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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*A Book of Life*

**Fr Jean Patrice writes:**

The Bible is most certainly a Book of Life. We can see that in the question posed to Jesus today, “Sir, will there only be a few saved?” It is a question that we will all ask at some point: “What will happen to me when I die? Will I go to heaven?”

In my time as a priest in a parish, I once came across a gentleman whose wife was a fervent believer. But although his wife and her mother prayed for him greatly, he never made the step of going beyond his baptism and living decisively in faith. He would come to the odd parish function, would happily help with some DIY around the church and presbytery, and was particularly friendly with an elderly priest who spoke to him about the Faith amongst other things.

However, at a still relatively sprightly age, he contracted cancer for which there would be no cure. His wife devoted herself to him night and day, and it was during this time that he spoke of being received into the Catholic Church. It turned out that he had listened well to the elderly priest, as he required little instruction and was able to be received into the Church in his house by his Parish Priest. He would then go into hospital and there receive the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion from the Hospital Chaplain. A day or so later, I offered to his wife to celebrate Mass for his intentions. They watched the Mass on the parish livestream from the hospital, and then I took them two Sacred Hosts that I had consecrated at that Mass. We were then able to have a short conversation. I then went to the Parish Church, where as in many places, there was a statue of Saint Anthony of Padua, where I asked the good Saint for his intercession (particularly as it was his Feast Day). As many people know, Saint Anthony is a powerful wonder worker. This gentleman duly died, fortified by the Sacraments in the presence of his wife the next day.

In the same way, we also have to be prepared for when we will leave this world, which is often at a time and place that we do not expect. The question, “Sir, will there only be a few saved?” is as relevant now as it was 2,000 years ago.

We all need to listen to the reply of Jesus, which, as often, is not a direct response, but one which invites the interlocutor an opportunity to process it, and come up with their own answer. The image of the narrow gate (or door) would have been familiar to his listeners as He was on His way to Jerusalem. This was a walled city, by which you could only access it through gates. Some of these were wide, which could allow a great number of people to enter, including those who were carried by animals such as dromedaries (camels). Others were narrow, and could only allow one or so pedestrians at a time. Furthermore, some gates could only be accessed by those who had received suitable initiation, they were not open to all.

It would not have been hard listening to Our Lord to understand what He was saying. He is inviting us not to simply follow the crowd, which can so often be wrong, particularly in things which offer a challenge of something new. Nor we should command others to carry us, and make no effort ourselves. But rather, we should choose the narrow gate, which involves thinking for ourselves, and be prepared to go against the majority opinion. We have to make our own effort to assist in our salvation. Of course, we cannot save ourselves (the classic heresy of Pelagius); that is the work of God; however He does not save us without us.

One of the best ways of cooperating in this effort for our salvation is quite simply to go to Mass. We have perhaps got out of the habit of our regular Sunday journey to the church, where we join with the community of believers in praising and worshipping God our Father. We speak of a Sunday Obligation simply because there is never a moment when He is not thinking of us and loving us. As we often watch a child responding with great love to their loving parent, in the same way, we respond to the infinite love of God our Father by our daily prayer, our community worship on the Lord’s Day of Sunday, and our desire to be more and more like Him. We do this by reading and studying God’s Word in the Bible, which teaches us how we should live in what we should and should not do. And Our Lord said that “if we have seen Him, then we have seen the Father”, so we study the Gospel, and try to imitate Jesus in how He lived His life in self-giving, selfless offering of self for others.



I have started a new post of Catholic Chaplain to HMP Winchester, ministering to the men, who if even for a short time make up part of our parish population. Please keep them in your prayers, and pray for my ministry as I seek to bring the sacraments and the knowledge of God to help them in their quest to get through the narrow gate. We should always remember how often Our Lord speaks of forgiveness and mercy, which is why He ate with the sinners. This is a recurring theme with Pope Francis who often speaks of ministry to the margins, and in particular to prisoners. Please also consider if you would like to volunteer to help, either with the Sunday Mass (held on Saturday morning), and/or taking time to listen to the men. I will be also be doing some part-time parochial work in the Basingstoke area from October, but I am grateful to Fathers Mark and Anthony for welcoming me in the meantime. I look forward very much to meeting you all.

**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](#).

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 21st August 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Turn your ear, O Lord,  
and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.

**First reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Good News.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.



**A gift for Fr Anthony** - As you are no doubt aware, Fr Anthony will be leaving us at the beginning of September when he returns from his holiday. Fr Anthony originally came to our Diocese to study at Southampton University, where he gained his MSc in Education; now he has embarked on studying for a PhD in Education (again based on Education - where he is looking at inclusion in mainstream education). In his diocese, children with special needs do not yet have a chance to be educated. Some are still seen as curses to their families and are left hidden at home. Some are abused in all forms and there's no voice to advocate for them. Fr Anthony wants to be this voice. He wants to equip himself in Southampton University, so that he may lead this mission when he returns to Bamenda. His training will build his capacity to assist teachers respond to the needs of these children. It has been our practice that when a priest moves to a new parish, we send him on his way with a gift. This time, it would be wonderful if we could help him financially in covering his fees for his PhD. He needs to fund one third personally (about £7,000) and he was supposed to have asked for support from the parish earlier - but he was too shy and proud to do so.

It would be wonderful if we could help him, and your gift will be very gratefully received. If you are able to contribute, you can make a donation by dropping an envelope (marked Fr. Anthony) into the collection bags at Mass; sending via the Parish Office or alternatively via Contactless at St. Peter's. Fr. Anthony will continue to need our prayers and we can be assured of his, as he moves on.

**Confirmation 2023** If you are in years 9 and above (so age 13+) and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in May/June 2023, please keep reading!

As part of our Confirmation course, young people are required to enrol in at least one Youth Alpha course. Our next course will be running from **September 26<sup>th</sup> - December 12<sup>th</sup>** (more details in the Youth Alpha section below). We are running one course of Youth Alpha this academic year, so if you wish to be Confirmed in the new year, please do get in touch and book! The Catechetical course, specifically for Confirmation Candidates, will run in the new year (2023) in the weeks leading up to the Confirmation Celebration which usually takes place in May/June. Please do get in touch if you would like to know more, or to register interest. We're really looking forward to journeying with our next group of Confirmandi! Jo - [youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**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.



**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 [youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**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.

**Welcome to** Adelaide Perna who was baptised at St Peter's Church last weekend. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

**Congratulations** to Pdraig Alton and Rebecca Tsao who celebrated their marriage at St Peter's on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



**Funeral Notices:** The Requiem Mass for Anna Wyatt RIP, will take place at St Peter's Church on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10am. Please pray for Anna's family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant her 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:** "... so that we may become your ever-faithful disciples" We pray that we will respond to the call to be disciples for Jesus, and to remain faithful to Him in joys and in trials.



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

Sue Bolger                      Tony Harwood  
Anna Wyatt                      Mary Flesher

Mass Timetable	20 <sup>th</sup> August – 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – August 20 <sup>th</sup> St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Eileen Gibson
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ben's family
21 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil			
SUNDAY – August 21 <sup>st</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	The repose of a lost soul
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Derek Butler RIP
	10.30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Edmund Wheble
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Fr Brian Croughan
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	John's family
MONDAY – August 22 <sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of Mary	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Patricia Coughlan RIP
TUESDAY – August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Elsie & William Walton
WEDNESDAY – August 24 <sup>th</sup> ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Perry
THURSDAY – August 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Rev P.T. Savage
FRIDAY – August 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil family
SATURDAY – August 27 <sup>th</sup> St Monica	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Benefactors
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Maurice Wright RIP
22 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil			

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  
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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**If you're away from your church or the Diocese, you can still keep in contact with all the latest news from the Bishop or the Diocese via :**

E- News <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/> (subscription service available)  
Twitter @PortsmouthRC      LinkedIn Catholic Diocese Of Portsmouth      Facebook @PortsmouthRC

**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 (14<sup>th</sup> August)  
**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	90
9am	STM	98	62
9.15am	SS	150	110
10.30am	SP	381	152
11am	SG	115	61
5.30pm	SP	381	53

**Lost and found -** If you have mislaid an address book and diary whilst at St Peter's Church or the Pastoral Centre, please contact the parish office.