PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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14th November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Deacon Martin writes:

Do you enjoy watching movie trailers? Or do you feel they are spoilers, giving away too much of the story?

Today's gospel is a sort of trailer: Jesus describes what will happen at the end. His language ("in those days") and dramatic images are like a modern-day trailer. But Jesus's audience at the time would recognise the images as coming from the Old Testament prophets, associated with "the Day of the Lord", when God would deliver His people. (Look at the "Optional Homework" below for some of the OT references.)

Jesus was using these prophetic images with one big difference: in the Old Testament they pointed to messengers of God (e.g. Michael in our first reading), who came in advance of God (the Father)'s decisive action. In the gospel, these actions now belong to Jesus: coming with clouds, sending angels, gathering the elect were all actions of God. And Jesus ends with another Old Testament image: even if heaven and earth pass away, His words will never pass away. Jesus is saying: whatever happens – and some scary things will happen – trust in Him; He is the fulfilment of those prophetic promises.

We might view Jesus's images as prediction – but it's really about reassurance. There are 3 other reassuring sayings in this passage alone, and 9 in total in this chapter of Mark's gospel (see the Optional Homework).

So, Jesus is giving us a huge Spoiler Alert. We know how the story will end: with us being gathered to him. Because He is not only the Hero of the Story; He is also its Director.

That same "Big Story" is "trailed" in our other scripture readings:

- The first reading is a "flashback": in the time before Jesus, God had already promised to deliver His people. Notice how the prophet mentions 3 phrases about time: "at that time", "there will be a time", "when that time comes". Jesus is echoing these prophetic phrases in His own speech in the gospel.
 - And where Daniel gives us an image of Michael arising in a time of anguish, to herald that deliverance, in the gospel, the "prince and protector" is even better than Michael: it is Jesus Himself.
- In the Psalm, God is our protector and refuge. If we choose God as our share, with Him at our right hand, we can stand firm. Even our body will rest in safety, for He will give us happiness for ever, at His right hand.
- In the second reading, these Old Testament promises about God have a new significance: as the Story has progressed, its meaning has become clearer. It is Jesus Himself who has delivered those promises. Jesus is the priest who has made a single perfect Sacrifice, for the forgiveness of all sins.
 - Did you notice the phrase "right hand"? It is now Jesus who delivers the Psalm's promise at **His** right hand is happiness for ever, or Hebrews 10:14 puts it, "eternal perfection". Though we are still waiting for the end to come, we can trust in Jesus and His victory.

What does this mean for you and me?

Of course, our life is not a movie. Still, our lives **ARE** part of a bigger Story – and we're living in the middle of that Story. Moreover, we know how that Story ends. We're not the Hero, nor the Director, but we have our role to play – we're not just extras in this Big Story.

The gospel shows us our choices about what role we play:

- 1. We can ignore the signs (such as the fig tree), and carry on oblivious to what must happen. But the end will still come, whether we're ready or not.
- 2. Or we can try to take control ourselves. But we haven't written the script of The Big Story. If we've followed Fr Mark's "Control Freak" series over the last few weeks, we know we can't take control.

Perhaps Jesus's disciples were trying to take control, when they asked, in the section before today's Gospel: when will these events happen (Mk 13:4)? Presumably they thought that if only they knew when, they could do something to prepare. Not that they could do anything to change what would happen - for they are no more in control of the Big Story than we are.

3. Or, we can do what Jesus advises, just after today's gospel ends (Mk 13:33-37): He tells us not to be distracted by the apocalyptic scenes, nor try to guess when the end is coming. Instead, we must keep alert, and do our job; having confidence that whatever happens, Jesus is in control – and we can rely on Him.

We'll hear more about this advice, in the gospel in 2 weeks' time (that's another Spoiler Alert ©).

Now, it's not easy being in the middle of the Story. Because we still have to experience the ups and downs, our scenes part way through the Story, not knowing how long they will last. And I don't underestimate any of those trials and worries – because I am experiencing them myself. But Jesus makes it clear that fear, confusion and suffering are all part of the Story; nevertheless, the end remains the same.



Being in the middle, we have the privilege of being able to look backwards and forwards:

- backwards, to what God has already done as we're reminded in today's Scriptures and in the sacrifice of the Mass, that recalls Jesus's one perfect sacrifice;
- forwards, being certain of what Jesus will do, in the end. Because we've seen the Trailer, we've had the Spoiler alert, so we know how the Story ends. The end of the Story our Story is in the triumph of Jesus and in Him gathering us to Himself.

So, let's place ourselves in the hands of Jesus: the Hero, the Director, the Author of the Story. Because just maybe, if we play our role well, we might even get an award for Best Supporting Actor ...

"Optional homework" ©

Click on any of the links below to see some of the OT references that Jesus's audience may have recognised:

- In those days: <u>Jer 3:16, 18</u>; <u>Joel 2:29</u>; <u>Dan 12:1</u>
- Sun, moon and stars: <u>Isa 13:10</u>; <u>Jer 4:23</u>; <u>Ezek 32:7</u>; <u>Joel 2:10</u>, <u>31</u>; <u>Amos 8:9</u>
- Son of Man: Dan 7:13
- Coming in clouds (Ex 13:21, 19:9; 34:5; 1 Kings 8:10; Ps 68:4; Isa 19:1; Jer 4:13); sending out angels (Num 20:16); gathering the elect (Deut 30:3-4; Ps 50:4-5; Isa 65:9)
- Heaven and earth passing away: <u>Isa 51:6</u>; <u>Ps 102:25-27</u>

And Jesus's 9 sayings of reassurance in Mark chapter 13:

- The 4 in today's gospel
 - 13:26-27 The Son of Man will come, and send angels to gather his elect
 - o 13:28-29 The "lesson" of the fig tree is that "it is near"
 - 13:30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
 - 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away
- In the earlier part of the chapter: <u>13:7</u>; <u>13:11</u>; <u>13:13</u>; <u>13:20</u>; <u>13:23</u>

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th November

Entrance Antiphon:

Second reading:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5, 8-11. R. v.1

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Mass of Remembrance — The annual Mass of Remembrance will be held in St Peter's Church this Friday, 12th November at 7pm. This special mass allows those that have lost loved ones, especially but not exclusively over the last 2 years, a time to pray, remember and receive some comfort from the prayers offered for themselves and those they have lost. Refreshments will be available after the mass. All are welcome.

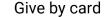
Remembrance Sunday – 14th November We take time today to remember and pray for all those who have died in war, aware that to pray for the living and the dead is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Lest We Forget

Blessing of graves – Fr Mark and Fr Anthony will lead prayers for the dead and the blessing of graves on **Sunday 14th November** at 3pm in St. James's Cemetery and 3pm in St. John's Churchyard (Alresford). A service will also take place in Magdalen Hill Cemetery on **Sunday 21st November** at 3.30pm. All are welcome.

Civic Mass – 21st November The Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Vivian Achwal, will be joining us for a Civic Mass at 10.30am in St Peter's Church and in the Pastoral Centre afterwards for refreshments and a warm welcome to our parish.

Give by card has arrived at St Peter's! Whether it's a slice of sponge cake at your local coffee shop or a handful of spare change for the high street Christmas collection, charities great and small are changing to keep up with the way we like to donate. While nothing quite beats the sound of loose coins falling into a collection box, the reality is that as we move towards a cashless society, 'cash-only' collections are leaving us by the wayside. So, 'to get with the times', our two contactless terminals are now in place, one by the South door (left hand side as you leave church) and the West door (the main door in or out of church). If you are able to donate this way, it is literally a case of 'just tapping and going'. As always, thank you for your time and for your generosity.





Choose how much you want to give
 Tap your card to donate
 Complete a Gift Aid declaration



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Pies & Puds (formerly Pie Club) got off to a flying start in October, with many old friends and new faces, and the next lunch event will be on Wednesday 17th November. The venue is St Peter's Pastoral Centre in Jewry St Winchester, from 12.45 onwards. There will be a two-course home-cooked meal – a choice of pies, and a vegetarian & gluten free option, followed by proper pudding with custard. Lunch is followed by a talk. We hope you can join us! All are welcome, no need to book. Any questions, email Moira on moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



The CWL are back! We will be meeting on Thursday 18th November and Thursday 16th December in the Pastoral Centre hall after the 10.00am Mass at St Peter's; do come to Mass first if you can. All ladies welcome!

And also returning – **CWL Soup and pud lunch for charity** on Friday 10th December in the Pastoral Centre, 12-1.30pm. £5. All proceeds to the Salvation Army and the Medaille Trust.

An invitation to read together Hopkins's "The Wreck of the Deutschland" - Tuesday 7th December, 18:00

Every year, on 7th December, since I first came across the poem as an 18 year old, I have read (aloud) Gerard Manley Hopkins's wonderful poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland" with family and friends. (As you may know, the events in the poem take place on December 7th, the eve of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.) So, I'll be reading the poem again this year, and you're welcome to join me - at 6pm on Tuesday 7th December. We will be gathering together via Zoom, because this makes it easier for more people to take part, including anyone who's still isolating. You can even extend the invitation to friends and family outside Winchester. The reading should only take around 15 minutes, but we can spend as long as you want talking about the poem!I'd be delighted if anyone wants to share the reading of the poem - it would be good to have at least 2 or 3 voices. If you'd like to join me, please let me know, via email (mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), so that I can give you the details of the Zoom meeting, and also to help you access a copy of the poem. Deacon Martin



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 focus on our prayers this month for our loved ones who have died, let us pray for all those who mourn, that they may find comfort and peace at this difficult time.



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

Harry Stockley RIP
Margaret Batstone 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.

Welcoming is one of the things we are trying to focus on in the parishit's so important on many levels! If you have made it to one of our Super Welcome Sundays, we hope you enjoyed the atmosphere. The next one will be Sunday 5th December. We have a team of people helping with this - they greet people at the door, help steward them to seats in church and then provide refreshments and conversation after mass in the Pastoral Centre. If you feel this ministry is something you might like to get involved with, please contact the office to find out how to join in. office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
And here's one of our welcoming smiling faces....

Getting to know you...

Name: Anna Smyllie Favourite Saint: St Rita

Favourite hymn or worship song: Sweet Sacrament Divine (at the moment!)

How long have you been connected with the Parish: Moved to Winchester for uni. been here 5 years

Which ministries are you involved in? Welcome, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If we wanted to talk to you about your ministyry, which mass would we

usually find you at? It varies, but 10.30 or 5.30 on Sundays are a good bet An unusual/little known fact about yourself? I knit very terrible hats and scarves - if I offer you one, I suggest you say no!



Upcoming Parish Events/Dates for the Diary

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

- NB Mass at Winchester Cathedral Saturday 11th December at 10am
- Young Adults Music Group 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 5th December
- Night of Lights at St Peter's Church Friday 17th December
- Eucharistic Adoration for families Saturday 18th December, 2-3pm
- Parish Reconciliation Service at St Peter's Church Monday 20th December at 7pm
- Blue Christmas at St Peter's Church Tuesday 21st December at 11am

Dates for key Advent and Christmas services will be included in Peterpost next weekend.

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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: 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 <u>admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk</u>

 $\textbf{St. Thomas More's Stockbridge}: please email \underline{stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk}$

Laudato si Corner

Our vision: 'To Bring People Closer to Jesus Through Care of our Common Home'

Sustainable Christmas ideas

This week's top tip: Do you need to buy Christmas cards? If you decide



not to, explain why. Home made cards are a great idea - people like the thought and effort that go into them. You can use up leftover resources, cards, calendars, photos etc. A much better idea is to send a Happy Christmas email. If you receive cards, don't forget to recycle them.

Winchester Zero Waste Shop

Several weeks ago we mentioned a shop in Parchment Street in Winchester called Earthian.

If you are trying to cut down on food waste, including all those plastic food bags, then try this shop and take your own container.

During November, you get 10%off by quoting the code 'Laudato 10 si'



Mass Timetable	13 th Nov	ember – 20 th November		
Date	Mass Tin	nes & Intentions	Livestream/Public	
SATURDAY – November 13 th	9.00AM	Mass	Gerald Edwards RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
Our Lady on Saturday Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Deceased members of the Kearney & Coote families	Livestream, public, booking reqd
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil SUNDAY - November 14 th	8.00 AM	Mass	Soul of Julia Cave	Livestream, public, booking reqd
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Soul of Julia Cave	Public, booking reqd *
TIME	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
TIVIL	10.30AM	Mass	Jack Gilroy RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Peter Whiteman RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – November 15 th	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – November 16 th	10.00AM	Mass	For the Benefactors	Livestream & public
St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop, Joint- Principal Patron of the Diocese	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
WEDNESDAY – November 17 th	10.00AM	Mass	Martin Clark RIP	Livestream & public
St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church				
THURSDAY – November 18th	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Catholic Women's League	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – November 19th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
THEAT HOVEINGE 13th	12.15PM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
SATURDAY – November 20 th	9.00AM	Mass	Philomene Salmon RIP	Livestream. Public, booking reqd
Our Lady on Saturday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Deceased members of the Burell & O'Donoghue families	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 <u>YouTube channel</u> 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.









Dear Parents

Message from St. Peter's School

Catholic Social Teaching

Year 3 have been considering the Catholic Social Teaching theme of subsidiarity and participation (decision making). The Church believes strongly that governments and civil society must respect the principle of subsidiarity. This means a central authority should perform only tasks that cannot be carried out at a more local level. In other words, local groups should be given the power to carry out their own duties to work towards the common good. As Pope Benedict wrote, giving people responsibility "fosters freedom and participation".

Year 4 thought about how local people support those around them, along with how those who need help can turn towards those in authority. The children also thought about how people can let governments know how they feel - thinking about COP26.

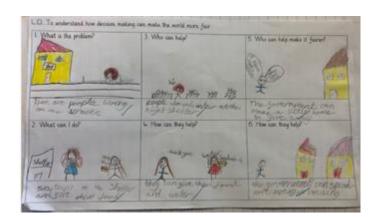
Bayley says, 'Some people live on streets because they don't have houses or money. People volunteer at the Night Shelter and make them feel comfortable and will listen to their story.'

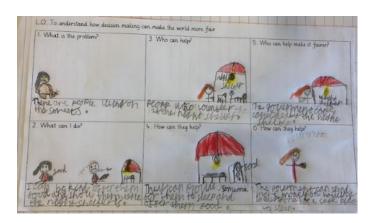
Sierra thought, 'People who sign up for helping at the Night Shelter do so as they think it's unfair that people have to sleep on the street.'
'In class we can tell a teacher there is a broken light and the teacher tells the headteacher and the electrician comes and mends it and so we are back to normal,' reflects Noor.

Harrison said the RE was 'to understand how decision making can make the world more fair was an interesting thing to learn. Governments have to do this and must remember to be fair and listen to people.'

"Subsidiarity respects personal dignity by recognising in the person a subject who is always capable of giving something to others."

Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate (In Charity and Truth), #57, 20







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: 20.5 hours per week, term time only, permanent

Salary range: Grade B/C pro rata Start date: January 2022

Closing date: 18th November 2021 (midday) Interview date: 24th 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. For more details, please visit the school website: https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/

Breakfast Club Assistant

Hours of work/type of contract: 7.20-8.50am, term time only. Casual work arrangement, paid on a sessional basis

Pay: £25 per session Start date: ASAP

Closing date: Monday 15th November Interview date: w/c 15th November

For more details, please visit the school website: http://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies

After School Club Assistant

Hours of work/type of contract: 3.30-6.00pm, term time only. Casual work arrangement, paid on a sessional basis

Pay: £38.84 per session Start date: ASAP

Closing date: Monday 15th November Interview date: w/c 15th November

For more details, please visit the school website: http://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies