy them as much as you do.
- It is why for those of you who are parents, when your son or daughter moves to a new school or they are going away to uni, one of the things you worry about the most is whether or not they will make friends or the right friends. You know intuitively that if they don't find some kind of community they are more likely to find life harder.

It is not good for us to be alone because God created us not to be alone. It is not good for us to try and meet all our own needs on our own because that is impossible. We are not created that way. Independence and self-sufficiency are fine things to strive for and maintain but there are limits to them. Self-centeredness that becomes self-absorption creates psychological alienation. Nothing makes us more miserable than self-absorption. In your neighbourhood, there are likely to be some very lonely people.

The truth of the Trinity tells us that we cannot be fulfilled or content by pursuing a life cut off from others. God has created you to be connected with others. And, wherever or whoever you are, God offers an opportunity for connection.

So there are two truths we see in the Gospel this weekend:

The first truth is that God gives us a mission to be change agents to restore the world to how God intended it to be.

The second truth is that God gives us a mission to be undertaken in our community.

So what does that mean practically? How do we restore our communities? Where to begin? Let's look again at the passage from Mathew.

When Jesus passes on his authority to the apostles and establishes the core purpose of the Church, he tells them to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. We are not to simply relate to God in some ambiguous, vague, or indefinite way. Rather, Jesus gives us the name for each person of the Trinity.



(Andrey Rublev Trinity - Yorck project)

We are invited into an intimate relationship with God and that begins at baptism. The name of God includes all three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus reveals the name of God and of each person of the Trinity so that we can know what we need to know about God.

Knowing names is important. There is a level of connection that is established when we know someone's name. On the other hand it is hard to advance much in a relationship if you don't know someone's name. Besides, we show great respect for people when we know their name. We are drawn to people who care enough to know our name. So, this week our assignment is simply to get to know the names of some of our neighbours. I've already admitted that I am not a good neighbour. I'm the neighbour who likes to retreat into my own space. And, as proof of how bad a neighbour I am, I hardly know the names of any of my neighbours. Why don't you identify one or two neighbours whose names you don't know and get to know them this week? Then, add their names to your prayer intentions.

Jesus gives us this huge mission to go out into all the world to bring people closer to him. God calls us to build his kingdom, to renew and restore the world. And yet, much of it comes down to some very simple steps we can take just next door.

Pray for your neighbours and then get to know their names so you can pray for them by name. And, when you have the opportunity, greet them by

You know, one of the sweetest sounds to anyone's ears is the sound of their name, called by someone who cares about them.

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. Look at our website https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/, or our Facebook page or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

### The Most Holy Trinity – 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Blessed be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 First reading:

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 32:4-6,9,18-20 R.v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second reading:

Romans 8:14-17

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel:

**Galatians 4:6 Communion Antiphon:** 

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts

the spirit of his Son,

the spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Weekday 7pm Mass Over the next few weeks, Fr Anthony and Fr Mark are going to be having some time away on annual leave. During this time, we will continue with daily mass but won't be celebrating 7pm mass, except on special Feast Days (and their vigils, where appropriate). We will, however, aim to "re-broadcast" the daytime mass at 7pm each day so that those who've been joining us regularly at that time can continue without interruption. Please bear with us if we don't quite get it right straight away! The masses will also be available to watch at any time by clicking on the link to see "recorded services" from the home page of the website – www.catholicwinchester.org.uk As always, please see the newsletter each week for the mass timetable.

Rosary Mission - On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, throughout the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland, a National Rosary Relay is taking place. It is also the day designated for our Diocese of Portsmouth to offer up the Rosary as our contribution to the Rosary Mission for the month of May 2021. The organisers have designated the hour from 12noon until 1pm to our Diocese and Bishop Philip invites us to unite with him in prayer at this time for the following intentions:

- Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
- A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life.
- Peace in the world
- Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for

In addition to the Rosary Mission intentions, Bishop Philip asks that we also join with him in praying for the needs of our Diocese, including:

All states of life and ministry in the Church here in our Diocese and especially to the priesthood.

#### Our Second Collection for this weekend is for CWP

Today the Covenant with the Poor team will be appealing at all masses for support for 'Winchester Go LD our local charity helping people with learning difficulties'. Please support generously as ever, by donating using the blue envelopes or by bank transfer to the parish bank account with the reference CWP. Full details of the appeal can be found here <a href="https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/cwp/cwp">https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/cwp/cwp</a> appeal 29-30-may-2021/



Mass at Winchester Cathedral - On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Fr Mark will be celebrating 10am Mass in Winchester Cathedral. The normal COVID regulations will be in place and booking will be required (please see the parish website for the booking link). If you would like assistance with booking places, please contact Michaela in the parish office.



Canon Peter Wilkie, known to many of you and loved by all who know him, will shortly be moving house from Winchester to a flat in Ringwood, near to Canon Paul Townsend. The main reason for moving is that he will no longer have to contend with stairs, which are starting to become difficult. We thank him for all he has contributed to the parish during his time here and we will keep him very much in our thoughts and prayers.



#### Invitation to Divine Renovation Webinar

Have you heard about Divine Renovation in the parish? It's a renewal movement, originally based in Canada and now spreading all over the world. Fr Mark is introducing some of the principles of Divine Renovation here at St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs. Whether you are fully on board or know a little bit, you want to know more or you're really not sure here's a great opportunity to attend an important event. The DR ministry is inviting St. Peter & the Winchester Martyrs parishioners to an online webinar on The Holy Spirit's Role in Renewing the Church, with Father Mike Schmitz - the host of the The Bible In A Year podcast - and the DR team. This will be a 1-hour, Holy Spirit-filled event happening on Wednesday, June 2 at 5pm (UK Time) with prayer, conversation and inspiration! You can find out more here, and you can register here.



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: As we move forward as a Parish, let us pray that we are led by the Holy Spirit and guided by God's word so that we may serve him with open hearts and continue to grow in our relationship with him.



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

Peter Spelman RIP

Joan Hendry RIP

#### **LOCKDOWN REPORTS – Meal Deliveries and 1000 Dinners**

Like many of the best lockdown initiatives, this one began with people whose immediate response was to think 'What can we do to help? Who is in need?'

This week we're looking at the hot meal delivery service that ran for the first months of lockdown – a loose and improvised collaboration linking up people from our parish SVP (St Vincent de Paul society) with First Bite (who ran the Community Café in St Peter's pre-Covid) and Red Radish, a company that does catering for film sets. As everything else was off the menu (sorry!) how about providing meals for people who were badly affected by the pandemic?



A few phone calls later and the system was set up. The meals would arrive by van each evening at the Lido carpark after 6pm – hot and so needing quick delivery. The volunteers would then get going taking the heatproof boxes and insulated bags round to the happy eaters – mostly older and single, but some families. The recipients usually got them within an hour of the van's arrival in Winchester.

This was part of a big operation: we had around 7 volunteers delivering 15 meals every evening, and there were many other groups doing the same all round the area. The meals – everyone agrees – were really good ones, delicious food, vegetarian options, made with fresh food. There have also been frozen meals donated, which were stored in Winnall and taken to families who needed them.



The SVP reacted quickly to the new circumstances: that's what they do. At all times they work with those in need, often behind the scenes, helping families who lack the basics, or giving them a break, a day out. They make regular visits to people who may be struggling or just need a helping hand from time to time. They distributed Harvest Hampers in the Autumn, and then more hampers again at Christmas for local families. They also raise funds for international projects. The SVP has been supporting need in the parish for 100 years, while Petercares, our telephone befriending service, is very new. But with both operating now, our Parish is trying to reach out more than ever to people in need. If you can help in any way, or know of anyone we should contact, please get in touch.

A Very Big Thank You! The SVP would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to the recent appeal to support the provision of milk cows to five families in Undavalli, one of the SVP's twinned villages in India. In addition to raising the funds required for all five of the cows, we have been able to provide further financial support in helping our five twinned SVP Conferences to cope with the very difficult Covid situation. These additional funds were matched pound for pound by SVP central funds.

The SVP National Council President in India has written to the SVP England & Wales' National President:

"... I am much involved in arranging hospital beds and volunteering by assisting Covid patients for their needs, in some houses all are covid positive, we arrange their basic needs and support in all possible way ...

In these situations, I stretch my hands for the prayer request for the people of India. It's a hard time we are facing day by day. Only God Himself can shower His mercy on us through your prayers. I wish and pray that even this situation will pass on and we will be back to our normal life... "Please continue to keep the work of the SVP in your prayers, especially in the UK and India.



**St Peter's Flower Team** - We are very fortunate to have a wonderful and very talented team who create and maintain the beautiful flower displays that decorate our churches. The team at St Peters are currently keen to 'grow' their group of volunteers and would like people to consider joining them as much help is needed over the course of the year. Please read on to see if this could be your budding talent waiting to blossom!

"No qualification is needed, it would simply involve taking a turn to do a flower arrangement and then looking after it for two weeks, watering as necessary. An arrangement can be for a special intention like an anniversary. Christmas and Easter are particularly special because everyone comes together to help and we really enjoy the camaraderie. Please think about it and offer your help; if you're not sure about it, you could shadow one of us to see what we do - all that is required is simply a love of flowers to grace our Church."

Contact details may be left with Michaela in the Parish Office.

**Scam Alert** — please be very careful about emails alledgedly from Fr Mark. ANY email from him will be from a Portsmouth Diocese email address, in addition to his full signature with his job titles. And he is not asking favours from you... Please always be careful and stay safe online.

#### Portsmouth Diocese - Life in the Spirit Seminars

At the first Pentecost the disciples changed from being fearful and looking inward to being full of joy and looking outward. The Holy Spirit gave them courage, words and great joy. Pope Francis has asked that we bring the Life in the Spirit Seminars to all, to enable us all to have a greater capacity to speak about our joy in the risen Lord. The seminars are online using Zoom, they start after Pentecost on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and run for seven weeks. Timing is to join from 7pm for a start at 7.15pm with an end each time at 8.45. Participants will want to use some recommended scripture passages in their prayer during the weeks between seminars.

For more information and to register see www.pffm.org.uk/lifeinthespirit



The Parish Laudato si group has a vision!

'To Bring People Closer to Jesus Through Care of our Common Home'

Did you know that Winchester is a Fairtrade City?

Buying Fairtrade products is a guarantee to us as purchasers that disadvantaged producers in the developing world are getting a better deal. The Fairtrade price includes a premium for farmers and workers to spend on social and environmental projects of their choosing. Have a look for the logo next time you shop.

Together, we really can make a difference.

Thank you!





#### Are you being called?

"We suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him."

How are you being called to glorify the Lord in response to His love?

Could God be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

# Virtual Church Programme: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

For Mass times, please check the newsletter or website.

Liturgy & Prayer	Monday - Friday	Morning Prayer and Adoration @St Peter's (Public & live streamed)	8am – 9am <i>(except Bank Holidays)</i>	
	Monday - Saturday	Holy Hour (Adoration) @St Peter's	10.30am – 12noon (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) 11am – 12noon (Monday - <i>except Bank Holidays</i> , Friday & Saturday)	
	Monday - Sunday	Night Prayer and Adoration (Live stream only)	9pm (except Bank Holidays)	
	Wednesday	Rosary @ St Peter's	10.30am	
	Sunday	Children's Liturgy - Online (see website for registration)	9.20am – 9.50am	
Evangelisation & Discipleship	Thursday	Acorn Groups	7.45pm – 9pm	
	Friday	The Gospel of Mark (See newsletter for registration)	7.45pm – 9.30pm	
Youth	Wednesday	'Youth Groups' (Email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)	6.30pm – 8.30pm	
	Thursday	'Uncover Series' - Youth evenings on the Gospel of Mark (Email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)	7.30pm – 8.30pm	
Social & Fellowship	Sunday	St Peter's Tea Room - Online	11.15am	

For Tea Room, click <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4388694572">https://zoom.us/j/4388694572</a>

Alternatively, sign into Zoom and enter **Meeting ID:** 438 869 4572. **Password:** 376428.

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

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Newsletter (deadline for items Wednesday evening): <a href="mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a> Newsletter list: <a href="mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>

St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk

St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email <a href="mailto:stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>

#### **Parish Safeguarding Representative**

We will soon be recruiting a new Safeguarding team, who will be supported by Michaela Waterfield, our Parish Administration Manager. In the interim period, any safeguarding concerns or requests for advice can be routed through to the central team via this email address <a href="mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a> or telephone number: 02394 216486. Email is probably best as, with current restrictions etc, the office is not always resourced.

If there is a concern that someone is at immediate risk of harm, people should be advised to contact 999 for the emergency services. In the meantime, please use the <a href="mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a> address for any queries or contact Ruth Attfield, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator on 02394 216486.

We have a new email address for the newsletter It is <u>newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> – please make a note of this and send any items there. The deadline for submissions is **the end of Wednesday**.

Mass Timetable	29 <sup>th</sup> May	– 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00AM	Mass		Livestream, Public.
Our Lady on Saturday	3.30 PM	Family mass at St Peter's		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Peter Charles Booth RIP	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (VIGIL)				
	8.00 AM	Mass	Denise Leitch RIP	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's		Public, booking reqd *
SUNDAY – May 30th	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass	Norman John Hoey RIP	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Liza Franco – birthday and 20 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
MONDAY – May 31st	10.00AM	Mass	Rachael Ward RIP	Livestream & Public
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
TUESDAY – June 1st	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
St Justin, Martyr	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
WEDNESDAY – June 2nd	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
THURSDAY – June 3rd	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
FRIDAY – June 4th	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of William Meader	Livestream, Public
	7.00 PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
SATURDAY – June 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Souls of Mollie & John O'Donoghue	Public, booking reqd
St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	3.30PM	Family Mass at St Peters		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
CORPUS CHRISTI (VIGIL)	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd

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

FOR ALL ONLINE BOOKINGS please use website homepage - The Parish of St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs - or call office 01962 852804. Or you can email office if any issues: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

\*To book mass at St Thomas More's Stockbridge, email: <a href="mailto:stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a> If you would like a phone number to call, please ring the office 01962 852804 to ask for it.

Please note that there will not be a 12.15pm Mass on Bank Holiday Monday; Mass will instead be at 10am in St Peter's. There will also be no Morning or Night Prayers on this day.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June, the 9am Mass will be replaced by the 10.00am Mass at Winchester Cathedral.

Confessions every Saturday 11.00am till 12.00pm and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required.

Night prayer (livestream only) every evening from St Peter's, 9.00pm

Morning Prayer (open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am, followed by Adoration till 9.00am

St Peter's also open for Adoration and private prayer every day except Sunday, 11.00am till 12.00pm

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

To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration and Night Prayer & Adoration, go to our <u>YouTube channel</u> ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER, NIGHT PRAYER & ADORATION) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED

## **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.

And remember that all services from St Peter's are livestreamed so you can always take part from home.





Currently our children are learning in R.E. about the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples after Jesus had ascended into Heaven, and the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. Our youngest will learn that the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and Jesus' promise to his disciples. They will also learn that we celebrate the birthday of the church at Pentecost. Meanwhile, those who are slightly older learn about the Holy Spirit during Mass, as well as thinking about how the Good News shaped the lives of different saints and our lives today. Finally, our older children learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they impact on our lives today. Also, they will be thinking about the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Meanwhile our wonderful kitchen staff made up tasty biscuits in the shape of doves and flames, symbols of the Holy Spirit for us to enjoy and help us to celebrate the birthday of the Church.



Year 5 have been studying the symbols of the Holy Spirit as part of their Pentecost topic in RE. The artwork completed on Friday was their own interpretations of these symbols.









'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages.' Acts 2:4

If you have pre-school children and like the sound of St Peter's School then why not contact us to find out about the application process? Telephone 01962 852820 or email admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)

Headteacher