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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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The Most Holy Trinity – Year C

Trinity Sunday – The Truth of How Much God Loves You

Fr Mark writes:

Little Nutbrown Hare wanted to be sure that Big Nutbrown Hare was listening. “Guess how much I love you,” he said.

“I love you right up to the MOON,” he said, and closed his eyes.

“Oh, that’s far,” said Big Nutbrown Hare. “That is very, very far.”

Then Big Nutbrown Hare lay down close by Little Nutbrown Hare and whispered with a smile, “I love you right up to the moon – AND BACK.”

Think of someone you love – and then stretch out your hands to show how much you love them. How wide will you stretch out your hands?



Now ask God how much he loves you and see how wide he stretches out his hands. Then look at the cross and you will see how wide he stretches them.

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.

Is that the image you have of God? Do you relate to God as a tender God? A compassionate God? A God who is slow to anger? A God who is rich in kindness? Rich in faithfulness?

Because if you don’t, and, for example, you think of God as ready to trip you up or send lightning bolts towards you, or one who punishes the innocent or wants you to suffer, then your image isn’t of God at all, and it is time to let go of that false god.

God’s essence, God’s very being is Love. Not just sit around, piled up on a plate love but active, passionate, loving love. God is Love Loving – Unconditional, infinite, never-ending, life-giving Love Loving. That is God!

The Trinity is the revelation that God is Love. Now we get Love wrong if we think of it as a ‘thing’ – something we can possess or control. It is a relationship and it is a verb – we can only ‘have’ love by loving, by participating in a relationship of love. So, the Trinity is Love Loving – dynamic, unfathomable, inexhaustible, eternally complete and creative. Yet, here is the great wonder. We only know this because the Father gives Himself to be known in His Son and the Son gathers us into this eternal self-giving through and in the Spirit. In other words, the fact that we can speak at all about God as Trinity is already a sign that we are beginning to participate in God’s Triune life: we know and experience that the Trinity is Love Loving us. This is what we call grace. The whole of the Church’s liturgy lives out of this knowledge. It is our act of love, both a confession and a proclamation – ‘a great cry of wonder’ – that in loving us the Trinity takes us into these relations of life, so that we learn again how to love by participating in Love. Literally, by ‘being-in-Love’. (Revd Dr James Hanvey SJ)

So, if you want to look for God, you need to look for Love Loving. “Wherever there is Love” said St. Augustine, “there is God.”

For God loved the world (and that doesn’t just mean everyone else, that means you, and not just you but the person next to you, and the murderer, and the terrorist), God loved the world so so much that He gave His only Son...

Those of you who have children might be able to empathise here even more than me. Can you think of a cause or a person you love enough to be able to hand over your own child in order to aid that cause? Can you think how much God must love you to be willing to hand over his Son, his only Son?

God gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

Today’s Feast invites us to ask do we believe in God? And another way of asking that is to ask, do you believe in Love?

There are plenty of people who don’t believe in Love, and plenty who claim not to. We’re not talking sentimental, slushy, mushy love here, by the way, but hard-hitting, sacrificial, never-giving-up Love. And this isn’t just a rhetorical question, one to muse over whilst watching the footie or flicking through the Sunday supplement. Do you live your life in such a way that shows and demonstrates that you believe in Love? Do you allow yourself to be-in-Love? Will you let the Spirit lead you more deeply into the Truth of God’s Love?

“Guess how much I love you?” God asks you.
“And he stretched out his arms and died.”

Do you want to participate in this life of receiving and giving love, in the rhythms of God’s very own life? Do you wish to be-in-Love? Are you willing to let go and love Love Loving?



Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All Glory and honour is yours Almighty Father, Forever and ever. Amen.

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 Trinity (Year C) – 12th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Second reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
The Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Second Collection – Today the Covenant with the Poor team will be appealing at all masses for support for 'Friends of Lanterns School'. Please support generously as ever, by donating using the blue envelopes or by bank transfer to the parish bank account with the reference **CWP**. A link to the appeal leaflet with full details is on the [parish website](#) homepage in the news section, or you can find it [here](#), or attached to this Peterpost if you get it by email.



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.



Welcome to St Peter's School We welcome Miss Buxton, the staff, the children of St Peter's and their families, to the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 12th June.

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.

Healthcare Community event During past years, the international community in our Parish has held an annual family fun day, sportsfest in the grounds of St Peters School.
This year, on **Saturday 11th June, between 12.00pm and 5pm**, our parish will host another opportunity to say 'Welcome' and 'Thank You' to the members of our Parish who provide healthcare in and around Winchester.
You are invited to bring your own picnic food and light refreshments to the St Peters RC School grounds where we can meet, mix, give thanks and celebrate. Teas, coffees and some soft drinks will be provided.
Address: Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester, SO22 4JB.
The gates will open at 12.00. We will start with Welcome and Prayer at 12.45, followed by the picnic, mixing and games. Closing Thanks and Prayers will be at 4.45pm.
Do come along, if only for a short time.
Finally, if the weather forecast is rainy, it would be great if you could bring along a gazebo, if you have one available. Help will be provided to erect and dismantle it if needed.



Pies & Puds - Wed 15th June Our next lunch event will be on **Wed 15th June** in the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. All welcome. As usual, there'll be a choice of pies, along with vegetarian and gf options, and proper puddings with custard. This month we have Danny Habel from the Winchester Jewish Community talking about the **statue of Licoricia** – with a trip to the statue for those who want to walk there! (But you can also sit tight). No need to book or commit, but email moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

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



Funeral notices: Emma Walsh – **2pm Thursday 16th June** at St Peter's Church
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 Emma, Zara, Richard and Breda in your prayers at this sad time. May God grant them eternal rest.



Memorial Mass for Gervase Belfield RIP – There will be a Memorial Mass for Gervase Belfield RIP at 2pm on **Tuesday 21st June** in St Peter's Church. All are welcome to join Gervase's family in remembering him in a very special way.

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 feast of Pentecost has inspired us afresh to use our many gifts in our mission to bring people to Christ in hope and joy.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
Richard Codd
Zara Al Shaikh
Breda Scanlon
Emma Walsh

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**
or scan the QR code
shown here



The Catholic Women's League (CWL), warmly welcome ladies to their monthly meeting, being held in the Pastoral Centre, at **4pm on Thursday 16th June**. The topic will be Holiday Disasters !!



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

Food Waste This week we are looking at food waste and how to prevent it. These tips will save wasting food and save money. The average family wastes £470 worth of food per year. The annual cost for UK equates to £50 million per year.

Understanding the labels

Friends of the Earth have a really good website looking at labels. In summary a use by date is about safety and storage instructions and must be followed carefully.

Best Before Dates (BBE =Best before the end)are about quality and texture. The food will be safe to eat, but the taste and flavour may not be as good. The Best Before Date will only be accurate if the foods have been stored correctly so read the instructions on the package. You can use the "sniff test". Use your sensory organs to see if the food is safe to eat. Look for visible signs such as mould on bread, stale taste of biscuits and a sour smell to dairy foods.

Plan Meals ahead

Get into the habit of checking what you already have before you go shopping and only buy what you need for the meals you have planned. Dont forget to contribute to Food Banks; they are needed more than ever these days!

Thank you - Kathy



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

Christian Aid Solo Cycle Ride

Parishioner Jane Hough is planning to do her 28th annual 2 week solo cycle ride to raise funds for Christian Aid. This year she will go to Ireland and ride about 500 miles. Please consider sponsoring Jane at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janehough28>

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.



Workshop for readers – The Dominican Sisters are providing more training for readers and Catechists. Please see below for details.

Saturdays 18th and 25th June, from 10 am to 1 pm. All details and registration links are here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

Catechists, seasoned and new, and all children's Liturgy leaders and helpers are invited to attend our **Diocesan Day for Catechists**, which will be taking place on the **8th of October in Winchester**. All details and registration here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

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Winchester Radio Job Vacancy



COMMUNITY BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER

£20K / 30 HRS PER WEEK (£25K FTE) INITIALLY 12 MONTH CONTRACT
Are you a locally-based gifted communicator and dynamic sales person looking for a new challenge? Charity Winchester Radio are recruiting their first paid employee.

The ideal candidate will have excellent local knowledge and share the charity's passion for community life in Winchester, and the importance of keeping people active and connected, especially as they get older.

The successful applicant will enjoy building relationships with local businesses, social enterprises, charities, local government and the NHS, to generate income from advertising and collaborative working.

For more details, please see: www.winchester.radio. Closing date: 19th June

Winchester Radio is a registered charity, no. 1160752

2022 THEME: YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE

Give us this day our daily bread

We trust God for our needs

Mini-retreat for spiritual renewal 25th June 10.00-13.00
Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise; Prayer; Talk by John Trimming

Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2022 More information from www.altonrenewal.com

Please join us for a mini-retreat morning of spiritual renewal on Zoom. Through our worship at Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prophetic reflection, praise and inspiring talk, we will discover how the Lord's Prayer guides and empowers us to fulfil God's will: that we play our part in bringing His heavenly Kingdom into being here on earth, through the power of the Holy Spirit. This month: how God makes us holy.

Speaker and worship this month is from **House of the Open Door Community** with John Trimming, who will lead us in considering how to trust God for our daily needs.

Timetable for the day (approximate timings)

- 9.30am Rosary (not online – say privately)
- 10.00am Mass, Adoration & Prophecy
- 11.20am Praise & Worship
- 11.40am Testimony, Speaker and Prayer
- 12.30pm Sharing in groups
- 1.00pm End
- 1.30-4.00 Telephone Prayer Ministry

Joining details

Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2022 or go to www.altonrenewal.com/programme.html and we will send you the zoom link.

Founded in 1975, we are one of the longest running days of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the country. We are dedicated to the encouragement of a personal relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"The Charismatic Renewal is a current of grace of the Spirit for all the Church, not just for some." – Pope Francis

More information at www.altonrenewal.com Telephone healing: 07579 824523

Next meeting: 23 July 2022 10.00 - 1.00 "Forgive us as we forgive"
Speaker: Peter Hobbs

Mass Timetable	11 th June – 18 th June 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – June 11 th St Barnabas, Apostle THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - Vigil	10.00AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Michael Laing and Annie Kate RIP
	5.30PM	Mass	Deceased members of the Platt and Gilbert families
SUNDAY – June 12 th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8.00 AM	Mass	Dorothy (Bubbles) Tosdevine RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10.30AM	Mass	People of Ukraine
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Fr Tom McGrath (ordination anniversary)
	5.30PM	Mass	People of the Parish
MONDAY – June 13 th St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Rev. Patrick T. Savage
TUESDAY – June 14 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Andrew Gardiner RIP
WEDNESDAY – June 15 th	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of William Meader
THURSDAY – June 16 th	10AM	Mass	For the dead in St James' Cemetery
FRIDAY – June 17 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Peter Hankin (75 th Birthday)
SATURDAY – June 18 th CORPUS CHRISTI - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	The Wright Sisters RIP
	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

Night Prayer (livestream) 9pm Monday to Thursday **Please note there will be no Night Prayer on Sunday 12th 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

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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

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 (weekend of 5th June)

Mass	Church	Capacity	Attendance
Saturday 5.30pm	SP	381	65
8am	SP	381	72
9am	STM	98	65
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	188
11am	SG	115	64
5.30pm	SP	381	53

MONTHLY OFFERTORY					
Offerory - Parish Funds					
April 2022	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless St Peter's	Give At You Live & Online Banking	Planned Giving	Total
Sub Total	£3,392.68	£674.55	£1,860.20	£14,229.75	£22,157.18
Offerory - Second Collections					
April 2022	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless St Peter's	Give At You Live & Online Banking	Planned Giving	Total
Clergy Assistance Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	588.40	588.40
CAFOD Lent	5.96	0.00	0.00	456.01	461.97
Holy Places	67.00	68.88	0.00	0.00	135.88
Clergy Training	85.00	0.00	0.00	507.09	592.09
SVP	762.85	0.00	75.00	0.00	837.85
CAFOD Ukraine	38.00	93.48	20.00	0.00	151.48
Sub Total	£958.81	£162.36	£95.00	£1,551.50	£2,767.67

Donations received through our monthly offertory collections will now be included in this section once a month.

And your amazing generosity can clearly be seen in the figures shown – thank you so much for your continued support!



Dear Parents

Pentecost

Currently, our children are learning in R.E. about the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples after Jesus had ascended into Heaven, and the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. Our youngest will learn that the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and Jesus' promise to his disciples. They will also learn that we celebrate the birthday of the church at Pentecost.

Meanwhile, those who are slightly older learn about the Holy Spirit during Mass, as well as thinking about how the Good News shaped the lives of different saints and our lives today.

Finally, our older children learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they impact on our lives today. Also, they will be thinking about the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages.' Acts 2: 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.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)
Headteacher