

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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8th August 2021
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15th August 2021

19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year B
and
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Bread of Life - Word made Flesh

Fr Mark writes:

Over the last few weeks we have been reflecting on the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand by Jesus (in fact, as one of our young children pointed out, there were many more than five thousand because, for some reason, they were only good at counting men!). The evangelist, or Gospel-writer, St. John dedicates his longest chapter to this miracle and a homily given by Jesus to help people understand the meaning of the miracle. Actually, in John’s Gospel, ‘miracles’ are not called miracles but rather ‘signs’, because they point to something beyond themselves. The point of the homily, or discourse, is to help people understand what the miracles really means.

Jesus has been followed by a crowd of people and, in John’s Gospel this is the first time Jesus has addressed the crowd (previously we’ve heard him conversing with individuals such as Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman at the well). ‘Crowd’ is often a derogatory term. Fr Ron Rolheiser tells us that, in “the Gospels, the word “crowd” is nearly always used pejoratively, so much so that nearly every time the word is used you could preface it with the adjective “mindless”.”

“Crowds don’t have a mind. They are fired and driven by whatever energy, hype, fad, ideology, or hysteria is current...Beware of the energy that emanates from a crowd. Beware of the latest fad. Beware of hype of all kinds. Beware of the cheerleaders of both the liberals and the conservatives. Beware of any crowd who wants to stone someone to death in God’s name.”

We can see in John’s Gospel how Jesus is patient with the crowd, even when, like us, they can be very, very slow to understand what he’s saying to them. Jesus is trying to speak to them about heavenly things (what one commentator calls ‘the upper stage’), whereas their focus is on earthly things (‘the lower stage’). The crowd wants their bellies to be filled (temporarily); Jesus wants to fill their hearts and souls (eternally).

“I am the bread of life”, Jesus proclaims powerfully. I am the one who can satisfy that inner hunger that you have. I who am God incarnate, the Son of God come down from heaven, I can give you everything you ever truly desired.

As is always the case, Jesus gives himself completely. We might consider animals, including humans, as embodied souls or ensouled bodies. We are flesh that breathes. It makes sense then that Jesus offers himself as Word (for speech requires breath) and Flesh.

Jesus’s words are true, authentic, healthy food for our souls. Think of all the other junk food we consume throughout each day - gossip and bad language, lies and meaningless noise, cruel words and jealous words, self-seeking words and proud, defensive words. Jesus speaks Love to us.

Moreover, Jesus is himself the Word of God, the Word of the Father. His whole life is ‘spoken’ as one eternal declaration of Divine Love – when he heals and forgives, encourages and inspires, he is God speaking to us.

Jesus is also the Word made Flesh, incarnate. He has body and blood, as we do. He is made of stuff, as we are. On the cross he offers this flesh and blood as a living sacrifice. In the Mass we are able to participate in that sacrifice and receive his body and blood sacramentally, in the form of bread and wine. In our Gospel this Sunday we only find a hint of this aspect of the bread which Jesus gives: “the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world” (John 6:51) but he expands on it further in the verses that follow, insisting on the need for us to chew and munch on his flesh in order to live forever.



Assumption

This year, we won’t hear those verses which immediately follow on from John 6:51 because we will be celebrating another beautiful Solemnity, that of the Assumption of Mary to heaven. Although it is a real shame to miss out on that crucial passage from the bread of life discourse, there is a link between the feast and the Eucharist.

Jesus is the Word made Flesh and gives us his flesh to munch upon so that we might live in him and he in us. Jesus became incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit and the ‘yes’ of Mary. We might say that it was from her flesh that he received flesh. There is, therefore, something very precious about the flesh of Mary too. The Assumption makes sense: Mary went straight to heaven without bodily decay.

Take a look, for example, at the preface for the Assumption:

*For today the Virgin Mother of God
was assumed into heaven
as the beginning and image
of your Church’s coming to perfection
and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people;
rightly you would not allow her
to see the corruption of the tomb
since from her own body she marvellously brought forth
your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.*

As we mark this beautiful Feast, let us pray that we will allow Jesus, the Bread of Life, to nourish us on our pilgrim way by Word and Sacrament, so that we might share in the eternal destiny of Mary our Mother and live with him forever in heaven.

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 8th August

Entrance Antiphon:
Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First reading: **1 Kings 19:4-8**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 33:2-9 R. v.9**
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading: **Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2**

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **John 6:41-51**

Communion Antiphon: **Ps 147:12,14**

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 15TH August (alternative antiphons will be used at the Vigil Mass of this solemnity)

Entrance Antiphon:
A great sign appeared in heaven:
A woman clothed with the sun,
and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

First reading: **Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6,10**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 44:10-12, 16 R. v.10**
On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.

Second reading: **Corinthians 15:20-26**

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 1:39-56**


Communion Antiphon: **Lk 1:48-49**

Changes to the Church Timetable in August: Please note the following masses and times of prayer will not be taking place during the month of August.

- ❖ Family Mass on Saturdays at 3.30pm
- ❖ 7pm Weekday Mass (a recording of the morning mass from St Peter’s will be available online)
- ❖ 11am-12pm Adoration
- ❖ Night Prayer on Friday and Saturday evenings

Words for hymns and parts of the Mass - for Sunday 12pm and 5:30pm Mass - We rejoice that we can finally have everyone join in the singing at 12pm and 5:30pm Mass at St Peter's this Sunday. However, in the short term, we're not able to use the hymn books, so in order to join in the singing, please download the word sheet that is being sent by email (to everyone who receives the newsletter by email) or via the parish website (catholicwinchester.org.uk). You can either print it out or just have it on your mobile phone. If you bring your printout with you to Mass, please do take it home again. If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet or a mobile phone, please consider printing a copy for them. In the Lord, Martin. **Please note that hymn books are available at both St Stephen’s and St Gregory’s as we are able to leave them unused for a week in between masses.**

Peterpost in August– This edition of Peterpost covers all the news from 8th to 21st August, therefore, there will not be newsletter next weekend. The regular circulation dates for the ‘full’ Peterpost will start again on the weekend of 5th September.




Confirmation Programme 2022 – We're happy to say that registration for Confirmations in 2022 is now available for those in year 9+!

Part of our Confirmation journey in this Parish is to be a part of a Youth Alpha course; some of you might have already done one (if so, that's great!), but if not, you will need to have taken part in one before you start our Confirmation course after Easter in 2022.

We are now running two Youth Alpha courses for you to choose from - one starting in September and one starting in early 2022. Both will be Monday evenings and will run alongside the Parish Alpha group. Young people will watch the Youth Alpha Videos in Milner Hall whilst the Parish Alpha group is in the Parish Centre. Parents - this means it's even easier for you to join our Alpha for Parents, because it's at the same time as the young people! Parents will be a part of the Parish Alpha group but with the option of being in a small group specifically for parents. If you would like your young person to be Confirmed, we do ask that you join them in participating an Alpha course!


If you would like to register, please email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Sr Antonietta – we have received news that Sr Antonietta Ciocca, M.P.F. has sadly passed away. She spent many years at St. Peter’s ministering to the people and the children in the nursery, before moving to Rome. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her community of Sisters both in Rome and in Medstead.



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 Christ strengthens us from within, so that we are transformed by the gift of his presence in the Eucharist, as He draws us ever closer to Himself in hope and joy.



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

Anthony Kilroy RIP

Sister Antonietta Ciocca,M.P.F. RIP

Journey in Faith - Do you know someone (perhaps yourself) who might want to know more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps they are just waiting to be asked? Please tell them about the Journey in Faith programme. It is for those seeking answers. For anyone who might want to know what Catholics believe. Perhaps for parents of children coming to St Peter’s School who would like to learn more in order to support them. Or for those who have been coming to mass for years, but have never gone up for communion.

The Journey in Faith will try and show you more about what we within the Catholic Church believe and do. We will try and answer any and all questions you might have about our faith, about the Church, about the Journey. Absolutely no commitment is requested or required – we are happy always, to share our journey with you for however long or short a period you choose.

Our programme starts on 5 October at 8pm in the Parish Centre, and if you're interested, or just want to know more, please speak to Nick Kelly on 07960 797963, email at explore@stpeterswinchester.org.uk, or just turn up!

Pedestrian routes at St Peter’s - Please be aware that the motorised gates to the parking area behind the Pastoral Centre are operational once again meaning that they will remain closed. During the time they have been out of action we have noticed that the higher volume of foot traffic has resulted in an increase in security related problems and anti-social behaviour. We are hoping that once the general public get used to not being able to cut through on the Peterhouse side, things will improve. Peterhouse will also regain some privacy.

We apologise to our Parishioners that this route is no longer available but trust you will understand the reasons why. We thank you for using the route to the north side of the church past the tower to cut through between Jewry and St Peter Street. Thank you.



Laudato Si’ Parish Group - Ten of us from our parish joined the **Young Christian Climate Network** (YCCN) on Sunday 25th July to walk from Winchester to Alresford. This was a section of their walk from St Ives (G7 meeting in June) to Glasgow (COP26 international environmental conference in November). Fun was had by all... and no reported foot blisters!

Parish Party – 19th September 2021 - Tickets can now be booked for this year’s Parish Party. Please book (no charge) via the parish website www.catholicwinchester.org.uk or contact Michaela in the Parish Office and she will book them for you. When booking through the website, scroll down to the bottom of the mass booking options which can be found near the end of the home page.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2021 - Father Mark is hoping to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Oct 2021, postponed from last year. This will be arranged through Maranatha Tours who are well known for their knowledge and experience in the region and have previously led very successful tours there on behalf of the Parish .

- The visit includes:
- 4 days based in Jerusalem visiting various locations to include, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Temple Mount, City of David
 - 4 days based in Galilee visiting amongst others, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Jericho, Magdala, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, ‘Cana of Galilee’, Nazareth

Dates 18 - 26th Oct 2021
Dep/ arrive Heathrow with BA
Cost £1841 pp based on half board accommodation, (includes pretty much everything other than insurance, tips, lunches). Single supplement £443.
Full details of the itinerary, flights and costs etc. can be found in various documents contained in this web link <http://www.maranatha.co.uk/HolyLand2021-FatherMark/>
Anyone who is interested should contact Jen Robinson (contact details can be found in the link) who will be managing the administration of the trip on behalf of Father Mark.

Useful Contacts

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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.

Mass Timetable	7 th August – 21 st August 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – August 7 th Our Lady on Saturday	9.00AM	Mass	For the Benefactors	Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – August 8 th 19 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Soul of Fabian Woodley	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More’s		Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen’s		Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	Jane Ishikawa RIP	Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory’s		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass	People of the Parish	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Deceased Members of the Brookes and Whiteman Families	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – August 9 th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Religious, Martyr	12.15PM	Mass	Shirley Strasburger RIP	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – August 10 th St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of William Meader	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory’s		Public
WEDNESDAY – August 11 th St Clare, Foundress	10.00AM	Mass	Francis Sarto Mendonca RIP	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – August 12 th	10.00AM	Mass	Ewa Slinn RIP	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – August 13 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory’s		Public
	12.15PM	Mass		Livestream, & public
SATURDAY – August 14 th St Maximillian Maria Kolbe, Religious & Priest THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Vigil)	9.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – August 15 th 19 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Reira Estela RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More’s		Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen’s		Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	People of the Parish	Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory’s		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Deceased Members of the Brookes and Whiteman Families	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – August 16 th	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Patrick George McCall and Family	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – August 17 th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory’s		Public
WEDNESDAY – August 18 th	10.00AM	Mass	Gordon Charles Allen RIP	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – August 19 th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Edmund Wheble	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – August 20 th St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory’s		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Eileen Gibson	Livestream, & public
SATURDAY – August 21 st St Pius X, Pope	9.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Catholic Women’s League	Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Joseph Ben RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd

All at St. Peter’s, except where stated.
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***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.
Adoration (11am-12pm) will not take place during August.
 Confessions every Saturday 11.00am till 12.00pm and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter’s Church – booking not required.
 Night Prayer (livestream and open to public) every evening from St Peter’s, 9.00pm **(except Fridays and Saturdays in August)**
 Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am, followed by Adoration till 9.00am **Please note, there will be no Morning Prayer and Adoration on Wednesday 18th August.**
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