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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

There's No Turning Back

Fr Mark writes:

I well remember the first time I left home. I'd had enough; my sisters were too much to bear; my mum and dad didn't care, and so I packed my bag, put it on my shoulder and set off resolutely, out of the door to wherever life would take me. I made it about fifteen metres, to the garage at the end of the terrace where we grew up on, before pausing. About 5 minutes later, having pondered the comforts of home and the delights of my mum's cooking, I was back, ready to make a fresh start. I think I was about 6 yrs old at the time!



Many of us are familiar with expressions such as "Crossing the Rubicon"; "nailing your colours to the mast"; "burning your boats / bridges". All of these point to times when we make firm commitments, such that there is no turning back.

In today's first reading we have an example not of burning bridges or boats but rather of burning ploughs and oxen! God had sent Elijah the prophet to call Elisha. The Lord wanted Elisha to follow Elijah and, eventually, to pick up where Elijah would leave off...Those of us familiar with the Bible episodes which tell us about Elijah, might remember that he was not that popular with the authorities, to say the least. For example, he taunted the gods of Baal and he challenged King Ahab and his wife Jezebel about their worship of foreign gods and had to flee to hide from them at various stages. This was to be no easy life for Elisha.

What was Elisha's response? To burn his plough and oxen – the tools of his livelihood – and to follow where the Lord was calling him. From now on, there was no turning back; he couldn't change his mind or just have a "trial period" with Elijah. His commitment was firm and unshakeable.

It's with this in mind that we hear today that Jesus "set his face *resolutely* for Jerusalem". What was 'Jerusalem'? It was more than just a city, even a capital city. It was the symbol of religious authority and power; away from safety and familiarity of Galilee. It was the place of death and crucifixion, but also of resurrection and the outpouring of the Spirit. It was the symbol of God's covenant – "O let my right hand wither if I remember you not, Jerusalem, if I prize you not above all my joys!" Jerusalem was the symbolic place of encounter with God and God's kingdom.

It was to Jerusalem that Jesus set his face resolutely – nothing or no one was going to stop him from going there.

"Can I just go and say goodbye to my family?" "No"
"Can I just go to attend a family funeral?" "No"*

Once we make a commitment to follow Jesus there can be no turning back; no clinging on to old ways. No excuses & no conditions.

I once attended an information day on the work of alcoholics anonymous. One thing that really impressed me was the resolution with which so many had managed to set their sights on a life free from slavery to alcohol. If it were me, I'm sure I'd want to say, "Yes, I'll give up alcohol – but maybe I'll just have a little drink at Christmas, and on my birthday, and maybe my family's birthdays and..." I know how good I am at making excuses.

"Yes, Lord, I'll follow you – I'll come straight away – just after I've finished my dinner, sent this email, made this phone call, finished watching the football match!"

"Yes, Lord, I'll follow you wherever you lead me – as long as it's not too uncomfortable, and I can..."

What are the metaphorical ploughs and oxen that you need to burn so you can follow Jesus more freely? What are those things, maybe even good things, which are preventing you from resolutely joining Jesus on the journey to the new and eternal Jerusalem?

For the road to Jerusalem is the path of love & life, which cannot be thwarted...



*Dennis Hamm SJ offers the following thought on this response of Jesus: "Jesus' reply would be stark indeed if it were a refusal to allow the son to attend to his recently deceased father's funeral and burial. But the situation may be quite other than what we assume. In first-century Palestine, it was customary that the eldest son stay home, manage the property of his aging parents, and finally see to their proper burial. If that is the situation implied here, Jesus' reply is not a command to skip a parent's funeral. Rather it is a challenge to leave home now—not some thirty years hence—to join in the Master's mission. Urgent and challenging, yes; cold and unreasonable, no."

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 26th June 2022

<p>Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.</p> <p>First reading: First Book of Kings 19:16, 19-21</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11.R. Cf v.5 O Lord, it is you who are my portion.</p> <p>Second reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation: R. Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; You have the message of eternal life. R. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 9:51-62</p> <p>Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.</p>
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Second Collection – Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Peter’s Pence, the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel is as old as Christianity itself. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence>



Happy Feast Day! Wednesday 29th June is the **feast of St Peter and St Paul**, so one of our patronal feast days, when we pray particularly for our parish and parishioners and for St Peter’s school too. There will be a **7pm Vigil Mass** at St Peter’s on **Tuesday 28th June**, with masses on the feast day at **7am, 12.15pm and 7pm**. There will also be a mass to celebrate this special day at **10am** in St Gregory’s Church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.



In the fourth century on this day, Roman Christians would follow the bishop in procession as he celebrated the liturgy first at the church of St Peter (built over the saint’s burial place) and then at the church of St Paul outside the Walls. Peter and Paul came from very different backgrounds and had different gifts, but they had one great bond: Both were called forth by Jesus’ love. Both were martyred during the era of Emperor Nero’s persecution in the 60s AD. Peter and Paul came to be called the new founders of Rome. Their solemnity is a grand holiday in the city, a day on which Rome celebrates itself and all its treasures. And with St Peter being one of our parish patrons, we too will celebrate this day in Winchester.

Morning Prayer and Night Prayer – Please note that there will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June. Night Prayer will return on Wednesday 29th June.

Saturday Morning Mass and Confessions – On Saturday 2nd July, the parish will be celebrating 2 First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30am and 1pm. Please note that there will be no 9am Mass or morning Confessions on this day.

First Holy Communion 2022 – Please pray for the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next weekend. We ask the Lord to strengthen their faith and increase their love for Him as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time. 

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 next sessions are on Tuesday evenings **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-ojlpade> or by phoning the Parish Office.

Don’t forget to book your tickets! Join the parish as we enjoy time together and celebrate the ordination of James Lewis on **Sunday 17th July from midday**. [Book online here](#), via our website or by phoning the Parish Office.



Funeral Notices: Richard Codd – **12.15pm Friday 1st July** at St Peter’s Church (during Mass)
Teresa Frith – **11am Monday 11th July** at The Chesil Suite
Breda Scanlon – **12.15pm Friday 15th July** at St Peter’s Church (during Mass)
Please keep the family and friends of Richard, Teresa and Breda 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 that we will feel able to invite the Holy Spirit into our space so that he may live in and through us, filling our hearts with wisdom and understanding, bringing us closer to Christ in hope and joy

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

Richard Codd	Breda Scanlon
Simon Eaton	Teresa Frith
Pat Garret	



Welcome to Mateo Rodrigues, Leia and Luka Mansbridge who were baptised in St. Peter's Church last weekend. May God bless these children with His love and grace, today and always.

Congratulations to Alan Mansbridge and Lucyna Tyrpula who were married at St Peter's on Saturday 18th June. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



Event Postponed - SOUP & PUD LUNCH in aid of

WINCHESTER HOSPICE Unfortunately, the Soup and Pud lunch planned for **Friday 1st July** has had to be postponed. The new date will be shared soon via Peterpost and posters in all our churches.

Plant Sale for Caritas Ukranian Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who bought plants at St Peter's and St Stephen's last weekend. This raised £327.50 from our parish.



Laudato si Corner

Refugee Week - The Plight of Migrants and Asylum Seekers

For the second time this year, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the Pope's representative to Great Britain, visited asylum seekers housed in a former army barracks in Kent to bring the Holy Father's special blessing and greetings to them. He gave them a gift from the Pope and said that Pope Francis' simple Christian gesture is a sign of solidarity and hope.

Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees for the Bishops' Conference, has spoken against the UK government's plan to send some asylum seekers to Rwanda. He said that the actions of the people of the UK show that they wish to lift up those in need; decisions of the government should do likewise.

Altar Server Training

There will be a training and formation session for all altar servers on **Sunday 3rd July** at St Peter's Church after the 10.30am Mass. Please remember to complete and return the consent form for your child to attend if they are under 16 years old.



First Holy Communion 2022-2023

Registration is now open for the **FHC programme 2022-2023**, and the deadline to send back completed forms is **Friday July 22nd**.

If you have any questions or if you would like an enrolment form sent to you, please email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk
St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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.

Mass Counts We understand that some parishioners may still have concerns about spending time amongst larger groups of people. We will share the information we have on numbers attending the different masses 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 (19th June)

As a parish, we are now moving to people making a personal choice with regards to the wearing of masks in our churches, whilst being conscious of the needs of others around us.

Mass	Church	Capacity	Attendance
Saturday 5.30pm	SP	381	65
8am	SP	381	72
9am	STM	98	52
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	176
11am	SG	115	60
5.30pm	SP	381	53

Mass Timetable	25 th June – 2 nd July 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – June 25th The Immaculate Heart of Mary 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Thanksgiving – Gerard & Judy
	5.30PM	Mass	Linda Mlotshwa and household
SUNDAY – June 26th 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Martin McTernan
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Valeriana Sitjar
	10.30AM	Mass	Maria Luiza Alves RIP & Domiciano Alves de Almeida RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30PM	Mass	Dorothy Beattie RIP
MONDAY – June 27th	12.15PM	Mass	Rosalind and Roger Kirby RIP
TUESDAY – June 28th St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles - Vigil	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Rev. Patrick T.Savage
	7.00PM	Mass	
WEDNESDAY – June 29th Ss PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	7.00AM	Mass	
	10AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Jo Phelan
	7.00PM	Mass	Daniel Joseph & Joseph Joseph
THURSDAY – June 30th	10AM	Mass	Neil Intentions
FRIDAY – July 1st	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Richard Codd RIP
SATURDAY – July 2nd Our Lady on Saturday	5.30 PM	Mass	All Souls in Purgatory

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

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June. Night Prayer will resume on Wednesday 29th 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



Dear Parents

'Being St Peteronian'- Year 6 Responsibilities

One of the things we really missed during Covid was the older children not being able to take on the traditional responsibilities and monitoring roles. However, for this academic year we have been able to enjoy the children holding these responsibilities again. Each week in the newsletter we will meet some of these children and find out what they have been up to.

We would also like to thank the children for taking these roles seriously and having real impact on those at St Peter's.

Friends

'Friends' is a really important responsibility at St Peter's. The children wear their yellow bibs so younger children can easily find them and they play with children who may be finding lunchtimes a bit tricky, or whose friends are away that day.

'The role of 'friends' is essentially where you go down to help the teachers at lunchtime. We play with children who may not have anyone that lunchtime to play with.' - Johnnie

' 'Friends' are not only good for little children but also it helps us learn how to support younger pupils.' - Caitlin

'Being able to play with children is fun and you get to play games that you used to play. I taught the children to play 'duck, duck, goose'. They enjoyed it.' - Beatrice



Little Fishes Helpers

All our Little Fishes helpers were once Little Fishes themselves. They visit Caroline and the team each morning to help settle our youngest children.

Ellen - 'We go down to Little Fishes first thing and then at lunchtime if we want to. We play with the little children. It's fun as it is something new for the children.'

James - 'It is fun to play with the smaller children. We often read them books which they enjoy.'



Reception Helpers

This role is similar to the role of Little Fishes Helpers. These Year 6 children help the children in Dolphins and Turtles settle into their learning with welcome activities.

Imogen - 'We go down to Reception classes to help the children get on with their morning activity. I've enjoyed helping them with jigsaws and colouring. The children often say they love playing with us.'

Will - 'I really enjoy helping the Year Rs as it is a new experience for me and for them.'

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16

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