

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*Vanity of vanities, all is vanity*

**Fr Anthony writes:**

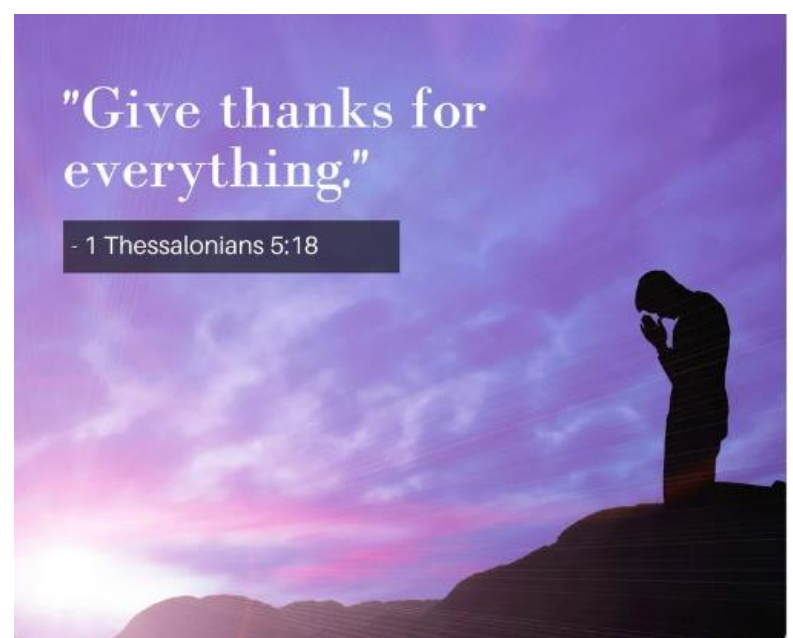
*Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.* This is a common assertion that we might be familiar with. While others might have had occasions to give an absolute **assent** to it, others might still have made a **notional assent**. Just a week ago, I was brutally forced to cry out in desperation after receiving the news about the untimely death of a fellow young priest back in Cameroon. Fr Didymus was turning 35 and was barely three years ordained. He was returning from receiving his American visa, where he was going to further his education when he collided with an on-coming truck and died on the spot. I was devastated when I got the news, and the words of the Qohelet came to me, 'Vanity of vanities, all is vanity'. He was a young, intelligent, hardworking and dedicated priest with whom I spent about seven years in the seminary. He had plans for himself, but now everything seemed shattered. His shocking death invited me to ask crucial questions about my own life.

The readings of this Sunday warn us about the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power since they are all ephemeral. Everything and everyone is here today and gone tomorrow. However, the temptation to harden our hearts in subtle but no less disastrous ways persists. For instance, putting our trust in possessions, squabbling over earthly inheritances, kidding ourselves that what we have we deserve, storing up treasures and thinking they will afford us security and rest.

Qohelet, in the first reading, reminds us that the greedy acquisition and hoarding of wealth is useless. He wonders what use wealth is when one dies and goes empty-handed while one's heir gains and squanders one's riches. It is a grim picture filled with a profound message to ponder. In today's gospel, Jesus calls the rich man a fool, a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him. Although his rich harvest was hard-earned, his concern was more about himself and his well-being than God and those whom God wanted to bless through him. The more God blessed him with a rich harvest; the more his heart rebelled against God instead of turning to God in praise and thanksgiving.

In the second reading, St Paul invites us to treasure the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We must see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us. He calls us to focus our thoughts on heavenly things, not on the things on the earth, because we have died, and now our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

While praising God for rescuing him, the Psalmist prays for the wisdom to know the shortness of life so that he may gain wisdom of the heart. This is the wisdom we need, dear brothers and sisters. The wisdom to know that we are on a pilgrimage. The wisdom to know what indeed is essential for our lives. The wisdom to know when to embark and when to refrain. The wisdom to know the will of God for us and the wisdom to walk in his ways. The wisdom to say no to the lures and pleasures of the world, flesh and Satan. Thus, today's readings in no way encourage us to be lazy but to gain wisdom of the heart and follow the ways of the Lord our God.



**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](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
**R. Alleluia!**

**First reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R.v.1

O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.

**Communion Antiphon:**

You have given us, O Lord,  
bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights  
and sweetness in every taste.

**Second reading:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Changes to Mass time and Confessions** – On **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**, Mass will be celebrated at **8am** with Morning Prayer; there will be no 12.15pm Mass on this day. Confessions will not take place at 11am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, but there will still be the opportunity for this sacrament later in the day from 4.30-5pm.

**Summer editions of Peterpost** – As we head into August, the newsletter is going to look very slimmed down, as there are fewer events, and everybody has some rest and relaxation. We will just include the basics. We'll be back to normal early in September – bear that in mind if you know you will have something you would like us to include then. You can always contact the newsletter team at [newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) for inclusion in the next full edition on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Mass for the Bishops 10th Anniversary – 29th September** This September will see Bishop Philips 10th Anniversary as the Bishop in our Diocese. The Cathedral Chapter would like to organise a Thanksgiving Mass to be held on Thursday the **29th September at 12:00** followed by a reception in the Cathedral centre. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. There will be a reception after the Mass of drinks and nibbles.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** – We offer huge thanks to the Children's Liturgy teams for their work in leading wonderful sessions each Sunday for the children (and parents) over the past year. We wish them a safe and happy summer break and look forward to the groups starting again in September.

**Date for your diary – Mass at Winchester Cathedral**  
The next mass at Winchester Cathedral will be celebrated at 10am on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. The final mass for 2022 is planned for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. All are welcome!



**Welcome to** Betty Darby who was baptised at Gregory's Church last weekend. May God bless Betty with His love and grace, today and always.

**Congratulations** to Ivan Molera and Mia Pentason who celebrated their marriage at St Peter's on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Congratulations also to David Mellon and Emily Salentino who were married at St Peter's on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



**Marriage Banns / Notice of Forthcoming Weddings**

The following couples plan to marry in our Parish:

- Thomas Leonard Munday and Natalie Christine Cadde at St Peter's on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Matthew Hill and Anit George at St Peter's on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- James William Hook and Julia Elizabeth Rouse at St Peter's on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Laurence Easton-Jones and Charlotte Bluck at St Peter's on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December



**Funeral Notices:** The funeral of Nandita Connolly RIP will take place at St Peter's Church at 11.45am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please keep her husband, Bernard, and all Nandita's family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. The funeral of Patrick Ross (Stockbridge) will take place at 12.15pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August in St Peter's Church. Please also pray for Patrick's family and friends as they prepare for his funeral. May God grant both Nandita and Patrick eternal rest.



**PRAYER CORNER:** During the summer and into September/October, our Prayer Corner petitions will be based on our Parish Prayer - taking a line from the prayer each week.

**This Week's Intention:** "Heavenly Father, we come before you as we are."

We thank the Lord that He accepts us as we are. We pray that we will accept others as they are, as the Lord's creation, loved by Him.



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

- Nandita Connolly
- Patrick Anthony Ross
- Maurice Henry
- Fr Didymus

Mass Timetable	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – July 30 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - VIGIL	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Ewa Slinn RIP (anniversary)
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Annamma Joseph RIP
SUNDAY – July 31 <sup>st</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil family
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Neil Haken
	10.30AM	Mass at St Peter's	David Tutton RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Olga Lucia Moya RIP
MONDAY – August 1 <sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
TUESDAY – August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
WEDNESDAY – August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls
THURSDAY – August 4 <sup>th</sup> St John Vianney, Priest	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Brendan Barry RIP
FRIDAY – August 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ben's family
SATURDAY – August 6 <sup>th</sup> THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Richard Magee RIP
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	All Souls in Purgatory

Confessions every Saturday 11.00am till 12.00noon and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required **Please note there will be no morning confessions on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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's followed by Adoration till 9.00am

Night Prayer (livestream) 9pm Monday to Thursday

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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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (24<sup>th</sup> July)

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	62
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	195
11am	SG	115	62
5.30pm	SP	381	53

## Monthly Offertory Report– May 2022

### MONTHLY OFFERTORY

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!

#### Offertory - Parish Funds

May 22	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless St Peter's	Give As You Live & Online Banking	Planned Giving	Total
Sub Total	£4,182.42	£767.19	£435.00	£15,817.25	<b>£21,201.86</b>

#### Offertory - Second Collections

May 22	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless St Peter's	Give As You Live & Online Banking	Planned Giving	Total
Bamenda	£0.46				<b>£0.46</b>
CAFOD	£16.60				<b>£16.60</b>
Holy Places	£5.00				<b>£5.00</b>
Clergy Training Fund	£218.96	£190.00	£155.00	£490.68	<b>£1,054.64</b>
World Communications	£204.92		£89.20	£249.00	<b>£543.12</b>
SVP	£24.00				<b>£24.00</b>
CWP Lanterns School	£15.50				<b>£15.50</b>
Sub Total	£485.44	£190.00	£244.20	£739.67	<b>£1,659.32</b>

## Monthly Offertory Report– June 2022

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#### Offertory - Parish Funds

June 22	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless St Peter's	Give As You Live & Online Banking	Planned Giving	Total
Sub Total	£3,707.55	£677.97	£874.76	£15,803.25	<b>£21,063.53</b>

#### Offertory - Second Collections

June 22	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless St Peter's	Give As You Live & Online Banking	Planned Giving	Total
World Communications	£140.39		£30.00		<b>£170.39</b>
Peter Pence	£296.87		£10.00	£265.46	<b>£572.33</b>
APF Missio	£43.33				<b>£43.33</b>
Day for Life	£391.08		£10.00	£208.62	<b>£609.70</b>
CWP Lanterns	£1,376.40	£196.80	£1,875.00		<b>£3,448.20</b>
Sub Total	£2,248.07	£196.80	£1,925.00	£474.08	<b>£4,843.95</b>