

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*Praising God*

**Fr Mark writes:**

*If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is "thank you" then that will be enough!*

These aren't my words, but those of Meister Eckhart, the 13<sup>th</sup> century German mystic. How simple are those two little words and yet how sparingly used. How often do we simply take things for granted; do we forget to show our appreciation; or even fail to have any appreciation of the gifts with which we have been blessed? Nine out of ten lepers (according to a survey) failed to say thank you to Jesus for healing them from an incurable illness which left them in pain and social isolation! Amazing, isn't it?! But if we did a survey today, how many of us would have failed to say thank you today for the food on our table; for the air which we breathe; the lungs with which we breathe it; for our health; the roof over our heads – an infinite number of gifts, some small, some immense...

I know that I am often guilty of such neglect – and I suspect I'm not alone...

*If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is "thank you" then that will be enough!*

But there's so much more to this Gospel passage than simply 'remembering to say thank you'.

Does Jesus say, "It seems no one has come back to say thank you except this foreigner"? No. Rather, he says, "It seems that no one has come back **to give praise to God** except this foreigner." And then, turning to him, says, "Your faith has saved you."

How does this healed man give praise to God? At the top of his voice and throwing himself at the feet of Jesus.

I'm not a big fan of doctors – nice enough people but I don't like spending too much time in their surgeries! But there have been times when they've helped me, even cured me of some bug or illness...but I've never thrown myself down at their feet when I got better!

How many of you do that when the doctor cures you or heals you? Maybe you say thank you, maybe you want to kiss them or give them a hug if it's a big deal, but throw yourself down at their feet – that's an act of worship!

The fact that the only one to thank Jesus and praise God was a Samaritan – a foreigner - reminds us of the first reading, in which Namaan, an army general for one of the great superpowers of the time, comes to Israel to seek healing from his own leprosy. It is an act of incredible humility on Namaan's part; firstly to listen to the advice of a simple Israelite slave in his household; secondly to accept, eventually, the task which Elisha the prophet gives him – to wash himself seven times in the Jordan. It is this humility which is the path to his healing, both physical and spiritual, for it is his humility that checks his ego and creates space for the Spirit of God to be at work. It's that same Spirit which prompts his desire to thank Elisha and the Lord who has saved him.

Maybe it's the same humility which allows the Samaritan leper of the Gospel (the despised heretic!) not only to be healed but to be saved. Who am I, he might have asked, that God would want to heal me? It is in his appreciation of his weakness that the Samaritan leper allows God to be strong.

This leper – an outcast because of his leprosy, a double outcast in the eyes of the Jews because he's a Samaritan – has encountered the mercy, the healing love of God in the person of Jesus Christ and he wants to praise and thank God with his whole body!

The other nine all call Jesus 'Master', something his disciples did and like us they want Jesus to have pity, mercy on them. The difference is what the Samaritan sees, he recognises something has changed, he also 'sees' who Jesus is (not just a super-doctor but a Saviour!) and comes to give him thanks and praise and prostrates in worship. His faith has healed him; his faith has saved him.

Do the nine receive healing? Of course, the never-ending mercy of the Lord hears their cry and grants them physical healing, but the Samaritan is given more, his faith is deepened and he receives wholeness, holiness, complete healing. What does this say to us?

God works through ordinary life, is present where we are and answers our prayers and cries for help. Sometimes it takes a rainbow to help us recognise that. What might your rainbow be? What is there in your life which helps you recognise the healing, saving hand of our faithful God at work in your life and in the life of others? We have to reach out to the marginalised but, like the Samaritan, we must let the merciful love of Christ touch the inner marginalised parts of ourselves too!

You know, I would love this to be a parish where everyone here, from the youngest to the oldest, is able to 'see' who Jesus is and come to give him thanks and praise in worship. Sometimes we can be a bit like zombies, wandering around, half blind, half dead to the presence of God. I know I can. Sometimes we can fall well short of the "full, active and conscious participation" in the liturgy to which the Church beckons us...

You and I stand in that crowd of lepers. Jesus wants to offer us healing, freedom, life. Jesus wants constantly to pour out his love into our lives. He is constantly blessing us with gifts, from heaven and from earth. So what is it that stops us from accepting or even recognising these gifts?

Maybe it is our busy-ness – running around trying to get so much done that we forget to leave time for our relationships, particularly our relationship with God. Mother Teresa used to say that the only reason she could do as much as she did was because she took time in silent prayer each day – to be with God and to recognise his presence in her everyday work, alongside her and within her, strengthening her and comforting her.

But perhaps it's also a little bit of pride – we like to think of ourselves as strong, as independent, as able to cope – but all of us need a little encouragement from time to time, or some advice or a shoulder to cry on or a little more love or consolation. None of us are islands. A little humility means not that we think of ourselves as rubbish but that we recognise the power of God at work in our lives.

That great hymn of Mary, the Magnificat, is the perfect prayer of humility and praise – "My soul magnifies the Lord!" A little praise helps us to remember that we are not gods and so helps us to create even more space in our hearts for the one true God to fill us with his love. As one preface puts it: "Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to your greatness but makes us grow in your grace."

**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) We are part of the [RC Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or becoming a Catholic, visit our [Journey in Faith webpage](#).

**TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:**

If you, O Lord,  
should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**First reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:1-4. R. Cf. v.2  
The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Gospel Acclamation:**

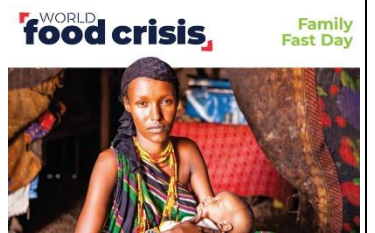
**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
You have the message of eternal life.  
**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

**Communion Antiphon:**

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack no blessing.

**Second Collection – CAFOD Family Fast Day - World Food Crisis Appeal** As we give thanks for the food we eat, and for those who prepare and supply it, we think also of families around the world whose access to nutrition is uncertain, or whose harvest has failed. CAFOD is the official overseas aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/cafod-harvest>, via the CAFOD envelopes available in all churches, or by using contactless in St Peter's Church.



**Mass, confession and prayer time changes - Please note the following changes to this week's timetable:**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – No 10am Mass at St Gregory's or 12.15pm Mass at St Peter's**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – No Mass or Morning Prayer**

**Prisoners Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> October** We remember in prayer all prisoners and their families this Prisoner Sunday.

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have come so that we may have life to the full. Listen to our prayers for all in prison and their families. Touched by your spirit, may they find newness of heart and be open to that new life, that is found only in you. May they know care, and receive support from those around them. May they find new purpose in serving you in their brothers and sisters.* (Written by Rt Reverend Richard Moth, Liaison Bishop for Prisons)



**Mass with Prayer for Healing and Sacrament of the Sick – 2pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** Anyone who is sick and suffering in any way, emotionally, physically or spiritually, is invited to attend this mass with family and friends. Please register your interest online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/diocese-of-portsmouth-st-peters-church/t-rppoyjv>

**Altar Server Meeting – a date for your diary!** All altar servers are warmly invited to gather after 10.30am Mass on October 23rd, finishing at 1pm.

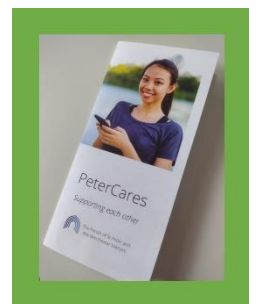
**Winchester Catholic History Society**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 October at 7.15 pm** in the Parish Centre, SO23 8RY. The Rev'd Terry Hemming, Master of St Cross, will be speaking on 'A Hospital without Doctors & Brothers who are not Religious: What is beyond the walls of St Cross?'. New members and visitors most welcome. No pre booking necessary.



**Petercares Ministry Awareness**

**Raising Weekend –** Our wonderful Petercares ministry group have been working hard to prepare for an awareness raising weekend on **October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. Do look out for all the information that they have prepared in advance for the week and pass on to anyone who you think would benefit from the team's support.



**Alton Day Of Renewal**

**ADORE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning 22 October 10.00am-1.00pm**

"Do whatever He tells you" - we pray and act as Jesus did. Our special guest speaker is Allegra Mutanda, Director of Evangelisation and Leadership at St Peter's Winchester. Starts with Mass at 10am and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance [here](#)

Did you know that ADORE also offer confidential prayer ministry by telephone – please phone (NOT text) 07579 824523 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems; and for Baptism in the Spirit and renewal of faith.

**Funeral Notices:** The funeral service of Jennifer Fockema will take place at **11am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at Chesil House. Please pray for Jennifer'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: "Bless the communities in which we serve"**  
We pray for all members of our parish, and we pray that more will be guided by the Lord to join us.



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



## Laudato Si Corner



### Seeking the Good News

It has been a turbulent few weeks. Many are struggling to cope with rising energy and other living costs, and fearing the winter to come.

On a global scale, floods in Pakistan and storms in the US and Cuba, together with a severe drought in East Africa, provide a vivid and urgent reminder of the challenges our planet is facing.

With everything that is going on, it can be hard to remain positive. Yet as Christians, we know that we must remain hopeful in the Lord.

A few 'good news' stories for this week:

- Hundreds of young people met in Tunisia to prepare for their campaign for climate justice that they will take to COP27 in Egypt in November.
- Closer to home, around 50 organisations took part in Green Week, hosting around 70 events (including the Green Week Quiz at St Peter's!).
- Dozens of riders took part in the Winchester Mass Cycle Ride to promote safer cycling and traffic reduction in the city.

And two events that might inspire you:

First, CAFOD is hosting a 'Faith in Action' event online on 29 October 2022, with the theme 'hope in a better world: how we can put our faith into action'. You can register here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-event-2022>

And finally, watch out for screenings of a new film about climate activists and their encounter with Pope Francis. View the trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3EBHebH17Y>

*'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer' (Romans 12:12)*

## Praise and Worship Evenings Sacred Heart Parish, Fareham and Portchester. 3rd Fridays of the Month - 7.30pm

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High" Psalm 92:1*

Come and join us for our new monthly parish enterprise. An evening of praise and worship at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham on the third Friday, starting Friday 21st October at 7.30pm.

We will sing praise of God, hear from God's Word, spend time in Adoration and prayer together.

It is a community event and open to all. After our evening in the church, we will head into the hall for some refreshments and hospitality – everyone is welcome.

Directions; Easy access to the church from the M27.

St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road. PO14 1ND

Car Park - What3words location is [///brings.swanky.watchdogs](https://www.what3words.com/brings.swanky.watchdogs)

Hall - What3words location is [///punctured.chapels.crop](https://www.what3words.com/punctured.chapels.crop)

Come as you are, and set your hearts, minds and souls on things above as we praise the Lord of Lords.

For more details, please contact us at;

01329 318 869 or email;

[farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**RCIA Catechists Course** - The Dominican Sisters are offering an online **course for RCIA catechists** starting on the **13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm and on the next two Thursdays (20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>)**. We will reflect on passages from Scripture, and discover from it the best ways to witness, accompany and teach others in their journey of faith in the context of RCIA. This course is specifically tailored for RCIA catechists, but is open to everyone interested in evangelisation and catechesis. You can register for the course [here](#)

### PASTORAL COORDINATOR FOR EVANGELISATION

Required to work part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.

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

Salary £12-13 per hour depending on experience.

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.

Values: The post holder will be required to work within and represent the principles, ethos and values of the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs in all aspects of their work.

Policies and procedures: The post-holder will work in line with the Policies & Procedures of the Diocese of Portsmouth. They will also be required to ensure that service users/clients, staff and volunteers are treated in accordance with the Equal Opportunities policy of the Diocese of Portsmouth with particular emphasis on anti-discriminatory practice and the promotion of the rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding: The post-holder will be required to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are safeguarded, and must be aware that everyone has a safeguarding responsibility and a duty to refer any safeguarding concerns they may have to their line manager.

**Closing date: Friday 28th October 2022 at 12 noon**

**Interviews: to be held week commencing 7th November 2022**

For Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply, please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact:

Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest [mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Tel: 01962 852804

### Winchester Christmas Revels - Looking for Stars

The Winchester Revels is a dramatic presentation of the nativity during the Christmas Market each weekend in December. It is a joint production between Churches Together in Winchester and Winchester Cathedral.

**What?** The vision is to bring the wonder and mystery of the Christmas story into the busyness of the Christmas Market with a newly crafted drama performed by local people – a kind of modern mystery play.

**Who?** We are searching for people who can help to make The Winchester Revels happen. Maybe you could be part of this exciting event.

Churches Together have produced a [promotional video](#) - featuring our own Allegra! - detailing the opportunities for auditions and how to get involved in the Christian presence in the Cathedral Christmas Market this year. [Click here to access the video](#) on Facebook. Two information sessions have also been planned, so if you would like to know more, do come along - **Tuesday 11th October 7.30pm at St Peter's Church and Saturday 15th October 10am – midday at Christ Church.**

Mass Timetable	8 <sup>th</sup> October – 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – October 8 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Laura Conlon (eyesight recovery)
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Jennifer Pickerell
SUNDAY – October 9 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Marie Therese Nicholas RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Prisoners Sunday
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Prisoners Sunday
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	2.00 PM	Healing Mass at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mrs Maureen Doran RIP
MONDAY – October 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Keating
TUESDAY – October 11 <sup>th</sup>			
WEDNESDAY – October 12 <sup>th</sup>			
THURSDAY – October 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Benefactors
FRIDAY – October 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Julia Cave
SATURDAY – October 15 <sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church 29 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Tristan Kalsi

Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required  
Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public), 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am **(No Morning Prayer on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October)**  
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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Dear parents

### Beautiful Bugs and Funky Flowers

Year 5 have been enjoying our beautiful setting during Art lessons. They have been studying the natural environment and developing observational drawing skills. They have drawn by touch and sight, developing sketching skills. They have recorded their observations in sketch books and have had the opportunity to review and revisit their ideas.

They will go onto draw insects, explore painting in ink and acrylic. The children will be introduced to the work of Henri Rousseau and will use his work to inspire future paintings of the rainforest.

**"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."**

**– Frances Hodgson Burnett**



We currently have vacancies for Teaching Assistants in EYFS, KS1 and KS2. For further details and an application form please see the Vacancies page on our website:

<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](mailto:admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk).

Best wishes  
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