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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER— Year C

Easter Sunday (Ground-Breaking)

Fr Mark writes:

Every now and again we experience a ground-breaking event, something that's never been done or seen or perhaps has never even been thought of before. It's new, it's innovative, it's pioneering. Usually, it surprises. Often, it shocks. Occasionally, it dazzles and amazes. Maybe it even amuses too. It might be something that changes history or shapes culture. It might be something that redefines the way people live and act and work or relate to one another. From Julius Caesar's expansion of the Roman Empire to the Norman Conquest, from the Protestant reformation to a man on the Moon, each of them ground-breaking. Gutenberg's printing press, Thomas Edison's light bulb, Graham Alexander Bell's telephone, the Wright brothers' plane, Alan Turing's digital computer, Steve Jobs' iPhone, all simply ground-breaking.

Easter celebrates the most ground-breaking event in history, its impact still being felt today. Billions of people all around the world this Easter will gather to celebrate a Jewish carpenter from an obscure village who lived 2,000 years ago. Jesus of Nazareth never wrote a book. He never held political office. He never starred in a film. He never invented anything. He didn't own anything. He never made any money and yet all these people will be celebrating his life. How is that even possible? How do we even know the name Jesus of Nazareth? Surely, he should have receded into the obscurity from which he briefly emerged.

On the Sunday morning, not long after Jesus's brutal torture and death on Good Friday, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. Mary turns to Jesus' closest friends, Simon Peter and John, the beloved disciple, and tells them what she saw and what she thinks: somebody had stolen the body. Given the controversy surrounding Jesus' life and death, one final indignity at the hands of his enemies was not at all unlikely. So the story continues. Peter and John ran to the tomb, with John running faster than Peter and arriving first. He bent down and saw the burial cloth there, but he did not go in.



When Peter arrived, he went in and saw the burial cloth there and the cloth that covered Jesus' head, rolled up and placed separately. John describes the scene in this tomb and he goes into some detail because the picture didn't make any sense. It was a puzzle. The cloths were there but the body was gone. Something was not quite right. If someone had moved the body, the cloths wrapping the body would have gone as well. But there they were and neatly arranged, deliberately placed and folded. A grave robber would hardly have taken time to unwrap the body, much less neatly and deliberately arrange the cloths. The scene just didn't make any sense.

And then we learn that John went in, that John saw, and that John believed. He sees the same scene that Mary Magdalene and Peter saw, but John comes to a conclusion about this confusing scene and he does so very quickly. He concludes that Jesus must have risen from the dead.

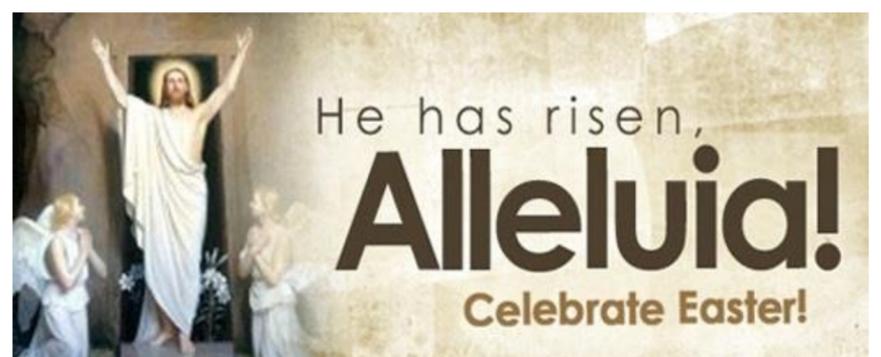
Which is, of course, inconceivable. It's absurd. People don't do that. People don't rise from the dead. The idea defies logic and reason and sense and science, but it didn't defy his experience because John had a relationship with the living, loving Lord Jesus. On the basis of that relationship, he was able to believe.

You know, besides the baffling fact of the empty tomb, there's another nagging fact that cannot be explained - in fact, one that no historian or theologian has ever been able to explain, nor any critic of Christianity explain away. The nagging fact is that the apostles went on to testify not only that they saw an empty tomb, but further that they saw the risen Jesus. They had absolutely no reason to make such a claim. They didn't profit by it. They didn't make any money or gain power by it. In fact, just the opposite. Their lives were threatened. They were bullied and beaten. They were persecuted and imprisoned. Eventually, most of them would die for it, but they refused to change their story. Far from it, they insisted on telling others and it was their intention to tell everyone.

The followers of Jesus didn't rally around his death; rather, they rallied around his resurrection. They began to spread that message, the message that he was risen from the dead and that was their core message. And only as people rallied around that core message, did they begin to embrace the rest of the Christian message, a message that's filled with ground-breaking concepts and ideas.

On the day after Jesus' death, it looked as if whatever small mark he might have made on the world would rapidly disappear. His closest friends and followers walked away, frightened and alone and convinced that he was finished, that he had failed and that his message would fade because that's what happens, doesn't it? Normally, when someone dies, anyone, their impact on the world begins to recede. Even the greatest, the most beloved leaders, lose their influence over time. Jesus turned that upside down. His impact grew after his death and it grew more or less exponentially. The resurrection proves that Jesus was who he said he was and he could do what he said he could do. He was God and he could do anything. Because if you can predict your own death and engineer your own resurrection, I suppose you can pretty much do anything.

Here's another thing he said he could do. He said that because he could rise from the dead, we could too. His friends and followers can follow that same pattern from death to life. And that's why Easter is ground-breaking for everybody. Death is inevitable, and that's certainly the bad news. The good news, though, is that you and I have nothing to fear. We have no need to fear death when our life is linked to Christ in a living, loving relationship with him. Your role and mine is simply to believe and receive, to believe in the truth of the resurrection and to receive the gift of life that he gives to us in baptism.



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

Easter Sunday (Year C) – 17th April

Entrance Antiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 10:34, 37,-43

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R.v.24

This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C) – 24th April

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants,
you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4,22-27. R.v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.

Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.

R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Easter Collection – The Easter Day Collection supports Fr Mark and Fr Anthony directly in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support our priests in their mission and ministry this Easter, please donate via the usual methods or by visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/parish-of-st-peter-and-the-winchester-martyrs-easter-collection-2022>



Divine Mercy Sunday There will be a Mass in honour and thanksgiving for this special feast on **Sunday 24th April at 3pm** in St Peter's Church. The celebration will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and veneration of the image. Refreshments in the Pastoral Centre after. Contact Gillian via the Parish Office for further details (01962 852804)

Changes to Mass and prayer times – As **Monday 18th April** is a bank holiday, Mass at St Peter's will be celebrated at 10am and there will be no Morning Prayer. Please note that Night Prayer will recommence on Sunday 24th April.

St George's Day will be celebrated on **Tuesday 26th April** this year. There will be a vigil mass at **7pm on Monday 25th April**, with masses at **12.15pm and 7pm at St Peter's on Tuesday 26th April**. There will also be **10am Mass at St Gregory's** as usual.



Supporting Ukraine

Ways to help - The Diocese, through Caritas, Portsmouth Diocese, is working to keep parishioners and all in the diocese informed as to the up-to-date situation while we wait for the UK Government to clarify the role that faith organisations and other charities will play in the formal response to refugees entering the UK.

Please look at the Caritas web site news and events page link below.

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

This page on the Caritas web site has a lot of information on it and a link to a resources page where we have collected advice and information from a number of other refugee organisations including Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and Jesuit Refugee Service. The toolkit link prepared by CSAN is particularly useful.

And a reminder that CAFOD is part of the Distasters Emergency Committee so donations can be sent straight to CAFOD's Ukraine humanitarian Appeal [Ukraine crisis: How you can help | CAFOD](#)

Pies & Puds Ukraine Event - Wed 20th April

Our next lunch event will be on **Wednesday 20th April** in the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. This is a very special meeting, where you can find out about what is happening in **Ukraine**, and ways to help. Our speaker will be **Sheila Wade**, the acting head of Caritas in our diocese, who has been over to Hungary's border with Ukraine and will be able to give an informed picture of needs, and actions that will help. She will also talk about marginalised groups within the refugee population and some of the political issues in Ukraine and in Hungary.



All welcome - if you haven't been before, this would be a great one to join us for. **We'll be donating the proceeds of the lunch to Caritas for Ukraine**. As usual, there'll be a choice of pies, along with vegetarian and gf options, and proper puddings with custard. You don't need to book or commit, but email moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.



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 that the joy of new life we receive from Christ's resurrection at Easter will flow through us to others so that they too may experience Gods mercy and love.



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

Neil O'Neill RIP

Jim Turley RIP

THE PARISH OF ST PETER
A THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

EASTER 2022



SERIOUSLY,
GOD?

Making Sense of Life
Not Making Sense

Seriously, God? Making sense of life not making

sense As a Parish we have taken part in the 'Seriously, God?' series during Lent. Our participation, whether through daily emails, in small groups or at Mass, has enabled all of us to grow spiritually: we have shared our personal stories and discussed our thoughts. As we wrap up the final planned meetings over Easter, many of those who got involved are going to carry on seeing each other afterwards (perhaps in person for those who were online!), hoping to continue to learn from each other and go on the journey together. It's a beginning, not an ending!

Holy Week Services and Easter Masses

Thursday 14th April – Maundy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at St Peter's Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm at St Gregory's Church
Night Prayer 11.30pm at St Peter's Church

Friday 15th April – Good Friday

Family Way of the Cross 9.45am at St Peter's Church
Stations of the Cross 10am at St Stephen's Church
Ecumenical Walk of Witness 10.50am from St Peter's Church
Stations of the Cross 12noon at St Peter's Church
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm at St Peter's Church
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm at St Gregory's Church

Saturday 16th April – Holy Saturday

Office of Readings 9am at St Peter's Church
Polish Blessing of Food 5pm at St Peter's Church
Easter Vigil 8pm at St Gregory's Church
Easter Vigil 8.30pm at St Peter's Church

Sunday 17th April – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Mass 8am at St Peter's Church
Easter Sunday Mass 9am at St Thomas More's Church
Easter Sunday Mass 9.15am at St Stephen's Church
Easter Sunday Mass 10.30am at St Peter's Church
Easter Sunday Mass 11am at St Gregory's Church
Easter Sunday Mass 5.30pm at St Peter's Church



Bishop Peter has kindly offered to lead **Stations of the Cross at St Thomas More's Church on Good Friday at 11am**. He will also be available to hear Confessions before and after the Stations.

Holy Week services in the Parish A few reminders: there is no longer any need to book for any service, we ask that everyone wears a mask and respects other's space, and we know that some of the services (eg the Good Friday 3pm liturgy and Easter Sunday morning Masses) are likely to be very full. And - as ever - all services from St Peter's will be [livestreamed](#). If you have any more questions contact the Parish Office at hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Hymn sheets are available on the parish website (on the homepage under 'Latest News') for the Triduum services being held at St Peter's for those joining us online <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/mass-times/holy-week-and-easter-st-peters-orders-of-service/>

Holy Water at Home This year we are resuming the practice of giving little bottles of newly blessed Easter Holy Water for everyone to take home after the Easter Masses at all four Churches. Please keep these bottles and reuse them as bottles will not be provided in the future.



Family Way of the Cross - 9.45am Friday 15th April at St Peter's Church

Join us for our Family Way of the Cross on Good Friday when the parish will hold a child-friendly dramatised celebration of the Passion, including the Veneration of the Cross.

We will gather outside the Pastoral Centre at 9.30am. Any children wishing to come and take part should arrive a little earlier to organise roles and costumes.



The Catholic Women's League (CWL), warmly welcome ladies to their next meeting, being held in the Pastoral Centre at **4pm on Thursday 21st April**. The topic will be - Family Easter Traditions.

Parish Office – the parish office will be closed from Monday 18th- Friday 22nd April, but our wonderful team of reception desk volunteers will be available from 10am-12noon (Tues-Fri) to assist with any enquiries.

Easter Monday Walk – Too many Easter eggs? To work off a few of the calories there will be a Churches Together walk on the morning of Easter Monday leaving the west door of St John's Church, Alresford, at 10.00 a.m. All welcome, two footed and four footed.

Some Easter reading – the latest edition of **Crosskeys** is available now and can be accessed here <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/crosskeys/cross-keys-magazine-easter-2022/> It is being sent out by email to everyone on our newsletter distribution list.

The Easter edition of our quarterly Diocesan Newsletter **Viva Voce** is also available now at the back of churches. This bumper edition includes a special focus on what some of our parishes and our schools – and our families too as domestic churches - are doing to celebrate Easter.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2022 Father Mark is planning on leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Oct 2022, postponed from 2020. This is being arranged through Maranatha Tours who are well known for their knowledge and experience in the region and have previously led very successful tours there on behalf of the Parish .

The visit includes:

4 days based in Jerusalem visiting various locations to include, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Temple Mount, City of David.

4 days based in Samaria Galilee visiting amongst others, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Jericho, Magdala, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, 'Cana of Galilee', Nazareth.

Dates Tues 18th - Weds 26th Oct 2021

Dep/ arrive Heathrow to Tel Aviv

Cost £1,884 pp based on half board accommodation, (includes pretty much everything other than insurance, tips, lunches). Single supplement £487.

Travel to Heathrow will be arranged from the Parish at an additional cost.

Full details of the itinerary, flights and costs etc. can be found in various documents contained in this web link [Holy Land 2022 \(maranatha.co.uk\)](http://maranatha.co.uk)

Anyone who is interested should contact Jen Robinson (contact details can be found in the link) who will be managing the administration for the trip on behalf of Father Mark, or can contact Maranatha directly.

Diocesan "Don Bosco" Boys Camp - 24 to 30 July 2022 We are delighted that the camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age. The camp will be at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions, and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £220 (part bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to book a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Useful Contacts

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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	16 th – 23 rd April 2022			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – April 16th HOLY SATURDAY	9.00AM	Office of Readings		
	8.00PM	Easter Vigil Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine	Public
	8.30PM	Easter Vigil Mass	Souls of George & Ellen Bloomfield	Livestream, public
SUNDAY – April 17th EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8.00 AM	Mass	Sr Cecilia RIP & Sr Antonietta RIP	Livestream, public
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Tina RIP	Public*
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish	Public
	10.30AM	Mass	Christopher Brown (birthday)	Livestream, public
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Private Intention	Public
	5.30PM	Mass	Mary Ann & Hugh McTernan RIP, living & deceased family members	Livestream, public
MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER– April 18th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Rev. J. Martin	Livestream & public
TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER – April 19th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Tina RIP	Public
	12.15PM	Mass	For the Benefactors	Livestream & public
WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER April 20th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Avril Vera Drury	Livestream & public
THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER April 21st	10.00AM	Mass	Neil intentions	Livestream & public
FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER April 22nd	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Dead in the Cemeteries and Founders	Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Claire Lantaya RIP (40 days Mass intention)	Livestream & public
SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER April 23rd	9.00AM	Mass	Soul of William Meader	Public
	5.30 PM	Mass	Babu Savior RIP	Livestream, public

Mass Timetable	24 th – 30 th April 2022			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SUNDAY – April 24th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY	8.00 AM	Mass	Mgr. Paul Townsend	Livestream, public
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Tina RIP	Public*
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish	Public
	10.30AM	Mass	Deceased members of the Catenian Association	Livestream, public
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Ted Pollard RIP	Public
	3.00PM	Divine Mercy Mass	In honour & thanksgiving for the feast of Divine Mercy	Livestream, public
	5.30PM	Mass	Noel, Seamus & Maureen Gannon RIP	Livestream, public
MONDAY – April 25th St Mark, Apostle Vigil – St George, Patron of England	12.15PM	Mass	Joyce & Mike Lucas RIP, their relatives living & deceased	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass	Seth Franco (birthday) & the intentions of the Franco family	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – April 26th St George, Patron of England (transferred)	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Katherine Smith	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Mass	Victoria Hebron RIP (1 st Anniversary)	Livestream & public
WEDNESDAY – April 27th	10.00AM	Mass	Wilfred Lawrence RIP	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – April 28th	10.00AM	Mass	Rachael Ward RIP	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – April 29th St Catherine of Siena, Religious, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Neil intentions	Livestream & public
SATURDAY – April 30th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	James Murphy Gomez	Public
	5.30 PM	Mass	K J Anne RIP	Livestream, public

Parish Safeguarding Minister - Any safeguarding concerns or requests for advice can be discussed with Michaela Waterfield in the Parish Office or routed through to the central diocesan safeguarding team via this email address safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone number: 02394 216486. 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.