

# PETERPOST

## Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*Two True Stories to Help Us Locate Our Treasure and Our Heart*

### **Fr Mark writes:**

Last weekend, at some of our Masses, I shared two stories, both of which, as far as I can tell, are true...

The first features Al Capone, who at one stage virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal manoeuvring kept Al Capone out of jail for a long time...

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object.

And, despite his involvement with organised crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was.

Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. He wanted to rectify wrongs he had done.

He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. It was a cost he was willing to pay.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street...But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read:

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

The second story comes from World War II, which produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realised that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He wouldn't have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship.

His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of enemy aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet.

The American fighters were all gone, and the fleet was all but defenceless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of enemy planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibre's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dived at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor.

A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home city would not allow the memory of this WWII hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this man.

So what do these two stories have to do with each other?  
*Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son...*

Easy Eddie had spent much of his life with his treasure, and therefore his heart, in the wrong place. At the end of his life, though, he sought treasure elsewhere.

Where is your treasure, and where, therefore is your heart..

**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) If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, visit our [Journey in Faith webpage](#).

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 7<sup>TH</sup> August 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life  
of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
**R. Alleluia!**

**First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9**

**Gospel: Luke 12:32-48**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R.v.12**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

**Communion Antiphon:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**Second reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**



**A new path for Deacon Gerard** – Following his ordination on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Deacon Gerard has offered 13 years of loyal and dedicated diaconal service to our parish. Now Bishop Philip is calling him to provide the same love and care for the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception in Portswood, Southampton. He will be joining Fr Anthony this autumn and he will go with our sincere gratitude and blessing, as well as our thoughts and prayers.

**Changes to Morning and Night Prayer** – Please note that there will be no Morning Prayer on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

As Fr Anthony will be taking a well deserved summer break, Night Prayer will not take place until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Morning Confessions from September** – from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

September, the time of morning confessions will change to after the 9am Mass until 10.30am. Afternoon confessions will remain at the usual time of 4.30-5pm.

**Youth Alpha** Our Youth Alpha course is starting again on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022! The Youth Alpha course is very similar to the main adult Alpha course that we run. It is typically run over 10 weeks with an away day. In each session you have a meal, watch a talk, and discuss questions in small groups. The talks tackle core questions about life and faith from a Christian perspective. Along the way there are opportunities to experience worship through music and moments for prayer. All of this is done in a fun environment where everyone is welcome. If you are aged 13-17 and considering Confirmation, please do sign up, as participation in at least one Alpha course is necessary for Confirmation. The course will run from **7.30pm – 9pm on Monday evenings**, starting on **September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Please do get in touch if you are interested, or want to hear a little bit more! We look forward to hearing from you 😊 Jo D  
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**Calling all young people aged 11-18**

Would you like to meet with other young people from Ukraine and other countries? Winchester Vineyard Church and St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub will be having an event for young people aged 11-18 from Winchester and those new to Winchester from Ukraine and other countries. If you are interested, please submit names to [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) The date is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 6-8pm and it will be held at Vineyard Church Winchester, Unit A, Bar End Road SO23 8NP. The Sat Nav code is SO23 9NR. We also need adults, preferably with a DBS check that is appropriate for working with children and young people, to help with games and serving pizza and drinks. Please contact the parish office using the above email address if you are able to help in this way.



**Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation**

**Based at:** Pastoral Centre, St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hants SO23 8RY.

**Hours of work:** Part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.

**Salary:** £12-13 per hour depending on experience.

**Closing date:** Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 12 noon

For further details and how to apply, please click [here](#).

We are seeking a Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation to support the Director of Evangelisation and Leadership in delivering and developing the parish Evangelisation Ministry and its programmes and initiatives, with a particular focus on our primary tool for evangelisation, Alpha.

**Congratulations** to Jonathan Hare and Rachel Stringfellow who celebrated their marriage at St Peter's on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



**Funeral Notices:** Arnold Moreto RIP – **2pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** at St Peter's Church

Nandita Connolly RIP – **11.45am Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August** at St Peter's Church

Patrick Anthony Ross RIP – **12.15pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** at St Peter's Church (during Mass)

Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant Arnold, 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:** "We praise and thank you for this precious gift of life."

We thank the Lord for our own life, and for all life on earth. We pray that we will cherish and protect all life, especially the vulnerable and the unborn, and our planet.



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

- Nandita Connolly
- Patrick Anthony Ross
- Maurice Henry
- Arnold Moreto

Mass Timetable	6 <sup>th</sup> August – 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
<b>SATURDAY – August 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - VIGIL</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Richard Magee RIP
	<b>5.30PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>SUNDAY – August 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>8.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased members of the Reira family/Souls of David & Julia O'Connell
	<b>9.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
	<b>9.15 AM</b>	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Dennis Hannon RIP
	<b>11.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<b>5.30PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Gwen McDowell RIP
<b>MONDAY – August 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St Dominic, Founder</b>	<b>12.15PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Fabian Woodley
<b>TUESDAY – August 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS,</b> <b>Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<b>12.15PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Ben's family
<b>WEDNESDAY – August 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>ST LAURENCE, Deacon, Martyr</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Christopher Chalmers RIP
<b>THURSDAY – August 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St Clare, Foundress</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Patrick George McCall & family
<b>FRIDAY – August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<b>12.15PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Ewa Slinn RIP (anniversary of funeral)
<b>SATURDAY – August 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Pamela Watkins RIP
	<b>5.30PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	K B Joseph RIP

Confessions every Saturday 11.00am till 12.00noon and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required  
Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am **Please note, there will be no Morning Prayer on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration, go to our [YouTube channel](#)  
**ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED**

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**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 (31<sup>st</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	74
9am	STM	98	62
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	152
11am	SG	115	75
5.30pm	SP	381	53