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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

Control Freak III – Cultivating Our Image before Jesus

Fr Mark writes:

This is the third week of a series which we're calling "Confessions of a Control Freak", in which we suggest that we're all control freaks in one way or another, about something.

Today, we are looking at our image, at what others think about us and what we want others to think of us. We'll be looking at the great lengths to which we'll go to achieve and maintain our image. This is a real problem that many of us have.

Yes, there is some need for us to market ourselves and market our businesses. And all of us value the good opinion of others, we want others to think well of us... but we can also get way out of hand with it. If the disparity between our projected image and reality grows too wide it can become a serious source of stress, which in turn negatively impacts our health and leads to isolation. Human opinion is so fleeting. It is also a snare. So how do we let go of worrying about our image?

To help us out we are going to look at a passage from the Gospel of Mark:

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. (Mark 10:46)

Jesus was in Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world. It was also a very wealthy city. Pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem from Galilee and northern Israel would typically stop there. It was a busy place, now joined by a crowd that was already following Jesus. So, this is like Trafalgar Square on New Year's Eve.

Jesus and his crowd are making their way out of town, on their way to Jerusalem and as they pass through the city gates they are greeted by a blind beggar, Bartimaeus. Begging was the only way for him to make a living. He was destitute and completely dependent on the charity of others.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' (Mark 10:47)

Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is passing by. Evidently he knew about Jesus by reputation, so he tries to get his attention. 'Son of David' was a Messianic title. Bartimaeus, blind as he was, sees who Jesus really is. *...many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet. (Mark 10:48)*

As Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, people in the crowd tell him to shut up. We don't know why. Maybe they just found him annoying. Either way, in doing so they make it clear that they don't care about Bartimaeus. They just want him to go away. (That's the attitude a lot of people sadly have towards people who are struggling, especially if that makes us feel uncomfortable).

Now if Bartimaeus had cared what people thought, if he was worried about his image, then he would have kept quiet. And he would have lost out on the greatest opportunity of his lifetime.

...but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' (Mark 10:48)

Persistent prayer can be quite powerful. Jesus stopped and gave the instruction...

Call him here. So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' (Mark 10:49)

The very crowd of people who had been so dismissive of the man, now show interest because Jesus has noticed him. The crowd can be fickle. You can be unpopular one minute and the centre of attention the next.

What does Bartimaeus do?

...throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. (Mark 10:50)

This is significant. He throws aside his cloak, even though it probably contained any coins he would have collected, as a sign in his faith that Jesus could heal him and that his life will now be different.

Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' (Mark 10:51a)

The apostles were probably thinking, "Um, he's blind, what do you think he wants?" Of course, Jesus knows, but he wants the blind man to ask. If you read or heard the message last week, you may remember that this is exactly the question he posed to James and John who seek his favor:

"what do you want?" This is an important spiritual principle. Before Jesus will act on our behalf he often wants us to be specific about what we want him to do for us. Be specific in your prayer.

"Master, let me see again." (Mark 10:51b)

The irony is that even though he is physically blind, he could see spiritually that Jesus was the Master and Messiah when others couldn't. His spiritual sight was 20-20, so...

Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road. (Mark 10:52)

He becomes a disciple, a Christ-follower.

When we are control freaks about our image, we are following the crowd instead of following Jesus. And following the crowd doesn't make any sense. The crowd is fickle. The crowd doesn't care about us. And their influence is transitory. Developing an image just to impress them is ultimately a waste of time.

So, how do we begin to wean ourselves off being control freaks about our image?

Fasting.

Fast from the things that are feeding your desire to control your image.

- Maybe there are web sites you need to stay away from because they just fuel your insecurities about image and clothes
- Maybe there is a crowd at school you need to step back from
- Maybe there is a pub you frequent where the regulars are taking you in the wrong direction
- Maybe you need to fast from Facebook, sideline Snapchat, ignore instagram.

And with all the extra time you'll have on your hands, devote a few more minutes a day to your quiet time in which, like blind Bartimaeus, you'll recognise more clearly the presence of the Lord in your life. When you do:

1. acknowledge his presence
2. rely on prayer
3. persist in prayer/be specific in your requests

And you will, like Bartimaeus, experience his power.

When it comes to cultivating an image, play to an audience of one.

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24th October

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First reading: **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 125. R. v.3**

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Second reading: **Hebrews 5:1-6**

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs – Parish Patronal Feast

Saturday 30th October marks our annual Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs. Among the many English martyrs who died for their Catholic faith, five suffered in Winchester. Roger Dicconson (sometimes spelled Dickenson) was an “undercover priest”, secretly celebrating Mass and the sacraments all over England. Returning to Winchester in 1591, he was arrested while celebrating Mass. He was hung, drawn and quartered alongside Ralph Milner and Laurence (sometimes spelled Lawrence) Humphreys on 7 July 1591. John Slade was arrested in June 1582 and tried in Winchester, and again in Andover in 1583, from where he was taken back to Winchester, where he was hung, drawn and quartered on 2 November 1583. James Bird (sometimes known as Byrd or Beard) was born in 1574 in Winchester, became a Catholic in 1584 and was executed for his faith on 25 March that year.

Fr Mark would love that as many of us as possible, including guests, are able to gather for Mass and participate in our celebrations. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Friday 29th October, 7pm and then we will have a morning Mass on Saturday at 9am. Both Masses will be celebrated in St. Peter's Church and will be followed by a chance to gather in the Pastoral Centre and enjoy some light refreshments (a finger buffet on Friday evening with some alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and some sausage/bacon baps or croissants with tea and coffee on Saturday morning). Please book via our website – www.catholicwinchester.org.uk – or the parish office to give us an idea of numbers for catering.

Accessibility/Social distancing update: Fr. Mark had previously written to say that we would be reviewing the situation at the end of October. At our last SLT meeting we discussed the proposals for removal of many of the restrictions. However, in light of the recent events that have been reported in the Press we have decided that we will continue as we are for the time being. We will review this on a weekly basis and will ensure that you are updated as to the proposed changes as soon it is deemed safe with the advice from the Government and our Diocese.

Hearing Loop System in St Peter's – Please bear with us as we try to resolve an issue with the hearing loop in St Peter's Church. The engineer has tracked down the fault, but it is not yet clear how long it will take to fix as it involves finding a cable break in the floor.



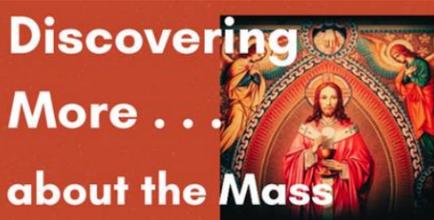
Lottery spending - You may remember some months ago, we confirmed that as a parish we had received a National Lottery Grant based on the Listed Building Status of St Peter's. As we continue to welcome you back to St Peter's, look out for the changes we have been lucky enough to be able to make because of the grant. The grant was effectively split into two parts, one against specifically approved items of expenditure and the second to boost our reserves based upon the falling income to the Parish during Covid.

So, what is new?

One of the key requests was to enhance the experience of visitors into St Peter's and we have recently installed two Screens in the Narthex which are above the Holy Water Stoups (there is also one as you enter the Pastoral Centre), and we are currently working on what we will share with both parishioners and visitors in St Peter's. Key to this will be to welcome everyone into St Peter's. Some of this may be simply key activities in the parish including mass times; events taking place in the week; details about the different Liturgies (Advent; Christmas; Lent and Easter). We invite you to have a look and let us know what you think. We have also installed a defibrillator which is readily accessible and available in the Pastoral Centre in the event that there is a medical emergency in the church or Pastoral Centre.

Outside as you enter St Peter's, you might have noticed that we have installed some new bollards to create a separate pathway for pedestrians and we are currently in the final stages of repairing the parking spaces along the North Wall (Covid and availability of materials have delayed this activity, but hopefully next week we will have tarmac and freshly painted parking lines). We are also working on some new signage for the exterior of the church grounds. Reserves - this is currently being held and will be spent wisely over an extended period of time when the need and situation arises. The primary responsibility for the administration of these funds lies with Fr. Mark and the Finance and Property Committee. Please send any questions or comments to Deacon Gerard.

Readers - The new reading rota for St Peter's Church is now out for current readers (paper copies are available from Michaela in the Parish Office). If you would like to read at mass, please register your interest by contacting readers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



Discovering More About the Mass – In case you missed Session 1 of Discovering More About the Mass, it is now available on the parish website and can be accessed by following this link

<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/formation/discovering-more-about-the-mass-week-1-catch-up/> The title of the session is 'Discovering More About the Mass Session 1: Source and Summit'.

It is still not too late to sign up for the remaining evenings! If you would like to join us, please register on the Zoom link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdOGtpzwpGtGuXdroMkFysxIK6iSbowQQ>



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: For the recently opened Synod and the missionary journey we are asked to commence, let us pray that with the help of the Holy Spirit and with good will and a little patience, we will truly listen to each other and engage fully with the process.



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

Dolores Smyllie RIP

Alison Chrystal RIP

Introducing Our Parish In this corner of the newsletter we'd like to let you know more about what's going on, how the parish runs, and who the people are that you see in church! Let us know if there's anything or anyone you'd particularly like to hear about.



This week:

Masses, Candles and Prayers

Every time we come to Mass, we're invited to "offer" that Mass for some **intention** which is dear to us. The priest also offers each Mass for an intention and it's possible to request that he offers it for something that's important to you, such as for the repose of the soul of a loved one, or in thanksgiving. If you would like the priest to offer a Mass for some intention, you can send an email to office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or phone Michaela in the office 01962 852804. As the Pastoral Centre re-opens, there is sometimes a volunteer on the front desk who can also help. If you would like the priest to offer Mass for your intention on a very specific date, for an anniversary perhaps, it is very important that you contact us in plenty of time, as mass intentions get booked up quickly.



Candles are a much-loved symbolic tradition: you light one in church to represent a prayer for yourself or another, or to mark an event or an anniversary. If you are able to come to church again, you can do it yourself when you want to - but the clergy will still do it for you. This new tradition started when the church was completely closed, and has continued on. We collect the intentions and once a week one of the priests will light the candles, say prayers, and take a photograph, which is then posted on Facebook, with the names of those prayed for. If you would like to ask for a candle, send us a message via Facebook or email or any other way, and we will take care of it. The candles are usually lit on Thursday or Friday. (your intention can, of course, be anonymous if that is what you prefer).

You may have noticed that we've changed the candles used for intentions in St Peter's church - this is for safety and insurance reasons. The new small votives are not as beautiful as the ones we formerly used, but they are safer!

Another of our lockdown initiatives was the **Prayerline**, and again this has become a part of life here in the parish. If you would like prayers for any reason at all, we have a dedicated team of 20 parishioners who will offer them for you. You send us a message - with as much or as little detail as you would like to give - and the prayers begin for you. You can email prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or again send us a message in any of the usual ways.

Upcoming Parish Events/Dates for the Diary

Additional information on the events below will be included in forthcoming editions of Peterpost.

- Holy Hour for COP26 in St Peter's Church – Sunday 31st October, 4-5pm
- All Saints Day - Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st October (transferred from Mon 1st November)
- All Souls Day - Tuesday 2nd November
- Bamenda Sunday – Sunday 7th November
- The next 'Big Welcome Sunday' after 10.30am Family Mass – Sunday 7th November
- Youth and Young Adults Music Group – 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 7th November
- Annual Mass of Remembrance at 7pm on Friday 12th November
- Young Adults' Prayer and Adoration - Saturday 13th November, 8-9pm
- Blessing of the Graves at Alresford and St James' Cemetery - Sunday 14th November at 3pm
- Mayor of Winchester joining us for a Civic Mass at 10.30am in St Peter's – Sunday 21st November
- Madgalen Hill Cemetery Service - Sunday 21st November at 3.30pm



Useful Contacts

Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest) (mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) ;

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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 – Baptism and First Holy Communion: Rosanne Walker (baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), (FHC@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Pastoral team – Youth Ministry: Jo Donaldson (youthstuff@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

Mass Timetable	23 rd October – 30 th October 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – October 23rd	9.00AM	Mass	Norah O'Connor RIP	Livestream
30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	John Lindsey RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – October 24th 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Margaret Guppy 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	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
	10.30AM	Mass	Marie Therese Nicholas RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Rachel Birkbeck - health	Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Lolita Castillo RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – October 25th	12.15PM	Mass	Angela Maria Iarossi RIP	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – October 26th	10.00AM	Mass	Margaret Gardiner - health	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
WEDNESDAY – October 27th	10.00AM	Mass	Margaret Gardiner - health	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – October 28th St Simon & St Jude, Apostles - Feast	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Sunniva Cowling-Kelly	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – October 29th Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs - VIGIL	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Mariantonia & Alfredo Scappaticci RIP	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
SATURDAY – October 30th Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs	9.00AM	Mass	Soul of Agnes Mary Robinson	Livestream. Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Maria & Joao – 55 th Wedding Anniversary	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.

Adoration every Monday and Friday from 11am-12noon at St Peter's Church.

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

Night Prayer (livestream and open to public) Sunday to Thursday from St Peter's, 9.00pm.

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am at St Peter' 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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

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.

Symposium on Politics and Religion – Saturday 6th November 2021 The last Symposium on science and religion held in 2018 in Winchester was a great success. The next one – on Politics and Religion – is timed to coincide with COP26 and will be held online on Saturday 6th November 2021. The keynote speakers are the Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP and Ruth Kelly MP, former Education Secretary. Workshops will be run on a range of topics by Lord David Alton, Rt. Hon. Mark Hoban, Dr. Elizabeth Slinn, Dr. Mary Sutton, George O'Neill from the Cardinal Hume Centre and Dr. David Goodill OP, from Blackfriars, Oxford. David Wells, the popular inspirational speaker, will be front of house as presenter and guide. More information can be found on the website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/symposium> Tickets can be booked directly on <https://prcdtr-symposium.eventbrite.co.uk>





Dear Parents
Message from St. Peter's School

Catholic Social Teaching

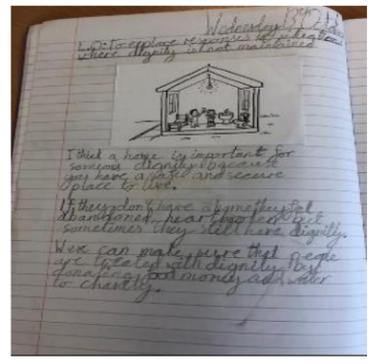
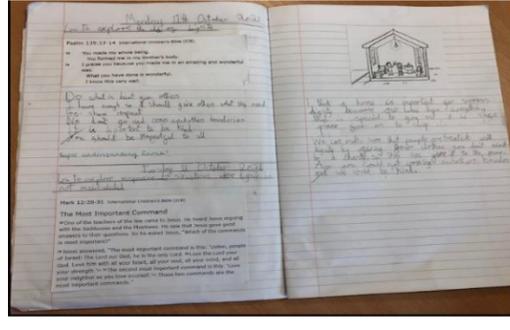
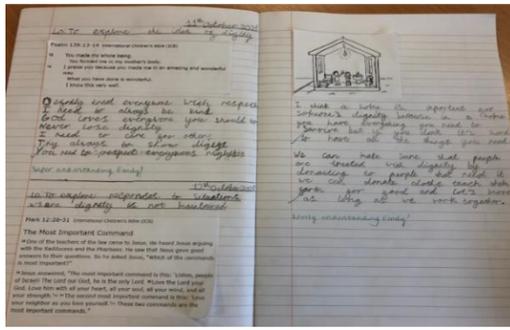
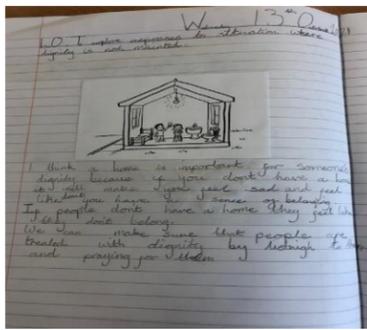
Catholic Social Teaching is a collection of teachings developed by the Catholic Church on poverty and wealth, economics, social organisation and the role of the state. Each week, each year group will be taking one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching - themes that sit at the core of St Peter's; Dignity, Solidarity, The common good, The option for the poor, Peace, Care for creation and The dignity of work and participation. Each week a year group will share some of their knowledge on each of these themes. This week we begin with year 4 who were looking at the theme of 'dignity'.

Emily said, 'We were learning about how we need to treat everyone with respect and kindness and think about how we would like to be treated. We have to respect other people's rights such as having respect and water.'

Zarah commented, 'If someone wants to be left alone we should respect that. We should also give our old clothes we no longer want to charity so that other people can have clothes.'

'I want to say that a home is important for someone's dignity as everyone needs a safe and secure place to live. Inclusivity is very important,' explained Lemuel.

Sophie suggested, 'We can help give dignity by respecting other people's differences.'



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 Vacancies at St Peter's School

Teaching Support Assistant

Contract/hours: 30 hours per week, term time only, fixed term to July 2022

Salary range: Grade B/c (pro rata)

Start date: ASAP

Closing date: 5th November 2021 (midday)

Interview date: 10th November 2021

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to work in our happy caring school. Previous experience in a similar role is preferable. This could be a good opportunity for someone considering undertaking teacher training to gain valuable experience. We are looking to appoint a flexible, enthusiastic person to join our friendly team of hard-working staff. The successful candidate will be part of a supportive and dedicated team. Part time job share may be the right candidate. For more details, please visit the school website:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

First Holy Communion Programme 2022: Enrolment on this year's programme is now open for children in Year 4

(or above). Please email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for more information and registration forms.

Deadline for registering your child(ren) is October half term.



Passing on love for the Eucharist to our Children

In this Year of the Eucharist our diocesan Formation for Mission Team is offering an opportunity to share advice and ideas on how to foster love for the Eucharist in our families. We are offering 4 online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children, led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood, with practical advice, discussions, testimonies and prayer, finishing each session with a Adoration.

The sessions will run on Mondays, from the 22nd November to the 13th December at 7.00pm.

The sessions will be:

1. Why the Eucharist is Important and how to pass on love of the Eucharist
2. Going to Mass as a Family
3. Making the Home a Place of Communion
4. Taking and Making Opportunities to foster love for the Eucharist

Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

