PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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12th September 2021

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

Important Enough? Enough is not the Goal

Fr Mark writes:	Every person who encounters Jesus must answer that question in two ways.	
I have a love-hate relationship with sandy beaches. I love their beauty and	Firstly, we need to answer it objectively. Jesus wasn't mad or bad and yet he	
their softness, their colours and their contours. I hate the way they burnt my	claimed to be the Son of God. Do I believe that as an objective truth? We need to	
feet as a child, clung to my sandwiches and invited themselves home in my	answer the question objectively and then we need to answer it personally.	
bag and my shoes and my hair.		
I was never much good at making sandcastles but I do have one memory of	• If Jesus really is the Saviour of the world, then he's my Saviour	
digging a hole in the sand with my tiny spade. I think I thought I would make		
it to Australia by lunchtime! After what seemed like an eternity, though in	• If he really is Lord of heaven and earth, then he's my Lord	
reality was more like twenty minutes, I thought I'd done enough digging and		
switched objectives. My aim now was to refill the hole I had created but not	Do I believe that as a personal truth? Jesus asks his disciples the question. And, as	
with sand. I was going to use my bucket to fill it with seawater. Again and	is usually the case in the Gospels, Peter is the first one to speak. And he nails it.	
again, I made my little trip to the edge of the shore and returned with my pint		
or two of saltwater. Each time I returned to the hole, it was as if I'd not added	Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders	
even a single bucketful of water. The only evidence of my efforts was a slightly	not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:30)	
damp patch at the bottom of the hole. When, I wondered, would I reach the		
stage where I would have fetched enough water?	Jesus orders them not to tell anyone. Why? It seems most likely that their	
Today I am beginning a brand new series of messages. We will be wrestling	understanding of the Messiah is not well informed. In fact it is misinformed. They	
with a great question: When is enough, enough? When will we ever have	don't know what it means that Jesus is the Messiah. They still associate it with a	
enough?	political or military meaning, that he is going to instigate a revolution and establish	
If you want a successful life, there are so many areas where you might give	himself as king. Jesus' mission had nothing to do with that.	
your time and energy, and there's always more we could be doing.		
If you are married, you make that relationship a priority. You may think: Am	And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously,	
I doing enough so we can go the distance till death do us part?	to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to	
As a single or divorced person, you might be reflecting, is it enough to be on my own or am I doing enough to find a spouse?	death, and after three days to rise again. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to	
If you are a parent or grandparent, do you spend enough time with the	remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and	
children?	said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way	
You may have to care for an elderly parent with a built-in guilt factor of "am	but man's." (Mark 9.31)	
I doing enough?"	Deter decord went to been the vertice of what it would means for lower to be the	
Then there is fitness and health, your mind and your mental health. Are you	Peter doesn't want to hear the reality of what it really means for Jesus to be the	
doing enough? Or your finances: Do you have enough?	Christ. And he doesn't understand the reality of what it means to follow Christ. This, he goes on to explainfor Peter and for each of us. He says,	
Do you spend enough time with your friends?	This, he goes on to explaintor Peter and for each of us. He says,	
Wow! Aren't you glad you started reading this today!?	If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his	
Of course, then there is faith. If you are a Christian, you might be wondering	If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up hi cross, and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone	
if you are investing enough in your faith. Am I praying enough? Am I serving	who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. (Mark	
enough? Is my faith strong enough? Do I even really believe?	8:34-35)	
Even if you're not a religious person, you probably want to be a good person:		
which leads to the inevitable question: Am I good enough ?	And when we find ourselves focused on the issue of having enough, doing enough	
There is family, friends, finances, fitness, faith and then there is work. We	or being enough, it is precisely this purpose we've lost sight of. Our real goal is to	
haven't even mentioned that yet. I couldn't think of a word for work that	let go, to let go of those things which promise satisfaction and which never deliver,	
begin with "f"! I don't know about you, but I don't ever switch off my	to let go of those finite things with which we try and fill the infinite hole within our	
computer at the end of the day thinking I have done enough work, that there	souls. Our real goal is to let go of the illusion that we can fill that hole in the sand	
is nothing left to do. It's usually just that I've rup out of time, rather than		

is nothing left to do. It's usually just that I've run out of time, rather than

getting to the bottom of the pile.

While we are haunted by the goal of having enough, enough is not even the right goal. And if we focus our lives on enough we might be missing out on the real purpose of our lives. It is this purpose that Jesus addresses in the Gospel of Mark. He writes:

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caeserea Phillipi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" (Mark 8:27)

People were wondering about him. He was such a fascinating and interesting person that people couldn't help talk about him. And they told him, "John the Baptist," they said "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." (Mark 8:28)

Then Jesus asks the real question he has for them.

"But you," he asked "who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:29a)

real goal is to let go of those things which stop us from following Jesus, and allow him to fill us. Then we will be satisfied. Then we will have not just enough but a cup that floweth over.

with our tiny little bucket, wearing ourselves and others out in the process. Our



You probably guessed that I never did fill that hole with water. But it's ok, because I didn't have to. You see, as the day went on, the tide started to come in, slowly but surely. After a while we needed to pack up our beach towels and sun cream and retreat further back away from the shore. And from there we could watch the sea fill that hole, little by little until there was no hole left. And I didn't need to do a thing. Just watch in awe and wonder.

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-FOURTH SU	NDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12 th September	(alternative antiphons will be used at the Vigil Mass)	
Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you that your prophets be fou Hear the prayers of your and of your people Israel.	servant,	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth ar no one can come to the Fa Alleluia!	· · ·
First reading:	Isaiah 50:5-9	Gospel: Communion Antiphon:	Mark 8:27-35 Ps 35:8
Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence in the land of the living.	Ps 114:1-6, 8-9 R.v.9 e of the Lord	How precious is your merc The children of men seek s in the shadow of your wing	sy, O God! Shelter

Second reading: James 2:14-18

New Mass Times Start This Weekend – 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 with you.

Weekday mass at St Gregory's – For this week only, the 10am masses at St Gregory's will not take place as Bishop Peter and Fr Tom take a well-earned break. We wish them both a very happy holiday!



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 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.

Winchester Half-Marathon – this takes place next Sunday, 19th September, at the same time as masses and the parish party, so please be aware that some surrounding roads may be closed and parking may be more challenging.

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.

It's not too late! If you haven't yet booked your tickets for the Parish Party, you still have time! You can 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.

Super Welcome Sunday, 3rd October -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 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=T3ZjRy9UL3RiQ0VKUHIxd1JScUdjUT09 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)

Congratulations to Michael Reed and Abbie Marchant who were married at St Peter's on Friday 10th September. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



Joan Oxenham RIP – we have received the news that Joan Oxenham, mother of Andrew Oxenham, sadly passed away on Friday 20th August. Her funeral will be taking place on 15th September. May she rest in peace. Please keep Joan, Andrew, Valerie and all her family in your prayers at this 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: We pray as a Parish community for the forthcoming Alpha course starting later this month. We ask the Lord to allow all those who participate to be transformed by His grace. May God enlighten our hearts and minds, and give us the courage, through His Spirit, to invite others into this journey. Lord, in your mercy, hear us.



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

Catherine Egan RIP

Joan Oxenham RIP



Alpha ecumenical prayer evening – Next Wednesday 15th September at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre. Please join us as we host an evening of prayer with local churches who are also running Alpha this term. Evening includes worship, sharing and prayer followed by refreshments. Even if you are not involved in Alpha this term, come and pray with us! For more information, e-mail alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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 11th and next 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 <u>https://forms.office.com/r/A1p3TR5jKE</u> Or for more information, please email <u>acorn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u>

Musical talents needed – Both St Stephen's and St Gregory's are well provided for with talented musicians, but there is always room for more. We need to build up St Peter's again as some of our organists have retired. We would like to hear from you if you are able to offer your voices and/or your instruments so we can begin to think about how we return to congregational singing. Let us know if you can offer yourself, particularly as cantor. Come and find one of us after Mass.



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 that the meat and dairy industry are one of the top contributors to global greenhouse emissions? A good way to cut down on eating meat and dairy is to try a "Meat free Monday". Simply giving up meat for one day of the week is the equivalent of not driving for two days in terms of your carbon footprint! **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 speaking 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.

Marriage Banns / Notice of Forthcoming Weddings

The following couples plan to marry in and outside of our Parish:

Michael Edwin Timothy Kassapian and Ella Grace Mitchener at St Peter's Church on 3rd December.

Jonathan Charles Jacques Perham and Jessica Elizabeth Keast at St Mary & All Saints Church in Ellingham on 2 October.



Useful Contacts

Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest) (mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk); Fr Anthony Chiatu Njingo (Assistant Priest (cnjingo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk); & Fr Stephen Vooght (svooght@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), Deacon Gerard Dailly (gdailly@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and Deacon Martin McElroy (mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Director of Evangelisation and Leadership: Allegra Mutanda (allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) Finance and Property Manager: Annette Parr (annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) Facilities and Resources Manager: Sean Reidy (sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) Parish Administration Manager: Michaela Waterfield (michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) Sacristan: Laurie Howe **Caretaker: Richard Phiri** Pastoral team: Rosanne Walker (rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), Jo Donaldson (joanna@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) Outreach Ministry Lead: Mike Elks (mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) Volunteer Director of Operations: Dcn Gerard Dailly (gdailly@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 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 <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 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



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.

ALPHA IS

STARTING SOON!

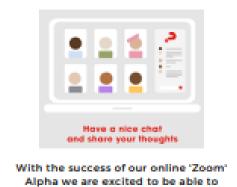
Maybe you've been drifting along in your faith life or aren't really sure what you believe any more...Or maybe you are new to all this "God stuff" and want to be able to ask questions in a safe space. Or maybe you're just feeling on the edge of the parish and want to meet some new people ...

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?







continue offering this 'remote' option for those who can't attend physically. See the Registration Form if this appeals to you!



Mass Timetable	11 th Sept			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – September 11 th	9.00AM	Mass	Thanksgiving	Livestream, public
Our Lady on Saturday	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd
24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)				
	8.00 AM	Mass	Patricia Smith RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd *
SUNDAY – September 12 th	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Antipas Tigley RIP & Lily Tigley RIP	Public, booking reqd
24 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30AM	Mass	Maria & Tomos Wojtas – wedding anniversary	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Soul of Sasha Bondje & her family	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – September 13 th	12.15PM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – September 14 th	10.00AM	Mass	Souls of Bruce & Kathleen Cowling	Livestream & Public
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross				
WEDNESDAY – September 15 th	10.00AM	Mass	Philippa Tatham RIP	Livestream & public
Our Lady of Sorrows				
THURSDAY – September 16 th	10.00AM	Mass	For the Founders	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – September 17 th	12.15PM	Mass		Livestream, & public
SATURDAY – September 18 th	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
Our Lady on Saturday	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)				

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: <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.

There will be no weekday masses at St Gregory's (Tuesday and Friday) this week.

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 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



Dear Parents

Message from St. Peter's School

Welcome to the New School Year

I hope you and your families had a lovely summer holiday - being able to take time out and to refresh and replenish after what was a difficult year for many. Being able to enjoy friends and family again has been good and I know many of you have managed to find breaks locally, if not in the usual farflung places we visit.

The children have come back looking smart in their new school uniform and seem, I hope, ready to learn. They have been keen to share their summer breaks with us and it is good being back together.

We also welcome into the St Peter's school family all our new children and families, especially our Reception children who started this week. The school looks forward to working with you over the next seven years (which will go faster than we all think!)

Just to remind you that our arrangements for drop off and collection were shared at the end of term and went out again last week.

Thank you from everyone at the school for all the generosity shown to the team at the end of term, and most importantly for the kind words in the thank you cards. They mean a lot to us.

I would like to thank Mrs Hinde, our caretaker, for all her hard work over the summer holidays, alongside Sherrill, Shirley and Adam - our wonderful cleaners. The school was looking fresh and ready for the new year on our return. We really value their efforts as we know high expectations of behaviour and learning are helped through the environment given to our children.

While thanking people I would like to share my gratitude to the parents who provided fruit and additional lunch boxes when our kitchen had to close. Such thoughtfulness makes St Peter's the community it is.

As we start the new school year we pray that it is smoother than the past two have been on the pandemic front, that the children can continue to make good progress with their learning and that we can all continue to grow and work together, holding 'Christ at the Centre'.



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

Job vacancy – Cleaner at St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Contract/hours: 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, permanent

Salary range: Grade A

Start date: as soon as possible

Closing date: Midday,17th September 2021

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and hardworking cleaner to join our supportive caretaking team. The successful candidate will report to the Site Manager. We are looking for a hard-working and enthusiastic person who takes pride in their work and has high standards, so that our children can learn in a clean and safe environment. The successful candidate will ensure that designated areas of the school are kept clean and hygienic and also carry out a range of defined cleaning duties in line with agreed procedures and standards. If you are reliable and resilient, hardworking and flexible, then we would welcome hearing from you. For more details, please visit the school website: https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/



MONDAY MOVERS

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Every Monday

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11am - Slower paced dance class with seated option from 4th October 2021

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St Peter's Pastoral Centre Winchester SO23 8RY

To register, please contact Julia Bray Tel: 07964 361598 or Email: julia.f.bray@btinternet.com



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19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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MUSIC - GAMES - RAFFLE* - FAMILY FUN

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