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CORPUS CHRISTI – Year B

Next Door III (Corpus Christi): The food and drink of neighbourly love

Fr Mark writes:

We are in the third 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 an instrument of his goodness and grace in your neighbourhood. Today we are moving on to another step you can take when it comes to the art of neighbouring. This step is the most challenging one yet.

To help us we are going to look at a passage from the Gospel of Mark just before Jesus' death. Mark writes,

"On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?'" (Mark 14:18)

The Passover was one of many feasts that the Jewish people celebrated annually. Throughout the Old Testament God commanded his people to gather together to mark significant historic events of his goodness and grace. And some of these celebrations, like our own, included eating and drinking. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus himself observed the Passover and the other Jewish feasts. He also regularly spent time in fellowship with friends, often over meals. Many of his most important teachings were delivered over meals. In fact, he spent so much time at dinner parties that the religious leaders unfairly accused him of being a glutton and a drunkard.

These same leaders were not only astonished at how much time Jesus spent at meals but by who he dined with. They were outraged that he would eat with tax collectors and sinners. Because, of course, there is so much more to a meal than food. There is a spiritual and social dimension to it as well.

Jesus would eat with people who were far from God and this was a source of scandal to the religious people. But Jesus cared more about reaching the irreligious than he did about religious rule keeping. And, as a result, people who were nothing like him liked him. This is a pattern seen over and over again in the gospel.

So the disciples, who knew it would be important to him, asked about preparations for the Passover. Jesus goes to a great deal of trouble to arrange this meal with the apostles because he knows it will be the last meal with them before he dies.

"The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover." (Mark 14:21)

The Passover supper was governed by ancient traditions reaching back to the story of the Exodus in which God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. For the Israelites to escape Egypt, each household sacrificed and consumed a lamb. So, according to tradition, to celebrate the Passover, you had to have a lamb (notice there's no lamb mentioned in this story).

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." (Mark 14:22)

The Israelites escaped sin and slavery and received God's grace and blessing by sacrificing and receiving the Passover lamb. Through his passion and death on the Cross, Jesus becomes the Lamb who is sacrificed. That's why there is no lamb at their Passover dinner. Jesus himself is the lamb: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. By asking the disciples to take the bread that is his body, Jesus is inviting them to receive the sacrifice, as the Israelites received their Passover sacrifice.

Jesus tells the apostles that the bread is his body. He means this in a very real way. We believe that the bread really becomes Jesus' body, that at every Mass the bread changes substance, we call it transubstantiation. The bread becomes his body, the wine his blood, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Mark 14:23)

Ancient covenants were sealed with blood. That's our first reading, referring back to the Exodus, or escape from Egypt:

Then Moses took the blood of the sacrifice and sprinkled it on the people saying "This is the blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Exodus 24.8)

It sounds strange to us, but the blood was meant to show the seriousness of a bond. Like blood relatives, it is a bond that can't be broken. A family bond. Jesus says that the new covenant will be sealed not with the blood of an animal sacrifice, but with his own blood, poured out on the cross.

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'Many' does not mean that Jesus only shed his blood for some select group of people, or just church people, or religious people. But for many, many people, as many as are willing to receive his sacrifice. That even means the people in your neighbourhood. In fact, every single one of your neighbours, even the mean ones, even the crazy ones, even the ones who don't like you, the ones who argue about the garden fence. These are all people for whom Jesus died. He wants them to be part of his family. As Christians, our challenge is to constantly look at people through this lens.



(Tabernacle door in St Peter's Church - photograph by Joe Low)

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Church gives us this feast as a reminder that we do really receive Christ in the Eucharist. He is really present. Among the innumerable graces of this great gift, the Eucharist is community-forming. The Eucharist is the source and the summit of our faith. Without the Eucharist there is no Church. With it, we are formed into a community, unified for a purpose. We receive Christ so that we become like him: to share the good news of God's love in the world.

But where to start, how to begin?

We can pray. We can pray for neighbours we know, and those we don't. Last week, we laid out the challenge to get to know some of our neighbours' names. And then, praying for them by name, and greeting them by name. But we can do more, too. Jesus started with food, so why don't we start with food..? Set a date on a calendar and a goal that by the end of this summer you are going to do something to show love of neighbours through food. I know that's not as easy during these COVID times but it's still something many of us can do, even in simple ways.

God uses a meal to build his Church, to reconcile and renew the whole world. We can follow his lead and take this simple step too. And then trust God to use it in some way, in a way that maybe we can't even see or ever know. Simply trust God to do something sacred with it.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI – 6th June

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord;
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

First reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18. R.v.13

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Communion Antiphon: John 6:57

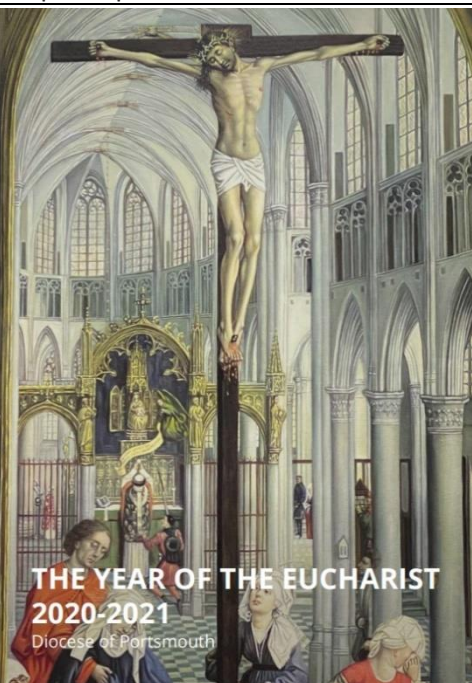
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Second reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

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.

Pastoral Letter This Weekend

Bishop Philip has sent a Pastoral Letter which will be read at all masses this weekend. On this Feast of Corpus Christi, our Diocese will begin a special Year of the Eucharist and in his letter, Bishop Philip expresses his wish for this Year of the Eucharist 'to bring about a deep spiritual renewal, a deeper love for Jesus in the Mass and in the Sacrament of the Altar'. Please use the following link to read Bishop Philip's words <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Pastoral-letter-6-June.pdf> A video is also available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI7D6kuznhQ> Paper copies will be available in our churches for those who are unable to access the online version.



"Year of the Eucharist"

Bishop Philip has called for a "Year of the Eucharist", which will launch on this Solemnity of Corpus Christi (6th June). This follows on from the Year of the Word "The God Who Speaks," and is part of our ten-year mission of spiritual renewal. We will be exploring in our own parish how best we might mark this year, which will continue until Christmas 2022. You can find a booklet with more details [here](#).

Christ at the Centre - Blessing of the Tabernacle at St. Stephen's

We are marking the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist by blessing the recently re-installed tabernacle at St. Stephen's. The early church fathers referred to Mary as the first tabernacle, the dwelling place of God. In modern Catholicism, the tabernacle is used to keep the Eucharist outside the liturgy. That way, the body and blood of Christ are available for delivering the sacrament to the sick and to provide an opportunity for prayer and adoration. The tabernacle is more than an object. It's an ancient symbol. The term tabernacle illustrates the history of God's desire to be in our midst. It's a physical reminder that God desires to "pitch his tent among us". God dwells with us. God protects us. God nourishes us. So, we come before a tabernacle. And we pray that we may know that our God is in our midst. Because with that knowledge, all things are possible. I am delighted once more that we may find the real presence of "Christ at the centre", as the living heart of our church of St. Stephen's, so that he may be with us and with our school, physically among us, to nourish us, comfort us, strengthen us and for us to adore Him.



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.

Children's Liturgy Online

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is continuing, however, please note: **If you have not recently registered, please register again as the programme has moved to a different account.** Apologies for any inconvenience or extra hassle this might involve. The current link to register is: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0pdOGvrDsvGdzi1K1u9L_R0f-7onN0h8Sz



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



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: On this feast of Corpus Christi, let us pray especially for our First Holy Communion families, their Catechists and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, that the gift of the Eucharist will bring them and many others closer to Christ in hope and joy.



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

Joan Hendry RIP

Chris McKenzie RIP

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi
Holy Hour at St Peter's church - Sunday 6th June

This feast helps us focus on the Holy Eucharist. At the heart of every Mass are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, His Real Presence. Today's celebration also draws our attention to the fact that we too, as the Church, are the Body of Christ. To help us celebrate this great feast, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2pm – 3pm this Sunday 6th June which will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. 'We, the Body of Christ receive the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ to all we meet'.



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 allegedly 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.

Winchester Catholic History Society - We very much regret that the live talk scheduled for Wednesday 23 June by Dr Giles Mercer on St Thomas More has been postponed until next Season when the Parish Centre reopens.

The Parish Laudato si group has a vision!

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

This week's tip: Did you know? Chemical based cleaning products have drawbacks. They're pricey, they may trigger health issues, and their manufacture and disposal is harmful for the environment. Try this alternative when cleaning your windows. Fill an empty spray bottle with 50/50 white vinegar and water and use a microfibre cloth to clean your windows and mirrors.

Follow us on Face book to find out more!

Together, we really can make a difference.



Winchester Street Pastors - As we 'unlock' as a community, Street Pastors are back out late once again, to the relief and delight of the city, its people and our volunteers. They are currently looking for more much needed volunteers to ensure they can continue to offer Winchester's people reassurance, safety and support, by listening, caring and helping at weekends. Please see below for further information.



Winchester Street Pastors Update

June 2021

Back out there late again, at last!



Winchester Street Pastors – June 2021
We are recruiting NOW!

For our next training cycle starting in October, we are looking for:

- Street Pastors – who will patrol on one Friday or Saturday evening each month as part of a team of 3 or more volunteers
- Street Pastors for our April-October only, early Friday evening, non-city centre teams.
- Prayer Pastors – who pray either from our base or from home

If you want to find out more – contact Mark on:

winchester@streetpastors.org.uk or 07740 288654 or find us

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Phones for people seeking asylum - Mobile phones are badly needed by the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group for people seeking asylum. Without a functioning smartphone people can't keep in touch with friends and family, attend online lessons, read the news or use language-learning apps. We would be very grateful for unwanted iPhones 6 or above, or Android phones which can comfortably run at least Android 7. You can check your Android version here: support.google.com/android/answer/7680439?hl=en-GB. We will wipe phones before offering them to anyone else. If you can donate an old phone, please contact catherine.hartley@swvg-refugees.co.uk. Thank you!



Are you being called? "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life's work for souls with Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Virtual Church Programme: 30th May – 26th 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 (except Bank Holidays)
	Monday - Saturday	Holy Hour (Adoration) @St Peter's	10.30am – 12noon (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) 11am – 12noon (Monday - except Bank Holidays, 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 <https://zoom.us/j/4388694572>

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

Useful Contacts

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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 office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk .
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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 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 safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 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 safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 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 newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk – please make a note of this and send any items there. The deadline for submissions is **the end of Wednesday**.

Mass Timetable	5 th June – 12 th June 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – June 5th St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	10.00AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Souls of Mollie & John O'Donoghue	Public, booking reqd
	3.30 PM	Family mass at St Peter's		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
CORPUS CHRISTI – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (VIGIL)	8.00 AM	Mass	Benefactors of Sacred Heart	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Peter Charles Booth RIP	Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	Current, past & deceased members of the Eucharistic Adoration Group	Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass	David 'Ged' Oakes RIP	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Andrew Gardiner RIP	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
MONDAY – June 7th 10 th Week in Ordinary Time	12.15AM	Mass	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests	Livestream & Public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
TUESDAY – June 8th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of James Pheble	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
WEDNESDAY – June 9th	10.00AM	Mass	Christopher and Paul Turner RIP	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass		Livestream re-broadcast only
THURSDAY – June 10th THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (VIGIL)	10.00AM	No Mass		
	7.00PM	Mass	Soul of the Rev. Patrick T. Savage	Livestream & Public
FRIDAY – June 11th THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass		Livestream, Public
	7.00 PM	Mass		Livestream & Public
SATURDAY – June 12th The Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.00AM	Mass	Souls of Platt and Gilbert families	Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	3.30PM	Family Mass at St Peters		Livestream, Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Lorenza Duya Castillo RIP	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: stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk If you would like a phone number to call, please ring the office 01962 852804 to ask for it.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to an important electrical inspection taking place in St Peter's Church on Thursday June 10th, there will be no 10am Mass or adoration at 11am-12pm on that day. Morning Prayer and Night Prayer will still take place.

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 [YouTube channel](#)

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.

Job Vacancies in the Portsmouth Diocese

(for further information on these and other vacancies, please refer to the following section of the Portsmouth Diocesan enews below)

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue323>

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Safeguarding Officer

Salary range £30,000 - £32,000 per annum full time equivalent (dependant on skills and experience).

2 posts available:

- 1) 35 hours (5 days) per week plus defined benefits contributory pension.
 - 2) 28 hours (4 days) per week plus defined benefits contributory pension
- Reporting to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator.

Closing date for applications: Friday 18th June 2021

Exciting opportunity in clergy support!

Canon Paul Townsend, Vicar General and Head of the Department for Clergy is currently recruiting for a key role in Clergy Support.

Head of Clergy Human Development

35 Hours a week

For further information, including salary and closing date for applications, please use the link included above.