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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Control Freak V – Open Hands

Fr Mark writes:

This is the fifth and final week of a series we've been calling "Confessions of a Control Freak". We're all control freaks in one way or another, about something. Today we are looking at control when it comes to a huge and hugely important area of our lives: possessions and money. Most, if not all, of us can become control freaks about possessions and money.

Money is very powerful. Money gives us a power to act and get things done. If you have it, you can seemingly do almost anything you want to do. You can live where you want to live and you can go where you want to go. And money can give you control over some of the things we have talked about the last few weeks: to control some people; to portray a more positive public image; to arrange your life more or less exactly as you want it. We like to control money because it seems to bring control of everything else. When you don't have it, there can be a loss of control. Are you in a period, or can you remember a time, when you didn't have enough money? Maybe you were over your limit on your credit card or had fallen behind on your bills, spent way more than you'd planned, and it felt terrible. It felt out of control.

Money is powerful and so our desire to control money is powerful as well. And for some people that comes in the way of saving and saving and saving. For others it comes in the way of spending and spending and spending. Spending is about using the power of money in the present. Saving is about using money's power in the future. Either way money brings power. But the issue isn't spending or saving. Both are necessary and are going to be held in balance if you have a balanced life. The issue is actually how we're holding money - with a clenched fist or an open hand.

God isn't against money. Most of the heroes of the Old Testament were rich men and some of Jesus's closest friends were wealthy people. God isn't against money, he just has very specific ideas about our attitude toward it. Throughout the Bible, God encourages us to hold our money with an open hand. In return, he promises to get involved in our finances. We see this clearly in a story found in the First Book of Kings. Elijah the prophet needs to go into hiding from King Ahab and he's told by God to go to a widow in Sidon for some help.

And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' (1 Kings 17:10)

The fact that she is picking up sticks is a sign of her poverty. She is forced to forage for basic necessities. Not a good start. Elijah asks her to get him a drink of water. Apparently she agrees, but before she can fulfill the first request, he makes another, just to see if this is the woman the Lord had promised would provide for him.

'Please bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' (1 Kings 17:11-12)

To my mind, this is one of the saddest lines in the whole of the Bible.

But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid...' (1 Kings 17:13)

Our own fears probably, hopefully, never reach that extreme scenario but most of us worry about money.

- ❖ You may fear you won't have enough money to pay your bills or to handle an unexpected emergency.
- ❖ You may fear you won't be able to maintain your standard of living if the economy dips or you lose your job.
- ❖ You may fear you won't have enough money to retire in the style you had hoped or that your money will run out before you do.

Because of the fact that money brings so much power and control, we fear losing it or not having enough of it. And so we can easily hold it with clenched fists.

Look what happens in the story:

'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' (1 Kings 17:13-14)

The antidote to fear and worry about money is giving. That's completely counter intuitive to our human nature. When I don't have enough, when I am dealing with less, my instinct is to become less generous, more selfish. But God's ways are not our ways. And so Elijah, speaking as God's prophet, tells this poor woman to give not from her abundance but from her scarcity, with the promise that she will be blessed in her giving. But, the gift comes before the blessing, because that's giving in faith.

The story concludes:

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kings 17:15)

So although her situation seemed hopeless, God provided for her. God provided for her but only after she let go of control and gave as he asked her to give. God provides when she opens up her hand. It is interesting that this woman is not even mentioned by name. Often in Scripture when someone is not named the text is subtly suggesting that this person stands for all of us. Whatever we've got, a little or a lot, we're called to hold it with open hands.

God wants you to give because giving helps you to release the worries and fears you have about money. Giving allows you to move from worry about money to trust in your heavenly Father, which in turn builds faith. Giving to God, by giving as an act of worship or giving to the poor, transfers our trust in money to trust in God. When we are faithful with money, God will be faithful to us.

Welcome..... If this is your first time reading the newsletter, then you are particularly welcome. Please get in touch - we'd love to tell you about everything that's going on here, and invite you to join us. Just to start you off, elsewhere in the newsletter you will find our services and other activities. Look at our website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>, or our [Facebook page](#) or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R.V.2

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Second Collection: Bamenda Sunday This weekend we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for Bamenda and for the six priests we have on loan here from the Archdiocese (including our own Fr Anthony). Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support. Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference! Donations can also be made securely online: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>
If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page: £6 per month would help an orphaned or vulnerable child attend primary school (paper copies will also be available in all churches). Thank you!



Please read the Bamenda Newsletter for an update on the situation and some examples of this year's project applications (copies of the newsletter will be emailed along with this edition of Peterpost and can be accessed via the parish website, with paper copies also available in each of the churches).

Pastoral Letter this weekend: A pastoral letter on creation from Bishop Philip will be read at all masses this weekend. Copies will be emailed over the weekend to those on the newsletter list and paper copies will be made available

Super Welcome Sunday - 7th November Our new 'Super Welcome Sunday' at St Peter's got off to a great start in October - come and join us this weekend at the 10.30am Mass and afterwards in the Pastoral Centre for refreshments and plenty of good company!



We welcome Bishop Philip and guests from across the diocese to our 12.15pm Mass on Friday 12th November.

Gluten free hosts – please note that we are now using a new and improved supplier of gluten free hosts so there may be a slight change in taste and texture when compared with the previous ones.

Children's Liturgy at St Stephen's 9:15am Mass - We are very pleased to be able to welcome children back to Children's Liturgy at St Stephen's from this Sunday (7th November). The hall will be ventilated, children will be asked to sanitise their hands as they enter and adults will need to wear masks. To begin with, we will be running one group only for pre-schoolers and primary school aged children. St Peter's Children's Liturgy group are hoping to start back on Sunday 21st November during the 10.30am Mass.

First Holy Communion enrolment – the final deadline for applications has been extended to Monday 8th November. Please email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for more information and registration forms.



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.

Give by card



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



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Winchester Catholic History Society - The next talk will be held on Wednesday 10 November at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Dr Nicola Tallis will be speaking on her latest book, *Uncrowned Queen: The Fateful Life of Margaret Beaufort, Tudor Matriarch*. The 2022 Calendar of some of the beautiful water colours by George Shepherd of Hampshire in the early 19th Century will be on sale at the Meeting in aid of the Winchester Catholic History Society.

Mass of Remembrance – The annual Mass of Remembrance will be held in St Peter's Church on 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.



PRAYER CORNER: Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "*if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour*" (Ps 127:1) **Fr. Mark**

This Week's Intention: Let us pray for all those attending the Alpha Spirit Day next Saturday, that they will be enlightened and their hearts opened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



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

Hugh Martin 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, **our newsletter**... and what more than 600 of our parishioners have in common....

Old Style to New Style Once lockdown started, and the church was closed, **Peterpost** became largely an online phenomenon, and a really important method of communication when we couldn't see each other face-to-face. The upside of going online was that we could try to make it more visually appealing and have colour photos and pictures every week - something that would be prohibitively expensive to print out in large numbers. And for big feasts we could have something really striking, as in the illustration here.



The newsletter is always available on the website www.catholicwinchester.org.uk, and we send it out each Friday to our mailing list, with a cover message highlighting important items, and featuring inspiring pictures. If you are not already on our list, please do sign up: It's the easiest way to stay up to date with the parish and find out what's going on. The number of people receiving it has gone up from around 100 to more than 600 in the past 18 months...

But those who can't go online are never forgotten: we also create each week the 'printable version' which has the colour taken out to make it easier to produce at home. Kind parishioners print this out and deliver to neighbours: if you either would like to receive the printable, or would be able to print out and deliver it for others, please let us know.

If you have an item for the newsletter you should send it in by the end of Wednesday in the week you would like it to appear.

And if you have any ideas, feedback or suggestions for improvements, please let us know.

For everything here, you can email us on newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or if you would rather phone then the office is on 01962 852804 and you can talk to Michaela.

Upcoming Parish Events/Dates for the Diary

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

- Remembrance Sunday, marking the Armistice and the end of World War One – Sunday 14th November. We take time on this day 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.
- There will be prayers for the dead and blessing of graves on the following dates - Sunday 14th November at 3pm in St. James's Cemetery, 3pm in St. John's Churchyard (Alresford) and Magdalen Hill Cemetery on Sunday 21st at 3.30pm.
- Mayor of Winchester joining us for a Civic Mass at 10.30am in St Peter's – Sunday 21st November
- Mass at Winchester Cathedral – Saturday 11th December at 10am



Useful Contacts

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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	6 th November – 13 th November 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – November 6th Our Lady on Saturday Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Peter and Kathleen Cook RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – November 7th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Agnes Fitzpatrick 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	Health of Bridie Grennan	Public, booking reqd
	10.30AM	Mass	Deceased members of the Catenian Association	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Fr Wilson Kottam RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – November 8th	12.15PM	Mass	Catherine Doyle RIP	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – November 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Mary, Lady Mannock	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
WEDNESDAY – November 10th St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Smyllie Family	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – November 11th	10.00AM	Mass	For the Dead & Founders	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – November 12th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Thanksgiving	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass of Remembrance	Deceased family & friends	Livestream & public
SATURDAY – November 13th Our Lady on Saturday Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Gerald Edwards RIP	Livestream. Public, booking reqd
	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.

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](#)

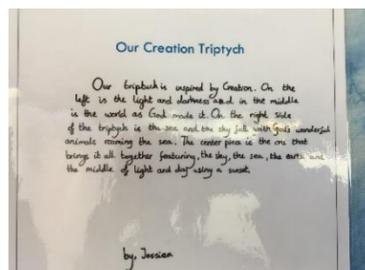
ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER, NIGHT PRAYER & ADORATION) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED

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.

Laudato si Corner

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

A Triptych about Laudato si' - We would like to share with you this beautiful piece of artwork by one of the pupils at St Peter's School and their explanation of how they have depicted each aspect of the Creation story in their work.



The Bishops of England and Wales, following the Pope's lead, are encouraging us to change our lifestyles to protect the planet. So here is this week's top tip for one idea on such a change.

This week's top tip: Ideas for a greener Christmas - Wrapping paper

In Britain every year we throw away 226,800 miles of wrapping paper.

There is no need to throw it away; it can be used many times if you unwrap carefully and use string or ribbon to secure. How about buying paper made from recycled paper or using attractive reusable cloth tied with ribbon which can also be used again?





Dear Parents

Message from St. Peter's School

Catholic Social Teaching

Year 6 have been considering the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Solidarity. We are all responsible for each other. It is a simple calculation: the world becomes a better place to live if we build a community where everyone can reach their full potential, through respect for each other's dignity, rights and responsibilities. As St John Paul II wrote, "We are all one family in the world."

The children discussed the difference between generosity to others, eg giving to charity and fighting for justice for people – which can have a longer term impact. The good of each human person is intimately related to the good of the whole community. When one is hurt, all are in pain. Our communities must allow everyone to participate in society and share in the goods of creation. This means all of society working together and leaving no-one behind, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

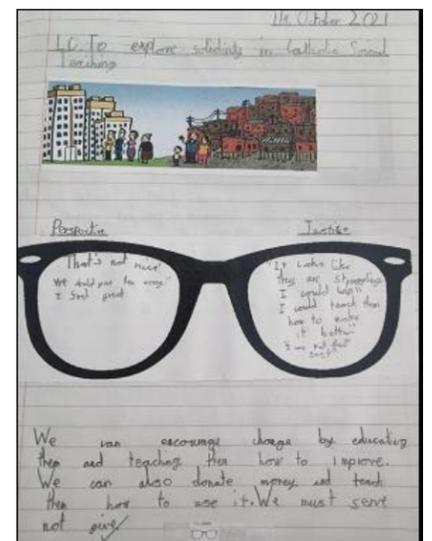
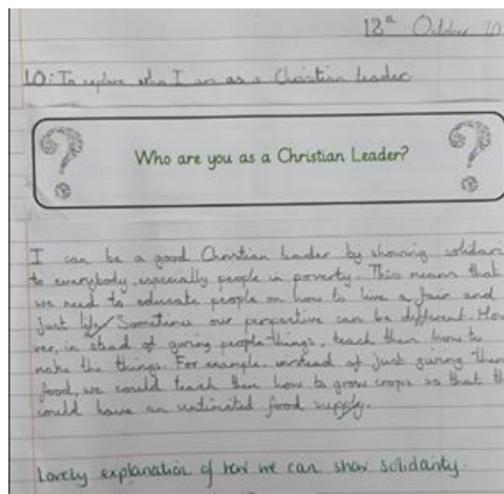
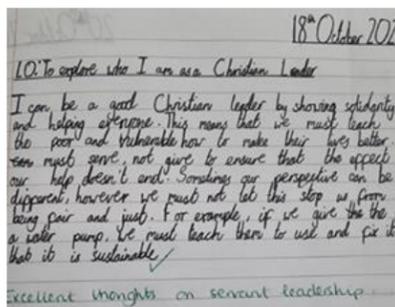
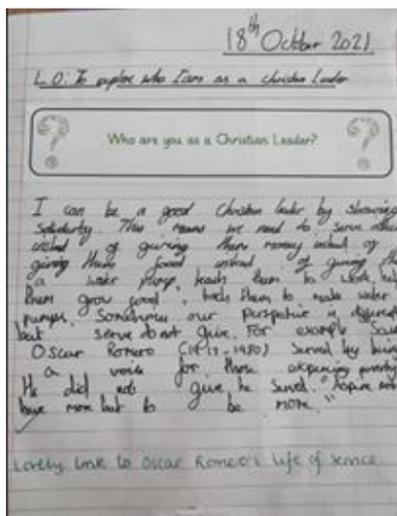
Aks said, 'Sometimes people think you can help poorer people by just giving them things but this can only solve it for a small amount of time.'

Kris continued, 'To solve the bigger problem we can teach people how to make money through trade and have the knowledge of how they can make money into the future.'

'Solidarity isn't just about giving - it's about teaching others to fix things themselves - this means giving our time to others,' Jess added.

"...a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."

St John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (The Social Concern of the Church), 1987, #38



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 at St Peter's School

Pre-school Assistant (maternity cover)

Contract/hours: 14 hours per week, 8.30 to 16.00 Tuesdays and Fridays, term time only, maternity cover

Salary range: Grade A point 3 (pro-rata)

Start date: ASAP

Anticipated finish date: Friday 18th February 2022

Closing date: 8th November 2021 (midday)

Interview date: week commencing 8th November 2021

We are seeking to appoint a caring Pre-School Assistant to work in our Little Fishes Pre-School. Previous experience is preferable. 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/>