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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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3rd July 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

We need pack nothing to get into the Kingdom of God

Fr Mark writes:

A very wealthy woman dies and arrives at the pearly gates with a large heavy bag on her back. St Peter asks her, "What's in the sack?" The woman replies "I've given most of my riches to the poor, and I thought I could just bring a small amount with me to heaven". Peter says, "Mmm. I'll have to ask God if you're allowed to bring this in."

After a while, St Peter comes back and says it's probably fine, but he has to check the bag. He opens it and discovers it's full of gold bars. "Oh!", he says, "That's OK. You've brought paving stones."

Radical Dependency on God

All that we have of material value ultimately is on loan from God. Whether it be possessions, stuff, money, etc. And yet none of these things that we've acquired will help us in the kingdom of God. We're given this opportunity in life to recognise that and to learn to let go of these things and trust more and more in God – in God's Grace and Truth.

We have a stark illustration of that in our Gospel this weekend, as Jesus sends out disciples ahead of him:

"Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road...Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer..."

This all seems a little risky and possibly very scary. Was it bad planning by Jesus? Or is he trying to get them to see what can happen when we rely only on Grace and Truth.

Jesus tells them that their first words are to be words of "Peace". The disciples are to offer peace to that house, peace which comes from God. Jesus then tells them to cure the sick but he doesn't give them a crash course in first century medicine. There's no first aid kit they're to take with them, no magic ointments or pills. All they have to offer is the Grace of God to bring healing.

What is their message of Truth to be? "The kingdom of God is very near to you." Jesus is the kingdom of God and so he says to them effectively, "Go ahead of me for I am coming, I am drawing near to you." This message of Truth will be of comfort to those who accept it and unbearably bad for those who reject it.

What happens when the disciples do as Jesus commands and rely totally and radically upon the power of God's love in Grace and Truth?

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.'

God's power to heal is released and the disciples are filled with joy.

Would you like to be filled with joy too..? Then I'd encourage you to begin to have a conversation with God about where in your life he might be calling you to a more radical dependency upon God's Grace and Truth.

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest to you." In that person you will encounter Christ and, we pray, that person will encounter Christ through you. As disciples of Jesus, it

is not necessary for most of us to go from town to town. However, the Church is calling us spread God's word with "new ardour, new methods and new expressions".

Mother Teresa also said, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God Who is sending a love letter to the world." We are the labourers and the harvest is indeed abundant. Let us rejoice and be glad; with Christ, and by the power of his death and resurrection, we can change the world.

Ordination of Rev. James Lewis to the Presbyterate, his First Mass and Parish Party



I've been looking at my notes and it was three years ago, on the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2019, that we said thank you and farewell to James following his year on pastoral placement in the parish. We were very blessed to have him with us for that year and his new parish will be very blessed to have him as their priest.

- ❖ Please consider joining us in Portsmouth (Catholic!) Cathedral on Sat 16th July, 11am, for his ordination.
- ❖ Please consider coming along to the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 17th July, here in St. Peter's, Winchester, which will be the First Mass in which James will preside as the main celebrant at Mass.
- ❖ Please consider joining us for the Parish Party which will take place after the 10:30am Mass on Sun 17th July, in the grounds of St. Peter's (you can [book online](#) or via the parish office so we have numbers for catering purposes.)

All of you are **very** welcome and please feel free to bring a friend!

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 3rd July 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R.v.1
Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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.

Change to Mass time – Wednesday 6th July Mass will be at **12.15pm on Wednesday 6th July** due to the beautiful church floor at St Peter's being polished in the morning. Please note that there will be **no Morning Prayer** on this day as the hardworking polishing team will begin their work early in the morning.

Night Prayer – Fr Mark will be taking a well-earned break from Thursday 7th July to Wednesday 13th July so there will be no Night Prayer during this time.

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.



First Holy Communion Masses This Weekend

Please continue to pray for the 40 children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this 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.



James Lewis Ordination – Help with transport



If you would like to attend the special occasion of James Lewis' Ordination on Saturday 16th July but require help with transport to get there, please let Michaela in the office know. We will try our best to find someone who can help with lifts and car shares.

Equally, if you are willing to offer someone a space in your car, please let Michaela know and she will put both parties in contact with one another.

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.



Welcome to Emilia Holdbrook who was baptised at St Peter's Church, and Madeleine de la Ferrière who was baptised at St Stephen's Church last weekend. May God bless these children with His love and grace, today and always.

Congratulations to David Watts and Renee Lima 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.



Funeral Notices: 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 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 for our First Holy Communion families and their Catechists, that the gift of the Eucharist will bring people closer to Christ in hope and joy.



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

Breda Scanlon Simon Eaton
Teresa Frith Pat Garrett

SOUP & PUD LUNCH in aid of WINCHESTER HOSPICE – New date! The CWL will be having their next charity lunch on **Friday 5th August**, in the Pastoral Centre, from 12.00 to 1.30pm. All very welcome!



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



Year of the Holy Spirit

Here's some advance notice: the Parish is planning to have a "Year of the Holy Spirit", starting in the autumn, so running over the next academic year. This is very much at the planning stages at the moment, but the idea is to enable our parish to grow in our knowledge and awareness of the person of the Holy Spirit, including the spiritual gifts. We are also hoping to provide opportunities for people to experience Holy Spirit-focussed prayer times more frequently. Watch out for more details soon.

Laudato si Corner

Live Simply

As a parish we were awarded the Live Simply Award in 2013. The plaque, which was unveiled by the Mayor, can be found on the wall next the kitchen hatch in St Peter's Pastoral Centre.



Over the past few weeks, we have posted ways we can help cut carbon emissions, prevent waste and, importantly at this time, save money.

Here are a few tips on Living Simply and creating space in your life for you:

Switch off notifications

If you are often wakened by these, switch them off at night and check them at a time which works for you

Live frugally

Once you start thinking more carefully about your shopping habits, you might realise you don't need as much as you are used to buying. Take the time to consider your purchases.

Take a rest day

Though it can be hard for the human ego to accept the world doesn't fall apart when we take a break, by closing your computer and your diary, you can enjoy some down time.

How about making that on a Sunday?

Thank you

Kathy East

Milner Hall and White House Update



As part of our goal to get all our property assets into full use, we have been making some progress on the Milner Hall and the White House. The Milner Hall has been advertised for hire with a local property agent and we have had some serious interest from a couple

of parties: one is a Christian church and the other an arts company. Both are taking a more detailed look at the building before we enter into final negotiations and make a decision on how to proceed.

As regards the White House, we have been encouraged by the diocese to conduct a master planning exercise for the whole of the St Peter's site to see whether, and how, we can get the building into use in a way that is financially viable. We are currently selecting a firm of architects to carry out this work, which we hope to start in July and complete by the end of October.



(Many thanks to Jess Williams for providing these and many other beautiful photographs for parish use, following her recent work experience with us in the parish office)

Useful Contacts

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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 Timetable	2 nd July – 9 th July 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – July 2 nd Our Lady on Saturday 14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - VIGIL	10.30AM	First Holy Communion Mass	
	1.00PM	First Holy Communion Mass	
	5.30PM	Mass	All Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY – July 3 rd 14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	Souls of David & Julia O'Connell
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10.30AM	Mass	Niall O'Connell RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5.30PM	Mass	Moira Kelly RIP
MONDAY – July 4 th	12.15PM	Mass	Deceased members of the McCrossan and McCafferty families
TUESDAY – July 5 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12.15PM	Mass	Pat Garrett RIP
WEDNESDAY – July 6 th	12.15PM	Mass	Edward Hauschild on his Ordination as Deacon in Rome
THURSDAY – July 7 th	10.00AM	Mass	Fr Joe O'Donnell RIP
FRIDAY – July 8 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass	Brian Campbell RIP
SATURDAY – July 9 th Our Lady on Saturday 15 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - VIGIL	9.00AM	Mass	Soul of Mary Wheble
	5.30PM	Mass	Maureen & Alastair Mitchell 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 (no morning confessions on Saturday 2nd July)

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 Wednesday 6th July. There will be no Night Prayer from 7th – 13th July.

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 (26th 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	70
9am	STM	98	52
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	176
11am	SG	115	38
5.30pm	SP	381	53



WORLD YOUTH DAY
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Come and join the diocesan pilgrimage to WYD in Lisbon,
1st-6th August 2023!

Led by Bishop Philip, for those aged 16 by July 2023.

Hurry! Spaces are limited! Scan the QR code to sign up!

Price tbc, but to be approximately £1200.

Why not start fundraising or speak to your parish priest!

For more details contact: wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

