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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Year C

Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ: Thoughts from the Early Church

This week, Fr Mark wanted to share a beautiful text from one of the saints of the early Church, John Chrysostom:

Christ gave us his flesh to eat in order to deepen our love for him. When we approach him, then, there should be burning within us a fire of love and longing. Otherwise the punishment awaiting us will be in proportion to the magnitude of the graces we have received and of which we have shown ourselves unworthy.

The wise men paid homage to Christ's body even when it was lying in a manger. Foreigners who did not worship the true God left their homes and their native land, set out on a long journey, and on reaching its end, worshipped in great fear and trembling.

Let us, the citizens of heaven, at least imitate them.

Do you not see how you gaze, here on earth, upon what is most precious of all?

They only saw Christ in a manger, they saw nothing of what you now see, and yet they approached him with profound awe and reverence. You see him, not in a manger but on an altar, offered by a priest; and you see the Spirit bountifully poured out upon the offerings of bread and wine.

Unlike the wise men, you do not merely see Christ's body: you know his power as well, and whole divine plan for our salvation. Having been carefully instructed, you are ignorant of none of the marvels he has performed.

Let us then awaken in ourselves a feeling of awe and let us show a far greater reverence than did those [wise men], for we shall bring down fire upon our heads if we approach this sacrament casually, without thinking of what we do.

By saying this I do not mean that we should not approach it, but simply that we should not do so thoughtlessly. Just as coming to it in a casual way is perilous, so failing to share in this sacramental meal is hunger and death.

This food strengthens us; it emboldens us to speak freely to our God: it is our hope, our salvation, our light and our life. If we go to the next world fortified by this sacrifice, we shall enter its sacred portals with perfect confidence, as though protected all over by armour of gold.

But why do I speak of the next world? Because of this sacrament earth becomes heaven for you. Throw open the gates of heaven—or rather, not of heaven but of the heaven of heavens—look through and you will see the proof of what I say.

What is heaven's most precious possession? I will show you it here on earth.

I do not show you angels or archangels, heaven or the heaven of heavens, but I show you the very Lord of all these. Do you not see how you gaze, here on earth, upon what is most precious of all?

You not only gaze on it, but touch it as well. You not only touch it, but even eat it, and take it away with you to your homes.

It is essential therefore when you wish to receive this sacrament to cleanse your soul from sin and to prepare your mind.

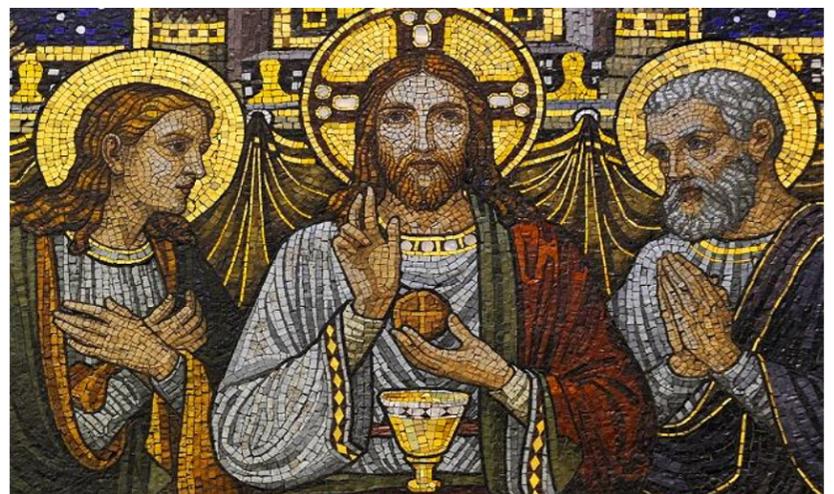
St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on the First Letter to the Corinthians 24, 4: PG 61, 204-205



St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) was born at Antioch and studied under Diodore of Tarsus, the leader of the Antiochene school of theology. After a period of great austerity as a hermit, he returned to Antioch where he was ordained deacon in 381 and priest in 386. From 386 to 397 it was his duty to preach in the principal church of the city, and his best homilies, which earned him the title "Chrysostomos" or "the golden-mouthed," were preached at this time.

In 397 Chrysostom became patriarch of Constantinople, where his efforts to reform the court, clergy, and people led to his exile in 404 and finally to his death from the hardships imposed on him.

Chrysostom was above all a pastor of souls, and was one of the most attractive personalities of the early Church.



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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year C)

19th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Second reading: Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord:

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Second Collection –



Our Second Collection this Sunday is in support of the Day for Life initiative, dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. Today's appeal assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and other life-related activities supported by the Church. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-2022>

Corpus Christi Sequence: Lauda Sion

- Since this weekend is the feast of Corpus Christi, at St Peter's we will hear, at 3 of the 4 Masses, the sequence Lauda Sion being sung. A sequence is a poem set to music; it is sung after the 2nd reading and before the Gospel Acclamation. Only 4 sequences occur during the Church's year, 3 of them on Sundays: Easter, Pentecost and Corpus Christi. At St Peter's, the sequence will be sung with the ancient Latin words, written by St Thomas Aquinas, for the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi, in 1264. A line-by-line translation of the Latin words into English, by Deacon Martin, is provided in the pews, to help you follow along.

St Thomas's words are a wonderful explanation of our faith in the Body and Blood of Jesus – as if the Angelic Doctor himself were preaching to us. It explains how Jesus instituted the Eucharist, how bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and how the whole of Jesus is present in even the smallest fragment of the sacred species. It links the Eucharist to the New Covenant, and to the "types"; the signs which prefigured it: the sacrifice of Isaac, the lamb of the Passover, and manna in the desert. And it also looks forward to the heavenly banquet, praying that we may be partakers.

Please do take a copy of the pew sheet away for your own reflection – or, if you're not attending Mass at St Peter's, you can find the words and a recording by the nuns of St Cecilia's Abbey on the Isle of Wight, at <http://gregorian-chant-hymns.com/hymns-2/lauda-sion.html>

Night Prayer – Please note that Night Prayer will not take place from **Monday 20th to Tuesday 28th June**.

St Thomas More's feast day – Fr Tom will be celebrating Mass at 7pm on **Wednesday 22nd June** at St Thomas More's Church for this special feast.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Masses will be held at 7pm on both **Thursday 23rd June (Vigil) and Friday 24th June** in St Peter's Church.

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 **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.

Tickets Available Now! 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: Zara Al Shaikh – **1.30pm Wednesday 22nd June** at St Peter's Church

Richard Codd – **12.15pm Friday 1st July** at St Peter's Church (during Mass)

Breda Scanlon – **12.15pm Friday 15th July** at St Peter's Church (during Mass)

Please keep the family and friends of Zara, Richard 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: On this feast of Corpus Christi, let us pray that the celebration of mass and adoration of the body and blood of Christ will nourish us and bring us into closer communion with Christ and with each other



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

Richard Codd	Zara Al Shaikh
Breda Scanlon	Simon Eaton
Theresa Frith	



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

Congratulations to Daniel Hopkins and Felicity Smith who were married at St Peter's on Saturday 11th June and Julian Webb and Katarina Holzapfel who were married on Sunday 12th June, also at St Peter's. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



Altar Servers' practice – There will be a formation meeting for altar servers after 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 3rd July** at St Peter's Church.

The Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG) Campaign Bus - The week beginning the 20th June to the 26th June is Refugee Week and the SWVG campaign "bus" will be in the outer close of Winchester Cathedral from 2pm - 5pm on **Monday 20th June**.

There will be the opportunity to write postcards, decorate them and send them to local refugees in Southampton, and/or The Home Secretary. Do come along to find out more information from the team.



Supporting Ukraine - Look out for a plant sale after Mass at St Peter's and St Stephen's on **June 19th** - proceeds to Ukraine.

SOUP & PUD LUNCH in aid of WINCHESTER HOSPICE

The CWL will be having their next Charity Lunch on **Friday 1st July**, in the Pastoral Centre, from 12.00 to 1.30pm.

All very welcome!



Laudato si Corner

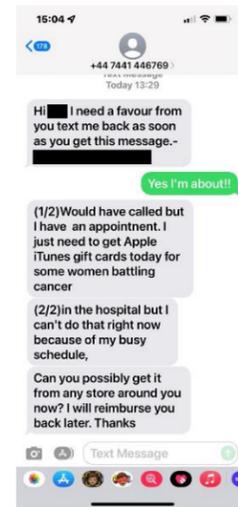
Winchester Green Homes Fair WINACC is holding Winchester Green Homes Fair at the Pastoral Centre on **25th June from 11am to 4pm**. Entry is free, come along to learn about how to make our homes more energy efficient!



Please be aware... Parishioners in our Diocese have been contacted by text, by someone pretending to be their Parish Priest. (See image below). This person asked the parishioners to buy vouchers or goods needed urgently by the parish priest. No member of the clergy will be contacting you in this way.

Please remember to:

- **Report the text phone number to [Action Fraud](https://www.actionfraud.org.uk)** and send the text number to: report@phishing.gov.uk
- **Ignore any messages coming from a non-saved contact**



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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 Timetable	18 th June – 25 th June 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – June 18 th CORPUS CHRISTI - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	The Wright Sisters RIP
	5.30PM	Mass	All Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY – June 19 th CORPUS CHRISTI	8.00 AM	Mass	Thanksgiving for good news on the health of Mgr. Paul Townsend
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of Ukraine
	10.30AM	Mass	Current, past & deceased members of the Eucharistic Adoration Group
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30PM	Mass	Ben's family
MONDAY – June 20 th	12.15PM	Mass	14 th anniversary of Kooran Thomas RIP of Kerela, India
TUESDAY – June 21 st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Intentions of the CWL – The Queen and her family
WEDNESDAY – June 22 nd Ss John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Martyrs	10.00AM	Mass	For the Benefactors
	7.00PM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
THURSDAY – June 23 rd NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Vigil	10AM	Mass	Neil Intentions
	7.00PM	Mass	Soul of Rev. Patrick Savage
FRIDAY – June 24 th THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Benefactors of the Sacred Heart
	7.00PM	Mass	Deceased members of the Clinton family
SATURDAY – June 25 th The Immaculate Heart of Mary 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Gerard & Judy (Thanksgiving)
	5.30 PM	Mass	Linda Mlotshwa and household

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 from Monday 20th to Tuesday 28th 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 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 (12th 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	67
9am	STM	98	65
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	209
11am	SG	115	72
5.30pm	SP	381	53



Dear Parents

Fishbourne Roman Palace - Year 3

Last Thursday, Year 3 went to visit Fishbourne Roman Palace. We used this as the hook to our learning and saw lots of interesting artefacts, beautiful mosaics and gardens as well as having the opportunity to be part of a Roman workshop.

"I liked the mosaic with a dolphin in the middle." - Clemmie

"I enjoyed looking at the details on the mosaic and drawing my own" - Leon

"There were gardens and they used to be really big, as big as a football pitch." - Isabel

During the workshop we were all turned into Roman slaves and had to cook the master's dinner by grinding the wheat and herbs to season the meat. We were also sent to Roman school where we learnt how to write our names using the Roman Alphabet and a pen and ink. In addition to this we used wax slaps and styli to write our Roman numerals. We used a drop spindle to turn wool into Yarn for our master's new cloak.

Tiber said, "We found out how the Romans lived and it was very interesting."

Matteo said, "I found it interesting that after it burnt down the land was then used to bury bodies and seeing a skeleton was interesting."

We had a lovely day learning all about how Roman life is different from our own and look forward to exploring this topic further back in the classroom. Thank you to the parents who came with us on this trip. We hope to take more of you on future trips in year 4.



We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant in KS1. If you are interested in applying 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.

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