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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year B
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The Church's Faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

Fr Mark writes:

After hearing his doctrine, many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’

With these words we begin our Gospel for this Sunday. “His doctrine” is the “Bread of Life Discourse” which we have been listening to over most of the last few Sundays from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Jesus has told those listening that he is the ‘Bread of Life’ and that they need to eat his flesh and drink his blood to share in eternal life.

The Church’s belief in the ‘real presence’ of Jesus in Holy Communion, the Eucharist, has been steadfast throughout the centuries, despite many who have struggled to accept the teaching of Jesus in this regard. For example, as well as the Biblical witness, we have early saints such as Ignatius of Antioch, who make this belief clear:

“I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the bread of God, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I desire his blood, which is love incorruptible” (Letter to the Romans 7:3 [A.D. 110]).

“Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, and see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God. . . . They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again. They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes” (Letter to the Smyrnaeans 6:2–7:1 [A.D. 110]).

St. Thomas Aquinas penned many Eucharistic hymns, one of them Adoro te Devote, which begins with these two verses:

*Adoro te devote, latens deitas,
Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas;
Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.*

*Visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur,
Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.
Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius;
Nil hoc verbo Veritatis verius.*

Gerard Manley Hopkins translates these verses as:

Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

Despite this strong and consistent belief in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, many have struggled, like those in our Gospel, to believe in this doctrine of Jesus. Some of you may have come across Blessed Carlo Acutis, who was born in London in 1991 and baptised in Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chelsea, just round the corner from Allen Hall seminary, where I trained for the priesthood. He returned with his family to Italy that same year and, from an early age, began to take an interest in the Eucharist. Considered a computer geek by some of his peers, he dedicated himself to creating a website cataloguing each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world. You can visit the website [here](#).

The miracles are not necessary, in one sense, but provide additional evidence for our Eucharistic belief. One of the most impressive is a recent one from Buenos Aires.

“...on March 2, 2004 we went to the greatest expert in cardiac pathologies and forensic medicine of the heart, Professor Frederick Zugibe of New York, at Columbia University. The professor however did not know that the sample I had brought to him came from a consecrated Host. ‘The sample which you brought me - Professor Zugibe said to me - is the muscle of the heart, of the myocardium, it is precisely the left ventricle’ and he confirmed that my patient had suffered a lot. Then I asked him: ‘Doctor, why has my patient suffered a lot?’ He answered me: ‘Because your patient has some thrombi, at certain moments he could not breathe, oxygen did not reach him, he laboured and suffered much because every aspiration was painful. Probably they gave him a blow at the level of the chest. Moreover the heart showed dynamic activity (alive) at the moment when you brought me the sample.’ ‘Why?’ I ask him. ‘Because we found some intact white blood cells and white blood cells are transported only by the blood and thus if white blood cells are here it is because at the moment in which you brought me the sample it was pulsating.’ The professor then asked to whom this sample belonged and when we told him that it came from a consecrated Host he exclaimed: ‘I do not believe it.’ He was greatly moved...

The myocardium is the muscle that gives life to the whole heart and to our body. Rightly a theologian made me note that the fact that it was really the myocardium, was not casual but it concealed a symbolism. The Lord in this miracle wanted to show us his myocardium, which is the muscle that gives life to the whole heart, just as the Eucharist does with the Church. And why the left ventricle? Because from it comes the purified blood and Jesus is the one Who purifies his Church from her sins. ‘Doctor’, Professor Zugibe said to me again, ‘at the moment in which you brought me this sample, this heart was alive!’ His report was sent out on March 26, 2005, 5 years and a half after the start of the studies and the conclusions were: ‘They are tissues of the heart, undergoing degenerative changes of the myocardium and these changes are due to the fact that the cells are inflamed and it is the left ventricle of the heart.’ On March 17, 2006 I brought the results to Cardinal Jorge Maria Bergoglio.

Sometimes it is a struggle for us to believe in the Eucharistic presence of our Lord but he really wishes us to believe so that he can strengthen, feed, nourish us and share his life with us.

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 22nd August (alternative antiphons will be used at the Vigil Mass)

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

First reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17,18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v.9

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Communion Antiphon: Ps 103:13-15

Second reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 29th August (alternative antiphons will be used at the Vigil Mass)

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
For I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Communion Antiphon: Ps 30:20

Second reading: St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Changes to masses and times of prayer in September – New guidance is being shared this weekend with regards to the changes that can now take place as we edge safely towards a more normal parish life. Please see the information that will supplement this edition of Peterpost by way of an attachment to the newsletter email or by collecting a paper copy from the churches. It will also be available on the parish website. The guidance includes changes to the mass and prayer timetable from September 11th – further reminders will be included in the next edition of Peterpost.



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](https://www.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 21st August to 4th September, therefore, there will not be a newsletter next weekend. The regular circulation dates for the 'full' Peterpost will start again on the weekend of 5th September.



Mass at Winchester Cathedral – On Saturday 4th September, Fr Mark will be celebrating 10am Mass in Winchester Cathedral. Please book via the parish website or by phoning Michaela in the Parish Office.

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. Please see poster at the end of the newsletter for further details and the new start time of 12pm, with food being served from 12.30pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022 Save the date! There will be an information evening on Thursday September 23rd – more details to follow soon. To register your interest for the programme, please email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk indicating your child's name(s). Children participating in the programme should be in Year 4 (or above).



Dorothy Beattie RIP – Dorothy sadly passed away on 12th August. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be held at 10.30am on Friday 3rd September at St Peter's Church. Please keep Dorothy and her family in your prayers at this sad time.



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 we may set aside more time to spend before the Blessed Sacrament allowing Jesus to draw us and others deeper into the life He shares with the Father.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
Dorothy Beattie RIP
Marie-Louise Murphy RIP
Dorothy Mogford RIP
Canon Cyril Murtagh RIP
Constance Williams RIP

Limited parking in September - We apologise in advance for the disruption that will be caused to parking along the north side of St Peter's from 9th September. We have building works starting which will tidy the area in front of the north wall amongst other things. In order to give the contractors room and to keep everyone safe, the whole area will be closed to parking and turning for the duration. We expect it to take a couple of weeks. If for this short time you are able to park elsewhere and walk to the church, it will leave the remaining spaces for those who would find that more difficult. Thank you.



'May our struggles and concern for our planet never take away the joy of our hope'.

Pope Francis - Laudato Si - 'on care for our common home' 2015

This Autumn, we are inviting people to share their concerns and hopes for our planet in an arts, crafts, words and music project. We would like to explore the heart of Winchester in response to the challenges of climate change. Whether you like photography, painting, drawing, doodling, sewing, writing, poetry, music, singing or other creative expressions, send us a photo or video of your art and we will be sharing these over the coming months as we approach Green Week and the International Climate meeting in Glasgow in November. Please let us know whether you want your name shown or would rather remain anonymous. Email the Laudato Si group via mslinn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Monday Movers creative dance classes for older adults (men & women 65yrs+) will be returning to the Pastoral Centre in September.

Please get in contact if you would like to join either the existing Monday 10am class, or our new Monday 11.15am class, where we will be taking things just a little slower. Call Julia 07964 361598 or email julia.f.bray@btinternet.com for more information and a registration form.

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!

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.

Furniture available - The parish has a range of furniture available following the nuns leaving the White House. It consists of wardrobes, filing cabinets, chairs, desks, escritoires, etc and one bed. Please contact mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for a full list.

Anyone wishing to take any of the items can make a contribution to the nuns and parish using a blue envelope. Unfortunately, the parish cannot offer a delivery service.



Useful Contacts

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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.

PeterCares: petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk **Prayerline:** prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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.

Mass Timetable	21st August – 4th September 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – August 21st 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
SUNDAY – August 22nd 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass		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	Franziska & Heino Ilting RIP	Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass	Tomosz Wojtas – God's blessing & good health	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	People of Afghanistan & Haiti	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – August 23rd	12.15PM	Mass	Souls of Elsie & William Walton	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – August 24th St Bartholomew, Apostle	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Mary Perry	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
WEDNESDAY – August 25th	10.00AM	Mass	Pippa Louise Fulton	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – August 26th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Rev. P.T. Savage	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – August 27th St Monica	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass		Livestream, & public
SATURDAY – August 28th St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	9.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Annamma Joseph RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	8.00 AM	Mass	Lilian Wilde 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		Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – August 29th 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12.00 Noon	Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Ruben Trestini RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass	Josephine Kenny RIP	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	10.00AM	Mass	Margaret Guppy RIP	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass	Spul of James Wheble	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – September 3rd St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Thomas Newton Rudd	Livestream, & public
	7.00PM	Mass at St Gregory's		Livestream & public
SATURDAY – September 4th Our Lady on Saturday 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	10.00AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Soul of Rev. J Martin	Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	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 that Mass on Bank Holiday Monday will be at 10am and there will be no Morning Prayer or Night Prayer.				
Morning Mass on Saturday 4th September will be at 10am at Winchester Cathedral.				
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 Monday – Thursday and Sunday evening from St Peter's, 9.00pm.				
Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am, followed by Adoration till 9.00am				
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				

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