

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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19th September 2021

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

More than Enough and Actually Asking for Help

Fr Mark writes:

I've begun sharing about this idea of enough and how it is a question that can haunt us. We wonder if we have enough, get enough, do enough, are enough.

Today, we are building on this and looking at a specific way in which we follow Jesus. How do we follow Jesus when we simply don't have enough, when we have a need, when there is something lacking?

- You might be lacking in money. You're struggling right now to make ends meet each month.
- Maybe you feel like you don't have enough when it comes to wisdom. You have teenagers and you feel completely inadequate in how to parent them.
- Or you are a teenager and you don't have enough patience to put up with your parents.
- Maybe it's a question of time: you just don't have enough time to run your children everywhere they need to go, keep up with their sports training and music practice, get the homework done and get dinner on the table.
- Or maybe it's a question of energy. You don't have any, you are simply exhausted and sleep deprived.

Even when we find ourselves in any of these situations, our goal is still to follow the Lord, because that's always our goal. But, no matter how much you grow as a Christ follower, there is a habit which will always be part of the equation.

In the second reading today, St. James is addressing some infighting among Christians.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? (James 4:1a)

He then answers his question with another question:

Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting within your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it. (James 4:1-2)

We want what we want when we want it. Whenever someone or something gets in the way of that desire, it leads to conflict.

So you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your own way by force. (James 4:2)

James is using hyperbole here. We kill relationships when we allow our disordered passions and our selfishness to drive our behaviour. When we don't have enough of something, our temptation is to look at the people around us and blame or scapegoat them. But James says, even that is not the real problem. As long as we allow ourselves to focus on others, we are missing out on something we can do when we don't have enough.

Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it. (James 4:2b)

It turns out that we've got to ask. It is that simple. When you find that you don't have enough of something, you ask for it. Ask God to provide you with what you need. This is such a simple thing, and it's so obvious, and it's something I know I find myself failing to do all the time. I worry, I get stressed - and through that whole process it never even occurs to me to stop and talk to God about it instead.

Ask. It's as simple as it can be. Right? Well, there's a little bit more to it than that. Sometimes just asking doesn't always get us what we're after.

All of us have had the experience of seemingly unanswered prayers. Why? *When you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly; you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires. (James 4:3)*

I think it's fair to say that sometimes we do pray for good things and the prayers don't seem to get answered. For example, even Jesus himself seemingly experienced this in Gethsemane when he prayed, the night before he died, that he wouldn't have to go to the cross. I'd like to save discussion on this for another day, so that we don't miss James's important point:

Selfish or wholly self-centred prayer intentions are not answered with a "yes". James says that sometimes we don't receive because we become consumers and are just going to waste or squander what we're given. James tells us that when we ask God for help, we need to ask for the right motive. For those of you who are parents, or if you are a boss, you know that how your children or employees ask for something makes a huge difference. If in your best judgment you believe their motives are pure and what they want is good then you usually want to give them what they're looking for. So, there's the right motive, and then there is the right attitude.

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord and he will exalt you. (James 4:10)

When you ask God for help, ask with humility. Bring God a humble spirit and not a demanding one. Ask God believing that he will supply your needs and your wants in his time and his way. Ask God knowing that he will answer your prayer in a way that is in your long term, eternal best interest. So, James tells us when we don't have enough, we should:

- ask God for it
- ask God with the right motive
- ask with humility.

I would add two more suggestions that are not in the book of James:

Ask Specifically.

People often make the mistake of believing that vague prayers are somehow more mature or spiritually sophisticated. People will just pray for God's will. The problem with vague prayers is that you don't know when God has answered them. The more specific you can be with your request, the more clearly you will be able to see God's hand in meeting them.

And ask persistently. Don't just ask once and give up. Jesus teaches over and over again that God honours persistent asking. Asking once is often not enough. Why is that? Sometimes it is God increasing the desire in us. Sometimes it is because we are asking for the wrong thing, and as we keep asking God moves our hearts in the right direction. Sometimes God is waiting on the right timing. Sometimes there are other spiritual forces opposing the help God is sending. Whatever your situation, you might need persistence. Ask God with the right motive, humbly, specifically and persistently.

Here's a challenge for the week ahead. Begin tomorrow morning in your prayer, identify an area of your life where you don't have enough.

- Maybe you don't have enough money
- Maybe you feel like you don't have enough time
- Maybe you are struggling with not having enough emotional support

Then ask God specifically for what you need.

- Better friends
- A better schedule
- Cash

Sometimes, the more clearly you paint a picture of what you need, the more powerful your prayer. It certainly helps you know whether or not your prayer has been answered. Then keep on asking until God answers your prayer or leads you in another direction. Asking God for help is a fundamental and crucial part of the Christian life. It will never go away. Because we don't have enough and we'll never have enough, without his grace. His grace, though, is certainly enough, so much more than enough...

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 and other activities. Look at our website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>, or our [Facebook page](#) or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19th September (alternative antiphons will be used at the Vigil Mass)

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be
their Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

First reading: Book of Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6,8 R.v6
The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Communion Antiphon: Ps 118:4-5

Second reading: James 3:16-4:3

New Mass Times at St Peter's Church – here is a reminder of the changes to mass times at St Peter's Church. Public Sunday Masses will now be as follows:

8.00am 10.30am 5.30pm

All masses will continue to be livestreamed and booking remains a requirement for weekend masses only (with the exception of 9am on Saturday morning). Times for masses celebrated at St Gregory's, St Stephen's and St Thomas More's remain unchanged. Hymn words will still be sent out to those on the email list - for the 10.30 & 17.30 masses at St Peter's. If you are coming in person, you can print them out and bring them.

10am Mass on Tuesday 21st September – please note that there will be no morning mass on this day at St Peter's Church. There will be Mass at St Gregory's Church.

Second Collection: Home Mission Sunday Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday – a day when the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. The second collection will be used to support the Bishops' work in the area of evangelisation.

ADoRE Mass Online – On Saturday 18th September, Mass will be celebrated at 10am rather than 9am as Fr Mark will be saying Mass for the ADoRE group, followed by Adoration. The mass will open to the public and livestreamed.

Limited parking in September - We apologise for the disruption that is currently being caused to parking along the north side of St Peter's. Building works have started 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. 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.

More parking news - If you are coming back to mass in person, you may not know that the parking charges have changed in Central Winchester, which will affect some mass-goers. Parking is no longer free on Sundays, and on Saturday parking charges go on until 7pm in the central carparks.

 **Super Welcome Sunday, 3rd October – 8am and 10:30am mass at St. Peter's**
Welcome Back! Whether you have been away from our pews for a while, are one of our much loved 'regulars', or are just passing through our doors for the first time, please know you are heartily invited to our church for mass and for teas and coffees after mass in the pastoral centre. **Sunday 3rd October** will officially mark the recommencement of refreshments after **8am** and **10:30am mass** and we would love you to join us for a cuppa and catch up in the pastoral centre. We look forward to seeing you then! The Welcome and Hospitality Team

First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022 There will be a short information evening on Thursday 23rd September at 7.45pm on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85063289953?pwd=T3ZjRy9UL3RiQ0VkuHlxd1JScUdjUT09> Meeting ID: 850 6328 9953 Passcode: FHC22 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).

 **Annual Mass Count** - Starting this Sunday 19th September, parishes across all the dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count, that is, the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses. The statistical data given this time will be very useful to pastors and parishes in planning ahead and working out where resources need to be focused. Here at St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, we will continue the mass count at all weekend masses for the foreseeable future (with the exception of the 9am Saturday Mass) in order to gain and use this valuable information in our own planning for the parish.

Parish Party Reminder - It's nearly here! The long awaited Parish Party! This Sunday, starting at 12pm, with food being served from 12.30pm. We have lots planned for you - tasty food, a range of great raffle prizes, musical entertainment and most importantly, quality time to catch up with each other at long last. We look forward to seeing you there!

 **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 start the Alpha course this week, we ask God to give the team the gifts they need in order to respond faithfully to His call. We pray for each one the guests and those still to join; that they may have a powerful encounter with Christ as they journey closer to Him. As a parish community, may we have the courage to herald the call to bring people closer to Christ in hope and joy. Lord, in your mercy, hear us.

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR**
the repose of the souls
of those who have died
recently:
Noreen Tatham RIP
Christopher Pechkaytis RIP

All these people are praying for you! Our parish hosted an ecumenical prayer evening for Alpha this week – the local churches planning Alpha courses all took part, and we hope this will be an ongoing series visiting different churches in turn. There was some wonderful praise and worship, prayers and music, and we shared ideas and encouragement. So, there is some real ecumenical support for everyone joining Alpha soon – see elsewhere for the details... And do please come along next time there is an event like this one.



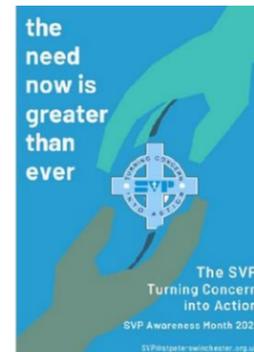
Acorn Groups' new season begins - Acorn Groups (launched in the parish earlier this year) are a community of small groups designed as a continuation of the Alpha experience but with a longer-term focus. They are intended to be a place where members can continue their faith-based friendships and spiritual growth. The new season of Acorn Groups has just started and it's not too late to join! This Saturday 18th we are running a short prayer course as an introduction before joining the main groups on Thursday 30th Sept. If you would like to register, please use the link <https://forms.office.com/r/A1p3TR5jKE> Or for more information, please email acorn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



Christian Course in Climate Change - COP26 will soon be starting.... Join with us in learning about Caring for Our Common Home... and what part we must play in solving the problem for all. Starting on Friday October 1st, we will be holding a seven-week on-line course, via zoom, on Friday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm. The course will use material from the Laudato si' encyclical and the Dorset Green Living Guide, supplemented by videos and factual information. The course will be delivered by some 12 speakers from across the UK who are knowledgeable in the wide range of topics covered. Topics will include the causes of Climate Change, food, energy, transport, waste/throwaway culture, water and social justice. Book to register for the full course of 7 sessions via the parish website or by using the following link <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Christian%20Climate%20Change%20Course> Alternatively, you can speak to Michaela in the St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs parish office (01962 852804). Please note that your email address will be required in order for the Zoom links for individual sessions to be sent to you each week, so ensure you have included this when booking.

SVP Awareness Month

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) does amazing work in our parish, and as they are currently telling us: **The need is greater than ever.** Look out for more information about their work and how you can help over the coming month - and there is a useful booklet on the website that [you can access now.](#)



BOOKSHOP will open for browsing when the pastoral centre opens and in the meantime by arrangement. We sell missals, bibles, crosses, rosaries, a wide range of books and cards and 1st Holy Communion gifts and cards. Your support is appreciated. Susan Henry email: bookshop@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Cancellation of pilgrimage – we have received advice from Maranatha that due to entry requirements coming into place for Israel from 1st October, our planned visit in October of this year will unfortunately not be possible. We pray that next year, the situation will be much improved and a safe pilgrimage will be able to take place.

Churches Together AGM 7pm at the United Church, Jewry Street - Churches Together will be holding a 'face to face' meeting on 27 September at the United Church. We hope to have an opportunity chance to catch up with each other and to reflect on our experiences over the past year or so. This date also marks the beginning of Green Week with news of Climate Justice activities, together with any updates on those who have been air-lifted out of Afghanistan. We will also appoint office holders for the coming year. Fair Trade refreshments will be served at 7pm. We do hope you are able to join us. Dorothy Lusmore - Administrator, Churches Together in Winchester

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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.

**STARTS
MONDAY 20th SEPT**

We welcome you to Alpha!



AFTER A LONG BREAK AWAY FROM IN PERSON ACTIVITIES **WE ARE THRILLED** TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONCE MORE AN ALPHA RIGHT HERE IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

The Autumn Schedule:
Starts 20th of September
Ends 6th of December

7.30 -9.30pm
Meal provided

If you feel like you need to “re-boot” your spiritual life, I’d like to invite you to participate in Alpha.
Maybe you’ve been drifting along in your faith life or aren’t really sure what you believe any more...Or maybe you are new to all this “God stuff” and want to be able to ask questions in a safe space. Or maybe you’re just feeling on the edge of the parish and want to meet some new people...
It’s an 11-week course that creates space where we can explore the big issues of Christian faith in a relaxed and informal way.

who
will
you invite?



SCAN ME

Please visit:
<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha/>
or use the QR code to see our website and Registration Form

If you have any questions please email
alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Mass Timetable	18 th September – 25 th September 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – September 18th 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	10.00AM	ADoRE Mass	Recovery of Jamillah Miller	Livestream, public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – September 19th 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Soul of William Meader	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
	10.30AM	Mass	Henry James RIP (1 st anniversary)	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Daphne Tucker RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – September 20th	12.15PM	Mass		Livestream & public
TUESDAY – September 21st St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests	Public
WEDNESDAY – September 22nd	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
THURSDAY – September 23rd	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
FRIDAY – September 24th Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass		Livestream, & public
SATURDAY – September 25th Our Lady on Saturday 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	9.00AM	Mass	Mary Trinnick RIP	Livestream & public
	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 - [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.

There will be no 10am Mass on Tuesday 21st September.

Adoration (11am-12pm) will recommence later in September – dates to be confirmed soon.

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

Night Prayer (livestream and open to public) every Sunday – Thursday 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 to join with the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration and Night Prayer, go to our [YouTube channel](#)

ALL SERVICES FROM ST PETER'S (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER & ADORATION and NIGHT PRAYER) ARE LIVESTREAMED



Dear Parents

Message from St. Peter's School

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The person who never reads lives only one." - George R.R. Martin

Reading at St Peter's

The teaching of reading is at the core of all learning at St Peter's. It is our aim to produce an environment where the children are enthusiastic, capable readers who love books. A range of texts encourage reading with confidence, fluency, vocabulary development and understanding.

How do we teach reading?

Children are taught phonics from the start of Reception and our staff are experts in early reading. In Reception and Key Stage 1 home reading books are chosen in line with phonics and are matched to the sounds that the children know thus consolidating phoneme learning. The content and sequence of *Letters and Sounds* supports progress.

In addition, the children are encouraged to read for pleasure choosing books from the class and school libraries. Staff foster a love of reading as they share class texts, introduce new books and revisit old favourites. Foundation stage, KS1 and Year 3 have access to the online resource 'Bug Club', both at school and at home, to support the development of reading using decodable books.

Home Reading

The children need to be reading each evening for the minimum of fifteen minutes. What they are reading at home needs to be recorded on a Home Reading Log. These logs can be online or kept as hard copies. They need to be available for class teachers to monitor each week. Some children in Key Stage 2 choose their own reading books. These books can be books from home or school. There are lots of useful tips for Home Reading on our website.

From Years 1-6, Guided Reading is carefully planned and taught to the whole class. The texts can vary from those chosen in line with English learning or other texts chosen to engage the children. This practice lends itself to word reading, the learning of phonics/spelling and comprehension. Texts can be 'unpicked', new language introduced and reading strategies practised. Pupils who struggle are supported through well planned interventions and supported to catch up quickly.

In addition to this, the children are regularly read to by their teacher and are encouraged to read for pleasure whenever the opportunity arises. Regular visits to the well-stocked school library, class libraries and texts brought in from home, allow the children to be surrounded by interesting and informative reading material.

"Think before you speak. Read before you think." — Fran Lebowitz

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