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Does Love Last Forever? Loving Through Serving

Fr Mark writes:	
We continue our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, as we're asking the question, "Does Love last forever?"	Service is a way in which you can actually experience, and grow in awareness of God's love for you.
In the course of this series we've seen how every time you see Jesus, you see	John continues with another benefit of service:
love in action. Easter is the celebration that love lives, True Love lasts forever. God is love and he lives and his love endures forever. Through a relationship with Jesus Christ we can access the power to love the people around us the way we really want to love them.	"My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants." (1 John 3:21-22)
This week we are looking at love as expressed in action and service and there are two key points I'd like to make. Firstly, love must be put into action. If you are going to grow in love, it requires you to serve others: to love as Jesus loves and to serve as Jesus serves. Secondly, I am going to suggest that you can find wonderful opportunities for serving and putting love into action right here in your parish.	When we serve, our hearts are reassured of God's love for us and, because our hearts are reassured of God's love for us, we do not need to be afraid in God's presence. <i>The second benefit of service is that your faith and confidence in God and God's love grows.</i>
We would love for every member of our parish to be a 'minister'. A minister is kind of like a volunteer in that they freely give up some of their time to serve without pay, on behalf of some good cause. However, I'm using the word 'minister' because it is a biblical word. In the Old Testament those who serve in the Temple, and in the New Testament those who serve in the Church, are called ministers, and their service is called ministry. The Greek word for minister is also where we get our English word 'deacon' from.	Every one of the people described in the Scriptures as having a close relationship with God, worked for him. They weren't all perfect people: some of them weren't even very good at prayer. But all the heroes of the Bible had one thing in common: they were willing to work for the Lord. It was through their service that they grew in intimacy with God. Did you ever notice that when you work alongside someone for the same mission or purpose, your connection grows? This is what happens with us and God.
	John continues:
Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians: And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others	"His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to." (1 John 3:23)
as pastors, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12) According to the Bible my job as parish priest (pastor, shepherd) isn't the ministry of the parish as such but rather equipping you (the holy ones) for the work of ministry (<i>diaconia</i>). Paul says it is my job to help every member think of themselves as a minister. Serving is a form of worship and is essential for growth.	This is the third benefit of service – it is helping us become the person who in our heart of hearts we truly want to be and who Christ wants us to be, a person who loves others as Christ told us to. We serve because in our heart of hearts we want to be loving people. We want to be people who add value to the lives of others. At the end of the day, when it comes for people to write your obituary or share a eulogy about you, do you want it to be about what you had and what you got, or what you gave?
We find some insight into serving in our second reading this Sunday, from the First Letter of John.	One of the things we're aiming for here over the next few years is for every member of the parish community to serve in one ministry or another. We want to help all of you discern and discover where God is asking you to use your
"My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active." (1 John 3:18)	talents, your time, your gifts to serve others and to serve Him. We don't want you to be serving out of a sense of obligation or guilt, or to find it boring and dull. We want to help you find the right context for you to be serving others and God and the community out of love, and having great fun whilst you're doing it. We
John compares and contrasts words and mere talk with that which is real (authentic, true) and active (in deed, in action). John is emphasising that for love to be real and true and authentic, it must be practical and helpful.	are developing something called 'First Serve', which we hope will give everyone the opportunity to have a taste at serving in some of our ministries before committing to something. There will be more about that in the autumn but for

Who doesn't want their love to be authentic? Who really wants to offer fake love?

Then John outlines three benefits of putting love into action through service:

"Only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence." (1 John 3:19-20)

God is Truth and so John says that it is through service of others (love in action) that we know we belong to the truth. When we serve it reinforces our status as sons and daughters of God. Serving is what sons and daughters of God do. Does service make us sons and daughters of God? No. Do we perform acts of service to earn God's favour? No. God already loves you and there is nothing you can do to get God to love you anymore or any less. So why serve?

While God loves you, service makes you more aware of God's love for you. It reassures our hearts of God's love and "quietens our conscience".

committing to something. There will be more about that in the autumn but for now, just bring this question to your prayer:

Lord, where are you asking me to serve during this season of my life?

We believe that those involved in ministry are making a huge difference to the life of this church, because they making a difference in the lives of others. As your parish priest, I want you to have the blessing of an experience of making a difference in the lives of others.

St. John Henry Newman once wrote, "God has created you to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to you which he has not committed to another, which will go undone if you don't do it."

Don't just go to church. Be the church.

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

5th Sunday of Easter – 2nd May Cf. Ps 97: 1-2 **Entrance Antiphon: Gospel Acclamation:** Jn15:4,5 O sing a new song to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! for he has worked wonders; Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. in the sight of the nations Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. Alleluia! First reading: Acts 9:26-31 Gospel: John 15:1-8 **Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32 **Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5 You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia. Second reading: 1 John 3:18-24

A Warm Welcome to Cllr Patrick Cummings

We will be welcoming Cllr Patrick Cummings, Mayor of Winchester, to the 10am livestream only Mass on Sunday 2nd May. We are delighted that he can attend and will be reading for us.

Our Second Collection this weekend is for SVP

Our Winchester SVP group is twinned with, and supports, 5 SVP groups based in 5 villages in India. One of these villages, Undavalli, desperately needs to provide 5 milk cows to 5 very poor families living in Undavalli.

With their own milk cow, the families will be able to provide milk to their children to drink and curd and butter to eat. They will also be able to sell some of the milk on to provide an income for their family. Will you support our Winchester SVP by donating to this urgent cause? If you can, then thank you. Donations are welcomed by cash or bank transfer. If donating by bank transfer, please visit the donate section of our website at <u>www.catholicwinchester.org.uk</u>, referencing **SVP**. If you receive the newsletter by email you will have been sent a flyer about this project. You can also find the flyer on our website here <u>https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/svp/svp-appeal-milk-cattle-for-india/</u>

To continue to provide powerful practical expression to Pope Francis' desire for the Church to be a Church for the poor, please do keep the SVP in your prayers. Thank you.

A Decade a Day in May

The Vatican has announced a rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. We invite you to pray a decade a day (Monday to Friday) during May. This week will be the **Joyful Mysteries**. Whether you are walking, sitting, standing or kneeling, pray One Our Father then 10 Hail Mary's and a 'Glory Be' and reflect or meditate on the mystery for the day. If you are praying with children you could pray 3 Hail Mary's instead of 10.

Monday - The Annunciation. Tuesday - The Visitation (of Mary to Elizabeth) Wednesday - The Birth of Jesus Thursday - The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple Friday- Finding Jesus in the Temple

Follow us on Facebook for daily reflections and images to help you.

The statue of Mary was travelling from house to house before the Pandemic. Can you make a special place for Mary in your home this year? We would love to see pictures of a May altar in your home and you can be in the picture too! We will share them in the newsletter and on facebook, knowing we all share our Heavenly Mother with Jesus.



Our Lady's statue at St Peter's



The refurbished statue of Mary in the convent garden is looking particularly beautiful surrounded by blooming flowers – such perfect timing for the beginning of May! Fr Mark is enjoying the transformed view from his office window. A big thank you to Pat and John Thornhill for their support with this project.

HOLY WATER AT HOME

Newly blessed at the Easter Vigil, bottles of Holy Water are available from all churches after all Masses. For parishioners not able to attend Mass, bottles will be available at St. Peter's, from the Sacristy.

Please be mindful of Covid regulations when picking up your bottle.

FOUND IN CHURCH

Bank cards and Lottery tickets have been found in Church. Please contact Michaela in the Parish Office if they are yours.

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.

Marriage Banns / Notice of Forthcoming Weddings

The following couples plan to marry in our Parish:

Nicholas Mons Shepherd and Lilly Ann-Marie Murphy at St Peter's on Friday 21st May.

Nicola Antonio Crisci and Sarah Margaret Ward at St Peter's on Saturday 22nd May.

Dilip Chand Arulappan and Mariya Ursich at St Peter's on Saturday 29th May.

Pavol Rosina and Zsuzsanna Pavel at St Peter's on Saturday 5th June.

David Joseph Leigh Cummings and Deborah Christine Rawlins at St Peter's on Tuesday 6th July.

James William Sealy & Anna Cox-Walker, who were both previously parishioners here, are planning to get married out of the Parish.

BOOKSHOP. We sell a variety of Missals, Prayerbooks, Bibles, Rosaries, Alpha books, Crosses and First Holy Communion Gifts and Cards. Although the bookshop is closed for browsing whilst the Pastoral Centre is closed, I'm doing an order service. Please email me at <u>bookshop@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> or phone 07760 300708. Many thanks, Susan Henry, Bookshop.

Parish 100 Club

The £50 Prize winner for March 2021 was Aidan Simons

There is space for a few more members! The subscription is £4.00 per month.

Anyone interested please contact Piers Armstrong on 01962 734542 or piersmarmstrong@gmail.com



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 for our Alpha group - that they have been made stronger by their encounters with the Lord and that they feel ready to celebrate their experiences as they approach the end of their course.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the

souls of those who have died recently:

Simon Keay RIP

Victoria Guali i Godo RIP

Children's Liturgy Online Our Children's Liturgy of

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is back, however, please note: **Everyone will need to register again as the programme is moving to a different account.** Apologies for any inconvenience or extra hassle this might involve.



The new link to register is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOGvrDsvGdzi1K1u9L_ROf-7onN0h8Sz

Printable activity & colouring sheets are put up in advance on the website: click on the link on the <u>website homepage</u>.



Giving Page

You probably know that the church Easter collection is our chance to give a personal gift to our clergy, to say thank you for all they do for us all year round. And of course, that was more difficult this year... but there is an online page so you can easily donate if you would like to do so. The Diocese did the same thing at Christmas, and many people told us it was a safe & easy solution to the problem. Just click here! (& don't worry that it says Hampshire Downs, the old name for our parish...) https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hampshire-downs-easter-sunday-collection

Virtual Church Programme: 2nd May – 29th May 2021

For Mass times, please check the newsletter or website

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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 - Friday	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Online	2.55pm – 3.20pm	
	Monday - Sunday	Night Prayer and Adoration (Live stream only)	9pm (except Bank Holidays)	
Sunday		Children's Liturgy - Online (see website for registration)	9.20am – 9.50am	
Evangelisation & Discipleship	Monday	The Alpha course – Online (See website or newsletter for registration)	8pm – 9.15pm	
	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)	7pm – 8.30pm	
Social & Fellowship	Sunday	St Peter's Tea Room - Online	11.15am	

For Divine Mercy or the Tea Room, click <u>https://zoom.us/j/4388694572</u>

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

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Sacristan: Laurie Howe

Caretaker: Richard Phiri

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Volunteer Director of Communications: Moira Redmond (moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

To get in touch with them, and for other general matters, please contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 <u>office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u>. **PeterCares**: <u>petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> <u>Prayerline</u>: <u>prayer@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u></u>.

 Newsletter (deadline for items Wednesday evening):
 newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
 Newsletter list: hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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

St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Representative

We will soon be looking to recruit a new Safeguarding representative, 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 <u>safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</u> 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 <u>safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</u> 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	2 nd May -	· 8th May 2021		
Date	Mass Tim	es & Intentions		Livestream/Public
	9.00AM	Mass		Livestream, Public.
SATURDAY – May 1st	3.30 PM	Family mass at St Peter's		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
Easter Weekday St Joseph the Worker	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – May 2nd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00 AM	Mass		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's		Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
MONDAY – May 3rd Easter Weekday Saints Philip and James, Apostles	10.00AM	Mass	For the Benefactors	Livestream & Public
TUESDAY – May 4th Easter Weekday English Martyrs	10.00AM	Mass	William Meader RIP	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream & public, booking reqd
WEDNESDAY – May 5th Easter Weekday	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream & public
THURSDAY – May 6th Easter Weekday	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass	Patrick & Mary Josephine Geoghegan	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – May 7th Easter Weekday	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	12.15PM	Mass		Livestread, Public
	7.00 PM	Mass	Lalage Drower RIP	Livestream, Public
SATURDAY – May 8th	9.00 AM	Mass		Livestream, Public
Easter Weekday	3.30PM	Mass		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd

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

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

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

Please note that on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3rd, there is just one mass at 10am in St Peter's, and no adoration, morning or night prayer.

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



THE BIG SLEEP OUT FOR TRINITY

The Trinity Centre is a local charity focused on supporting homeless and vulnerable women. Its main annual fundraising event, Trinity's Big Sleep Out, is usually held in the Winchester Cathedral Grounds, but because of Covid, will instead be held virtually on Friday 14th May.

Friday 14th May 2021

They're asking people to commit to sleeping out around their own homes that night, and they've got amazing plans to make the evening really special, as well as to raise money for this most worthwhile project. You can see the full details on their poster on our website, and find the link here to register: https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Big-Sleep-Out-Poster-2021.pdf.

wap your cosy bed and sleep out at home

E12 TO SLEEP OUT E55 FOR TEAMS OF 6+ Target sponsorship £100 per person



Message from St. Peter's School

Dear Parents

Being St Peteronians...

Since school fully reopened, the children have responded well and have enjoyed rebuilding friendships, plenty of outdoor play (especially now the sun is shining) and are building their stamina for learning. We will be continuing to work on these things, focusing on key skills and all the things that are needed for the children to be ready to move on up to their new year group in September. So many of our children are putting the 'St Peter's Polish' into all they do.



Thank you for all the efforts from our parents who ensure the children come in having had breakfast, dressed smartly, have a PE kit and are ready to learn and so be the best they can be. We can be very proud of them. All the children know we continually strive to be real St Peteronians, who hold 'Christ at the Centre'.



Prayer for Easter Risen Lord, We give thanks today, that through the power of the resurrection, all things have been made new. We pray that this renewal may inspire us to do what we can to bring about a change for better in our own lives and in our world. Knowing that nothing is impossible for You, Lord, who defeated death itself, we rejoice and are glad. We are filled with hope, that we can make a difference. We praise You for Your glory! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:2

Best wishes Louise Buxton (Miss) Headteacher



St Peter's School is advertising a vacancy for a Class Teacher:

The Governors of this friendly and successful school are advertising a teaching vacancy:

Position: Class Teacher Contract/Hours: Full-time, Permanent Salary range: Upper/Main Pay Range Start date: September 2021 Closing date: Friday 7th May 2021 (midday) Interview date: Friday 14th May 2021

Are you an experienced, enthusiastic and creative LKS2 teacher with a passion for engaging children in their learning? Are you looking to broaden your experiences and work in a forward thinking, 2 form entry school?

We are looking for an excellent practitioner who supports our ethos of 'Christ at the Centre' and ideally has strong experience of teaching in LKS2. Further details about the vacancy can be found on the website: <u>https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/</u>. **The closing date is Fri 7st May.**