

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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15th May 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— Year C

Closer to Christ

Fr Mark writes:

This weekend we have a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God and to so many of you, our parishioners, as we draw to a close our diocesan campaign, Closer to Christ. This initiative has been raising money over the last year or so across the diocese for the needs of the diocese and of the parish.

It's been an overwhelming success. The campaign has raised money to help those discerning a call to priesthood, for the training of our seminarians, like James Lewis (soon to be ordained priest, Deo Gratias, on Sat 16th July), to support and develop priests in during their ministry, and for the care of our retired priests (like our beloved Canon Peter Wilkie, Fr Tom McGrath, Fr Brian Croughan). It has also been raising money for our own wonderful parish.

What is this all about? It's all about the mission of the Church. It's about growing the church so that more people come to faith in the Gospel of Jesus and encounter his love, mercy, healing – and the joy and peace brought by a deep friendship with him.

Here at St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, we've been talking about renovating our church buildings and our parish life. In four years' time, 2026, St. Peter's celebrates its centenary. What a wonderful opportunity that is to celebrate this whole parish community and to build for the future.

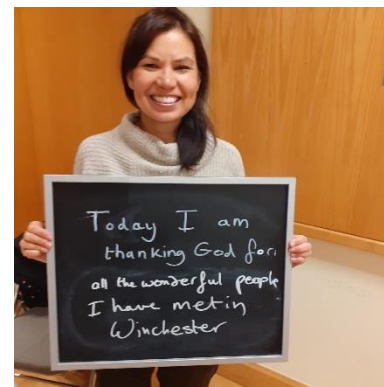
When St. Peter's Church was built 100 years ago it was only shortly after the First World War and the horrors which that brought. Here we are, 100 years later, following that visionary and courageous generation in our own days, as we go through this COVID pandemic and with so much uncertainty surrounding the global political situation, building and planning for the future. I'd encourage us all to have that same visionary outlook, courage and commitment as the generation 100 years ago.

We're all in this together; we're all baptised in the Lord Jesus; we all share the privileges and responsibilities of being baptised and part of this parish. Here in this portion of Hampshire, we're called to bring Christ into the reality of the here and now and to bring others to Jesus; we're to witness to the presence of Christ in all kinds of ways and this campaign can help our parish set itself up, ready and willing as we look forwards towards the next 100 years of St. Peter's Church and the wider parish community.

I'd like you to imagine yourself walking into any of our church buildings during the centenary year and encountering a vibrant, welcoming, joyful community. I want you to imagine how beautiful our churches will be, drawing us deeper into the mysteries of our faith and raising our hearts and minds to heaven. I'd like you to imagine worship and liturgies which are uplifting, consoling and life-changing.



I'd love you to imagine our guests - people we've invited to join us for our celebrations from the wider community - exclaiming, 'Wow! What a kind, caring, loving community this is. Look at the way they look after each other! See how they make us feel welcome and loved! Isn't it incredible how they care for the needs of the wider community and of our planet?' I'd love you to imagine that as you walk into that church - St. Peter's or St. Stephen's, St. Gregory's or St. Thomas More - you feel at home, close to your fellow parishioners and close to Christ.



I'd love you to imagine these as spaces where people encounter Jesus and receive healing - physical, emotional and spiritual. I'd love you to imagine the ways in which you have grown and continue to grow in your faith, supported by those around you, filled with the Holy Spirit, nurtured by God's grace.



In our Gospel this weekend, we're reminded of the commandment of Jesus: love one another as I have loved you. The context in which he spoke was the Last Supper, shortly before he gave his life for us on the cross, thereby revealing the depth of his love. All of us are called, in our own circumstances, to give our lives away, revealing the love of God to an aching world and experiencing that love of God for ourselves in a new and more profound way. We too are invited to offer our lives – our time, our talents, our treasure – as a sacrificial act of love for God, who has given us everything, and neighbour.

I would sincerely like to thank everyone who's contributed to the Closer to Christ campaign – your generosity has been genuinely overwhelming and it's a tremendous success already. I'd also like to invite those of you who haven't yet had the chance to consider participating in this initiative. The campaign will be even more successful if everyone now could contribute something, no matter how small.

Thank you again to all of you who play your part in our parish life, in whatever way, thank you as we draw to a conclusion this Campaign aimed at resourcing the mission of this parish and helping to bring more and more people closer to Jesus Christ, in hope and joy.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C) – 15th May 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, Alleluia.

First reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R.Cf. v.1

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you.'

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Closer to Christ Completion Weekend - message from Fr Mark This weekend marks the completion of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish. To date over £700,000 has been raised thanks to the wonderful sacrifices our parishioners have made, and we just need that one last push to get to our goal of £850,000. I would like to take the opportunity of this weekend to invite our whole parish family to consider whether they can help us reach our remaining target. The fund aims to support priests (recruiting them, training them, supporting them in their ministry, and looking after them in retirement), as well as supporting our parish community (ensuring our church buildings look beautiful for the centenary of St. Peter's Church, and that our parish life is warm, welcoming, vibrant, joyful and faith-filled).

Fr Mark has a [video message here](#), where he talks about his dreams and hopes and prayers for the parish

If anyone would like to learn more about how to make a pledge, then please do get in touch via Fr Mark or the parish office.

Led Adoration - There will be a short time of Led Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **3pm on Saturday 14th May** in St Peter's Church. Although this is aimed at those of primary school age and their families, all are very welcome.

First Holy Communion 2023 It was wonderful to see so many parents at the FHC Information Evening this week. Any parents/guardians who couldn't make the meeting and have a child wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year (July 2023) who haven't yet contacted us, should email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by **the end of May** please.

Obligation to Attend Mass - The Catholic Bishops have announced that the obligation to attend Mass will return at Pentecost. It had been suspended during lockdown, but now they say:

"We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply."

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution.../>

Parish Retreat Come As You Are (Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May 2022)

The last two years and effects of Covid have not been the easiest but thankfully we had support of our community who continued to support us in so many different ways with the power of prayer. Now, we would like to invite you to join with us we reflect upon the theme '**COME AS YOU ARE**'.

The retreat will give us a wonderful opportunity to look back, to acknowledge where we are now, and to look ahead to the future. Bookings can be made via the [Parish website homepage](#) or by phoning the Parish Office. You can sign up for the three linked sessions of the retreat there. If you have any queries or would like any additional information please ask via the Parish Office and I will come back to you.

Continued prayers and best wishes,
Deacon Gerard

St. Peter's Centenary Celebrations

Many of you will be aware that in 2026, St. Peter's Church will be turning 100 years old. Fr Mark is very keen that we mark this event accordingly, not just in St. Peter's but across the parish, over the course of that year. He is also hoping that these celebrations will touch across as many aspects of parish life as possible. To that end, Fr Mark would like to invite you to an initial "brainstorming session", where you will have an opportunity to throw ideas on the table to add to those already outlined and under consideration. We cannot promise that every idea will be adopted but neither will this be the only opportunity to contribute thoughts. Funding will be provided from the current Closer to Christ campaign. There will be two meetings, one in person on **Monday 16th May**, St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Centre, 7-8:30pm; the other online via Zoom on **Thursday 19th May, 7-8:30pm**. There is no need to book – please just turn up.

Following the meeting, Fr Mark will be looking to establish a small group of people to coordinate all the different aspects of these exciting celebrations and to keep us on track.



Welcome to Alexandra Riddle who was baptised in St. Peter's Church last week. May God bless Alexandra with His love and grace, today and always.



Memorial Mass for Barbara Acheson RIP – There will be a Memorial Mass for Barbara Acheson RIP at 2pm on **Tuesday 31st May** in St Peter's Church.

Funeral notices: Terence Bohle RIP – **12.15pm Friday 20th May** at St Peter's Church (during Mass)

Dorothy Gordon RIP – **12.15pm Tuesday 24th May** at St Peter's Church (during Mass)

Please keep the family and friends of Terence and Dorothy in your prayers at this sad time. May God grant them eternal rest.



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 who have given to the Closer to Christ campaign to fund the mission of the church and also for those yet to contribute, that they may be moved to take part as it draws to a close this weekend.



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

Terry Bohle RIP

Tony Weston RIP

Dorothy Gordon RIP



Altar Server Training

There will be a training and formation session for all altar servers on **Sunday 29th May** at St Peter's Church from 11.45am-1.00pm. Please remember to complete and return the consent form for your child to attend if they are under 16 years old.

Finance and Property Committee - St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs Parish is looking for a new volunteer member of the Finance & Property Committee. There is a full and helpful job specification which can be found on our website or accessed [directly here](#) - it also contains details of how to apply, and how to ask any questions

Youth Ministry Consultation - There will be a consultation for parents and young people on the 23rd May at 7pm in in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing our plan for youth ministry and it is an opportunity for you to offer feedback! There will be a separate group for young people running at the same time where we will do some activities and ask them to also feed back their thoughts. It's an open group, so any parent/grandparent/carer can come! It will be with myself (Jo Donaldson) and Fr Mark. Any questions, please email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Pies & Puds - Thurs 19th May Our next lunch event will be on **Thursday 19th May** in the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm (a change from our normal Wednesday, just for this month). All welcome. 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.

THANK YOU from the CWL to all who supported last month's Coffee/Cake/Chat Morning's and May's Charity Soup & Pud Lunch. Together they have raised £178 for 'Winchester Youth Counselling' The next CWL Charity Soup & Pud Lunch will be on Friday 1st July, all are Welcome.

The Café at St John's
at the Watercress Festival on
On Sunday 15th May 2022
A warm welcome awaits you in
The John Pearson Hall
Open 10 am - 4 pm
Come and enjoy
a delicious slice of homemade cake
with a cup of coffee/tea or squash for children

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP On 14th May from 2:30pm, there is to be a workshop for beginners in St. Stephens church community room. There will be help in making an arrangement using the new biodegradable oasis and none. Now is the time for a challenge in keeping the church special and well loved. For more information, contact Liz Tipple via the Parish Office 01962 852804. Come on and have a go!

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) warmly welcome ladies to their next monthly meeting being held in the Pastoral Centre at **4pm on Thursday 19th May**. The topic will be Royal Celebrations.



Laudato Si Corner



The next in our series of tips on reducing Household Costs and at the same time reducing greenhouse gas emissions and solving the Climate Crisis is...

Saving Transport Costs

1. Cut your speed... driving your car at 80 mph instead of driving at 50mph costs you 50% more in fuel.
2. Try walking or cycling instead of driving for all those short journeys you make
3. If you can't walk or cycle comfortably then let the bus or train take the strain.
4. If you use your car primarily for local driving in the Winchester area then sell your car and buy an electric bike!
5. Don't drive above the speed limit; saves you fuel and penalty charges
6. Take your holidays in the UK instead of buying air flights overseas
7. Just walk and cycle more; this can add 5 years to your active life span as well as cutting transport costs and emissions

Thanks – Mike Slinn

SAVE THE DATE

St Peter's
PARISH PARTY

**FROM MIDDAY SUNDAY
17TH JULY**

FAMILY FUN | HOG ROAST |
STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM | LIVE
MUSIC | BAR | RAFFLE

GUEST OF HONOUR~
DEACON JAMES LEWIS
ON HIS ORDINATION
TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

Ecumenical Stations of the Resurrection – in collaboration with the Upper Itchen Benefice, our parish will be offering an ecumenical "Stations of the Resurrection". These are similar to the more familiar stations of the cross but focus on aspects of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. All are welcome to join us in St. Andrew's Church, Tichborne, **3pm, Sunday 15th May**. (Some of you may know that the Tichborne Family Chapel (a Catholic Chapel inside a pre-Reformation church) is a unique thing in Hampshire and there are only two others in the whole of England)

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 Atfield, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator on 02394 216486.

Mass Timetable	14 th May – 21 st May 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – May 14th St Matthias, Apostle FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Deceased members of the Dixon, Marland and Walker families
	5.30PM	Mass	Soul of June Howard RIP
SUNDAY – May 15th FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00 AM	Mass	Soul of Albert Bingham
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Socorro Costa
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Julian Wald RIP
	10.30AM	Mass	Barrie & Lucy Brown (Wedding Anniversary)
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30PM	Mass	Mrs Mimmie Taylor RIP
MONDAY of the 5th Week of Easter – May 16th	12.15PM	Mass	For the Dead in Cemeteries & Founders
TUESDAY of the 5th Week of Easter – May 17th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Intentions of the CWL – families with young people undertaking public examinations
WEDNESDAY of the 5th Week of Easter – May 18th	10.00AM	Mass	Souls of Primus and Emma Steiert
THURSDAY of the 5th Week of Easter – May 19th DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH	10.00AM	Mass	James Murphy Gomez
FRIDAY of the 5th Week of Easter – May 20th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass/Funeral	Terence Bohle RIP
SATURDAY of the 5th Week of Easter - May 21st SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Neil Intentions
	5.30 PM	Mass	Leon & Klara Trowski RIP

All at St. Peter's, except where stated.

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

Adoration every Monday and Friday 11.00 till 12.00noon.

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, 8.00am at St Peter' followed by Adoration till 9.00am

Night Prayer (livestream) 9pm Monday to Thursday

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

Mass Counts - As you will have seen in the recently revised Mass schedule and guidelines, we are no longer required to book in for Masses in our parish. We understand that some people may still have concerns and so going forward, we will share the information we have on numbers attending the different masses (and the capacity for that church building) in order for people to make an informed judgement on which one they would feel most comfortable attending. Please see the table for the mass counts from last weekend (8th May). We are currently looking for people to carry out the counting at the St Peter's masses (with the exception of 8am) so please let Michaela in the Parish Office know if you are able to help.

Mass	Church	Capacity	Attendance
Saturday 5.30pm	SP	381	65
8am	SP	381	72
9am	STM	98	54
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	-
11am	SG	115	59
5.30pm	SP	381	53

Useful Contacts

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

Fr Anthony Chiatu Njingo (Assistant Priest (cniingo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) ;

Deacon Gerard Dailly (gdailly@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and Deacon Martin McElroy (mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Director of Evangelisation and Leadership: Allegra Mutanda (allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Finance and Property Manager: Annette Parr (annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Facilities and Resources Manager: Sean Reidy (sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Parish Administration Manager: Michaela Waterfield (michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Sacristan: Laurie Howe Caretaker: Richard Phiri

Pastoral team – 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



Dear Parents

May Rosary Chain

St Peter's school joined in with the parish's 'May Rosary Chain' - when a statue of Our Lady travels from home to home. On receiving the statue we pray the rosary together and in passing the statue on, make a chain of prayer - something this world very much needs at present. The children gathered in the church with blooms from our gardens made into floral tributes focusing on terms used in the litany of Mary; Stella Maris, Our Lady, Queen of Peace and Our Lady, Mother of Christ. We then prayed the rosary and prayed for peace in our world, especially for those in the Ukraine.



'Our Lady, Queen of Peace.... Pray for Us'

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

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



Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2022

At this year's camp, 15-19th August, those participating will be looking at some of the incredible miracles performed by Jesus Christ, what they reveal to us of Himself, the Word Incarnate, and how we may have new life in Him through the celebration of the Sacraments. This Catholic camp is a gathering of about 100 young people, aged 11-18, who come together to re-connect with old friends and make new ones, to learn more about our loving God and deepen their relationship with Him. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come and be drawn deeper! Ask questions, spend time with our Lord, receive the Sacraments, have a lot of silly fun, and be renewed in your life and faith! The camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running FTF events for over 20 years. Please note this year's camp is back at the home of the sisters, The Priory, Sway, in the New Forest. More details and booking forms here - <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

Job Vacancy in the Diocese

Called & Gifted Administrator

- Part time - 5 hours per week
- Reporting to the Leader of Called & Gifted Team
- Salary – £12 per hour
- Remote working from home with occasional attendance at meetings/training

Overall job purpose

- To undertake the day to day administration for the Called & Gifted Team.
- Monitor and respond to department emails
- Database upkeep
- Finance
- Circulate newsletter via Mailchimp

About you

An Intentional disciple of Jesus in full communion with the Church. An understanding & passion for "The Called & Gifted 3 stage Discernment process" aimed at enabling others to discover their charisms & mission; an understanding of their own personal charisms. Ideally manifesting a Helps/Admin Charism mix or a Service charism with a good range of administrative and communication abilities. The ability to serve & flourish in a small Team environment whilst being able to work independently and remotely.

If you would like a confidential discussion about this role, please contact:

Gerry Penfold e-mail: gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 07802 608549

For job description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk:

Closing Date: Monday 16 May 2022

Interview Date: Monday 23 May 2022