

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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29th May and 5th June 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— Year C
&
PENTECOST SUNDAY – Year C

From Ascension to Pentecost – waiting for what the Father has promised

Fr Mark writes:

Last Thursday, we celebrated the beautiful Feast of the Ascension. Jesus returned home to his heavenly Father and, in doing so, had to depart from his disciples. Farewells are often difficult, especially if we are saying goodbye to people we love. They highlight the uncertainty with which we confront the future. What will happen next? How will it happen? Who will be involved in it happening? What is certain is that it will be different, not just some extension of the present; “a new thing” will happen.



This is the second time that Jesus says farewell to his disciples. The first, of course, is at the Last Supper. There he makes a promise, a promise that the Father will send an Advocate in his place. They won't be left alone; they won't be orphans. Now, with the Ascension, the time for the fulfilment of that promise has come closer. If Jesus stays, the promise can't be fulfilled. Jesus leaving them is what allows “a new thing” to happen.

After the first farewell, many of the disciples huddled together in a room, scared and afraid. This time too they would huddle again in a room, but this time there was a difference. They weren't just sat there: they were praying. They were praying that the promise Jesus made would be fulfilled. They were waiting, but waiting with expectation.



The disciples did not know the details of what they were waiting for, what they were praying for, nor how long they would have to wait and pray. But they did know that their prayers would be answered, that God would do a new thing in them. Next week at Pentecost we discover how the gift of the Spirit filled them and changed them. They were filled with power to be witnesses to the Gospel. Jesus WAS to be present among them, but in a new way, in a way which would have been impossible if he had remained there in bodily form. Just as Jesus was filled with the Spirit, so too will they be filled with the same Holy Spirit in order to carry on his work on earth.

We are that same community of disciples. Jesus is not on earth now in the same way as he was during his life or during the forty days following his Resurrection. But we too have been given that same promise. We too have been filled with the Spirit and continue to be made new so that we can carry on Jesus' work on earth.

Many in this community, in ways both small and great, in ways both 'official' and 'unofficial', are alert to the way in which Jesus wants to be present to the world through us. But maybe there are some who are praying, as did those disciples, “Lord, how is your promise to be fulfilled in me?” If you are one of those I'd like to invite you to come for a chat with Fr Anthony or myself, so that we can begin to help you discern God's calling in the particular circumstances of your life.



Let us pray this Pentecost that the Lord will fulfil His promise to us, that He will re-new us in His image and make us worthy stewards of His love and of His life. Let us pray that we will be filled with the power of God's love and then be his witnesses in the world.

We join with the whole country in congratulating HM the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee – 70 years of service. We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving for her in St Peter's on Thursday June 2nd, and there will be prayers in all our churches for her, joining with Catholics everywhere, over the weekend of 4th and 5th June.



**We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen;
may she continue to know the steadfast love of God
and serve her people faithfully.**

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C) – 29th May 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face; Hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 6-7, 9. R.vv. 1-9
The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Communion Antiphon:

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia!

Pentecost Sunday (Year C) – 5th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1,24,29-31, 34. R. Cf. v30
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

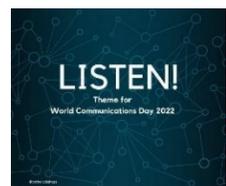
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of
God, alleluia!

Second Collection – World Communications Day Our Second Collection this Sunday, 29th May, is for the Catholic Communications



Network, as we mark World Communications Day. In his message for the Fifty-Sixth World Day of Social Communications, Pope Francis has encouraged us to foster the ability to listen – to God, to one another, to the cry of those in need and to those from whom we may differ. Today's appeal assists the Church to cultivate an attitude of attentiveness, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network>

Thy Kingdom Come- Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, which we celebrated on Thursday, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there “for what the Lord had promised” (Acts 1:4). We too, then, are invited to “wait for what the Lord has promised us”, namely the Holy Spirit. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from **Friday 27th May to Saturday 4th June** for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us as individuals, upon our parish, our diocese and upon Winchester and the surrounding towns and villages.

On Friday 27th May and Monday 30th May – Wednesday 1st June, we will include the Novena Prayer as part of Morning Prayer and Adoration. It will also be included during the morning Mass on Saturday 28th May and Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th June and during Night Prayer on Sunday 28th May. This gives us the wonderful opportunity to pray the Novena together, either in person or online. Please join us if you can; otherwise pray the novena by yourself at home. Click [here](#) for a link to the Novena Prayers which we will use each day.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray during this same period for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Pope John XXIII's 'invocation' prayer:

Renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of Blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen. Come Holy Spirit, in your power and might to renew the face of the earth. Holy Spirit, awaken the whole human race and help us to build bridges of trust that open our hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Winchester Pentecost 2022 - This wonderful ecumenical service is taking place on **Sunday 5 June**, rounding off 'Thy Kingdom Come', a 9 day season (between Ascension & Pentecost) during which believers across the nation are encouraged to pray for the coming of the Spirit, and specifically for five friends who do not know Jesus. We are invited to gather from 6.30-7.45pm at Hope Church, Middle Brook St, SO23 8DQ to worship, to celebrate and to pray. No tickets are required and there is space for over 600 people. Further information on this event can be accessed via the website <http://winchesterpentecost.co.uk/>



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.



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 our confirmation candidates - that their hearts will be opened to the Holy Spirit, deepening their faith and sharing it with others by their example.



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

- Richard Codd
- Catherine Desmond
- Emma Walsh

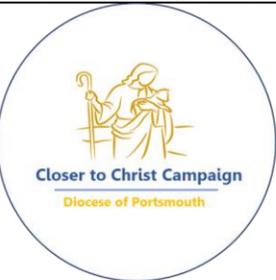
Double edition of Peterpost – Due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday being on a Thursday and Friday, there will not be a newsletter next weekend. This edition of Peterpost covers all the news from **27th May to 10th June** so please keep this copy in a safe place!



Confirmation Celebrations On Sunday 29th May, 37 young people from our parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Please pray for all our Confirmation candidates, their families and their sponsors as the young people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and begin the next stage in their journey of faith. On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank our wonderful Confirmation catechists for the giving of their love, talents and time in supporting everyone involved in the preparation programme.



Congratulations to David Brady and Catherine Oldham who were married at St Peter's on Saturday 21st May. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



Closer to Christ update - Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend was a great success for the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish. I'm delighted to tell you that based on the cards filled out by parishioners at Mass, our total raised currently stands at £750,000. To ensure we can realise this total, we need to make sure that all pledges have been recorded properly. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you should have received a pledge form for completion in the post or via email. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to me after Mass or directly through the post to the Campaign Office. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our goal. We hope to receive the majority of pledges within the next two weeks so that we can see exactly how much has been raised. I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time. Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish – Fr Mark

Vocations Roadshow 28th and 29th May

This weekend, we welcome Canon John Cooke and Clare Ryan to all the masses at St Peter's where Canon John will talk about how we can all be involved in supporting vocations to the religious life. A message from Fr John: Have you asked yourself who is responsible for 'finding' your next priest? Is it Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is it down to Bishop Philp or maybe even a task for Fr. Mark to plan for his own succession? It may surprise you to realise that the duty of fostering and supporting vocations lies with the whole Christian community. What do you do at the moment to foster and support vocations? Whilst it is important that each one of us comes to a realisation of our own personal vocation through God's plan for each one of us; our call to holiness & discipleship in Jesus' name - it is good to focus on the need for priestly vocations in our Diocese. I hope that our visit to you highlighting vocations will be memorable, that it stirs up a fresh enthusiasm in the parish for praying for vocations, for actively encouraging vocations and for being open to the possibility of exploring a God-given call. And who knows, it may be the start of a journey towards the priesthood for one of your parish members sat in the pews this weekend? We can all play a part in God's Divine plan because the Holy Spirit works through each one of us. The roadshow will be visiting our other churches at a later date.

Mass at Winchester Cathedral

On **Saturday 11th June**, Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Winchester Cathedral. Everyone is welcome! There will be no 9am Mass at St Peter's Church on that day.



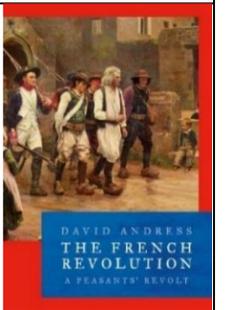
First Holy Communion 2023 It was wonderful to see so many parents at the FHC Information Evening recently. Any parents/guardians who couldn't make the meeting and have a child wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year (July 2023) who haven't yet contacted us, should email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk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

Childrens' Liturgy of the Word – As it is half term for the schools next week, there will be no Childrens' Liturgy of the Word at on Sunday. We wish the children, their families and staff a safe and enjoyable break.



Winchester Catholic History Society - IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

The AGM will be held on **WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE** at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre, before the next lecture when Dr David Andress will be speaking on 'Church and Society in the French Revolution'. Visitors and new members most welcome.



Laudato si Corner

Cutting down on plastic one step at a time

Feeling overwhelmed by plastic ?

Don't worry! Start with these 5 top tips - choose one you think could work for you and get cracking.

1. Buy a reusable water bottle and a reusable coffee cup and say goodbye to single use plastic drink packaging forever. Save waste and save money!
2. Choose unwrapped options when you buy your fruit and veg whenever you can.
3. Save glass jars, takeaway tubs and other containers to refill with loose products .
4. Carry a reusable bag like a tote, rucksack or bag for life when you do your shopping.
5. Download the free refill App and find nearby places to refill your coffee cup, grains and pulses and find plastic free shopping options.



Thank you
Mike Slinn

Discovering More: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible In the words of the Second Vatican Council: "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them ... " (Dei Verbum 21).

Join with fellow parishioners in deepening our knowledge of the Bible so that we can better listen to Him speaking to us, His children.

We will be watching together "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, and there will be an opportunity to reflect on what we have heard with fellow parishioners in small groups.

The sessions are on Tuesday evenings June 14, June 21, July 5 and July 12 (note not June 28) at 7:15 for a prompt 7:30 start at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Please register here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peter-and-the-winchester-martyrs/t-oilpade> or by phoning the Parish Office.

First Serve

Call for Volunteers



“For the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve” Mark 10:45

**Take small steps to get to
your perfect volunteering
opportunity. Take those
small steps now.**

**Sign up to our Parish
First Serve Experience to
discern where God might be
inviting you to serve**



To find out more,
text **FIRSTSERVE** to **66777**
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Mass Timetable	29 th May – 4 th June 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – May 28 th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Intentions of Carmela Kelly
	5.30PM	Mass	Liza Franco – birthday (30 th May) and wedding anniversary
SUNDAY – May 29 th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00 AM	Mass	Intentions of Carmela Kelly
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of Ukraine
	10.30AM	Mass	All Souls in Purgatory
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5.30PM	Mass	Rev. Michael Dearden Somers Cocks
MONDAY of the 7 th Week of Easter – May 30 th	12.15PM	Mass	Wilfred Lawrence RIP
TUESDAY of the 7 th Week of Easter – May 31 st THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Sindisiwe Mlotshwa Mbuli & her household
	2PM	Memorial Mass	Barbara Acheson RIP
WEDNESDAY of the 7 th Week of Easter – June 1 st	10.00AM	Mass	Jose Aponte RIP
THURSDAY of the 7 th Week of Easter – June 2 nd	10AM	Mass	Thanksgiving for HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee
FRIDAY of the 7 th Week of Easter – June 3 rd St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	10.00AM	Mass	Daniel Joseph
SATURDAY of the 7 th Week of Easter – June 4 th PENTECOST SUNDAY - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Soul of Lady Mariangela Singh-Satta
	5.30 PM	Mass	Mollie & John O'Donoghue RIP

Mass Timetable	5 th – 11 th June 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SUNDAY – June 5 th PENTECOST SUNDAY	8.00 AM	Mass	Intentions of Carmela Kelly
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Tony Weston RIP
	10.30AM	Mass	Lorenza Duya Castillo RIP (1 st anniversary)
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30PM	Mass	Ben's family
MONDAY – June 6 th ORDINARY TIME RESUMES The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	12.15PM	Mass	Andrew Gardiner RIP
TUESDAY – June 7 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY – June 8 th	10.00AM	Mass	Wilfred Lawrence RIP
THURSDAY – 9 th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, feast	10AM	Mass	Soul of James Wheble
FRIDAY – 10 th June	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Wilfred Lawrence RIP
SATURDAY – 11 th June St Barnabas, Apostle THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Vigil	10.00AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Michael & Annie Kate Laing RIP
	5.30 PM	Mass	Deceased members of the Platt & Gilbert families

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 - **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT PRAYER ON 1ST/2ND/7TH JUNE**
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 - We understand that some people may still have concerns about attending Mass in person 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 (22nd 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	67
9am	STM	98	47
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	152
11am	SG	115	57
5.30pm	SP	381	53

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.

Job Vacancy - Catholic Home Care

The Catholic Home Care is expanding!
 Due to increased demand, we need more home care assistants to join our team. If you, or someone you know, likes elderly people and would like a part-time job, is this something that would suit?
 Good rate of pay (£9.80 ph.), paid holidays and flexible working through Monday - Friday daytime.
 Core business domestic support (cleaning & shopping) to help elderly people to stay in their own homes for longer.
 Car driver an advantage, but not essential.
 For more details & application pack call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on: 023 8017 0498
Closing date: Friday 3rd June 2022



Dear Parents

The Day the Viking Came! Year 4

On Friday 13th May, Year 4 had their Viking Day. They came dressed as warrior Kings and Queens, and partook in a day of Nordic themed activities. This highly immersive experience was planned in conjunction with this term's Viking history unit, and made for an enriching and actively engaging day for all involved.

With the guidance of real life Viking Ragnar, Year 4 learnt all about Viking life, from what they used to keep themselves clean, how they treated their servants and who had the most expensive weapons in the village. Perhaps even more appropriately, Year 4 were also taught the perfect Viking battle cry to strike fear in the hearts of their opponents!

To bring the day to a magnificent end, both teachers and children alike had been enraptured by a traditional story about the nine worlds which the Vikings believed strongly about. Year 4 also had the incredible opportunity of performing a ship burial to honour the life of the great "King Olaf," an event which provided deeper insight into how the Vikings' burial rituals reflected their beliefs about life and death.

By the end of the day, the children knew why the days of the week were named after the Viking Gods, how to wield a sword, and had a much more vivid image of why the Vikings were in fact far more organised than most people think.



We currently have vacancies for an Experienced Class Teacher in EYFS and a Caretaker. If you are interested in applying for any of these posts then please see our website for further details and an application form: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

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