

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

You Will Be My Witnesses

Fr Mark writes:

This weekend, Bishop Philip is sharing with us his Pastoral Letter on the Future of the Diocese. He speaks of his vision for the Diocese and of our purpose – *bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through his Church*. Some of you might notice how closely aligned our own parish mission is:

bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy

Towards the end of the letter, Bishop Philip mentions that he will soon be writing again, because he wants us all to engage in a diocesan Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Imagine the amazing difference it would make, he says, if everyone lived life relying on the Holy Spirit.

It is a work of Divine Providence, I believe, that in our own parish we too had been reflecting independently on our need to have a Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Some of you may know that we belong to a global network of parishes called “Divine Renovation”. This global movement of parish renewal, that gets its name from a book with the same title by Scottish-born Canadian priest, Fr James Mallon, seeks to support parishes by helping them develop three key areas: evangelisation, leadership, and reliance on the Holy Spirit.

To evangelise, that is to share the joy of the Gospel, to bring people closer to Jesus, “will never be possible without the action of the Holy Spirit”. (Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 75) The Holy Spirit is essential.

Pope Paul VI adds that:

“It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer who allows himself to be possessed and led by Him. The Holy Spirit places on his lips the words which he could not find by himself, and at the same time the Holy Spirit predisposes the soul of the hearer to be open and receptive to the Good News and to the kingdom being proclaimed.”

We cannot speak of Jesus, nor bring others to him, without the help of the Holy Spirit. Nor can we hope that others will be open and receptive to the Gospel if the Holy Spirit is not already working in their lives. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us and to help those whom we’re hoping to serve.

A few months ago, St. Luke shared with us the episode in which Jesus visited his friends, Martha and Mary. Here’s what Pope Francis had to say about this visit:

“[Mary, the sister of Martha] gives [the Word of Jesus] first place: she stops and listens. The rest will come after. This does not detract from the value of practical effort, but it must not precede, but rather flow from listening to the word of Jesus. It must be enlivened by his Spirit. Otherwise, it is reduced to fussing and fretting over many things, it is reduced to sterile activism.” (Pope Francis, Angelus address, 17th July 2022)

I don’t think that I just speak for myself when I say that I have a tendency to run around, be very busy, do all I can and then, only then, ask the Holy Spirit to help me. But that’s the wrong way round! I need to begin with the Holy Spirit – and we all need to experience the Holy Spirit in our own lives, to be in touch with the Lord as he reveals and leads. Pope Francis has cautioned against the sin of activism, the disease of busyness. Let’s use this Year of the Holy Spirit not to work harder but to focus on doing the most fruitful things, trusting that this fruitfulness stems from beginning in that place where God reveals His plans.

In a quotation that is often attributed to John Wesley, we hear that “if you can be a person on fire with the Holy Spirit, people will come from miles away to see you burn”. If we want to increase the experience of the Holy Spirit in our parish and wider community, then those of us who are regular parishioners need to be living Spirit-led, Spirit-filled lives. If we want other people to experience the Holy Spirit, we need to be magnets ourselves, burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit within, just like so many of those saints who’ve gone before us.



Furthermore, we need to cultivate ‘Sacred Space’. What can we do creatively during the Year ahead to offer places for encounter with the Holy Spirit in a deeper way?

Pope St. John Paul II tells us that:

“it would be wrong to think that ordinary Christians can be content with a shallow prayer that is unable to fill their whole life. Especially in the face of the many trials to which today’s world subjects faith, they would be not only mediocre Christians but “Christians at risk”...

It is therefore essential that education in prayer should become in some way a key-point of all pastoral planning...How helpful it would be if not only in religious communities but also in parishes more were done to ensure an all-pervading climate of prayer.”

My desire is that our parish will become a school of prayer. It’s the difference between ‘saying prayers’ and when people fall in love. How wonderful would it be if this parish were a place where people can fall in love with Jesus through an encounter with the Holy Spirit; a place overflowing with opportunities to experience prayer; a place where we can help each other to cultivate a contemplative heart, to be restored, and renewed; a place where the Lord can reveal things through his Holy Spirit.

I see this Year as an opportunity to learn with each other how to be explicit in our language in speaking about the Holy Spirit. How can we articulate the presence, the power of the Holy Spirit, and help our fellow parishioners to know they’ve already received the Holy Spirit and are temples of the Holy Spirit?

We will begin our Year of the Holy Spirit this Advent and I’ll say more as we come closer to that time. For now, my hope is that the whole parish, through experiencing the Holy Spirit, will become more aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst and that we will grow in the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit.

‘but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ (Acts 1:8)

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 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- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th October 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
In the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120. R. Cf. v.2

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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

Saturday 15th October – No morning confessions, but there will be an extended time for confessions from 4-5pm in the afternoon.

Wednesday 19th October – No Mass or Morning Prayer

Thursday 20th October – No Morning Prayer

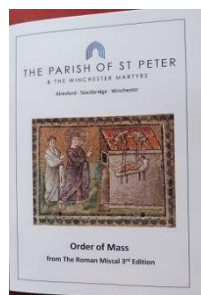
Friday 21st October – No Morning Prayer

We thank Fr Simon Everson for celebrating the 9am Mass at St Thomas More's and Fr Jean-Patrice for celebrating the 9.15am at St Stephen's and 11am at St Gregory's on Sunday 16th October.

Pastoral Letter – Bishop Philip's latest Pastoral Letter, entitled "Ten Year Mission Strategy", will be read at all masses this weekend. It will be available in churches and emailed.

Bishop Philip will be with us to celebrate the 9am Mass on Saturday 15th October as he will be attending the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting taking place in the Pastoral Centre.

New Mass booklet Look out soon for our updated order of service booklets, for use during Mass in all our churches. Thanks to a donation from a generous parishioner, we were able to make a few necessary changes and update the information. (See how many differences you can notice.) They will be arriving soon in the pews. We are intending to recycle the old booklets. If you would like to have one as a memento, please feel free to take one home this weekend.



Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs

On Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs. As this is one of our two parish-wide Patronal Feast Days, it "trumps" the normal Sunday liturgy. This means that the prayers, readings, and so forth are chosen for the Solemnity rather than the normal Sunday in ordinary time. On that weekend, from the Vigil Mass onwards, the clergy will be wearing red rather than green **in all churches and at all Masses**. I'm also hoping that everything, from flowers to hospitality, will be just that extra little bit special that weekend, so please do make sure you join us.



The weekend will also be Dcn Gerard's last with us on official duty in the parish and the 10:30am Mass will be a chance to offer our thanks to him for his many years of tireless service (please do feel very free to give him cards and other signs of thanks and affection). At the same Mass, we will also celebrate Tony Darlison receiving the Ministry of Lector and Acolyte on his way, God willing, to being ordained permanent deacon next year.

Pies & Puds: our next lunch event will be on **Wednesday 19th October**, 12.45 for 1pm, at the Pastoral Centre. We hope you can join us! There will be a home-cooked pie lunch, with a vegetarian & gluten free option, followed by proper puddings with custard. There's the usual socializing time, and then a talk: This month we'll be hearing from Mike Slinn, with a presentation from the Prison Advice and Care Trust to mark Prisoners' Sunday. As ever, there is no booking or commitment necessary, but do contact moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk with any questions. And do pass the word on or invite others - all are welcome.



The Lord's Flock prayer meeting - It is the group's 7th year Anniversary this week and they will be celebrating this on Sunday 16th October after the 10.30am Mass at St Peter's Church with a prayer meeting and simple lunch. All are very welcome to attend. Please gather in St Peter's Room.



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: "Enable us to be a people of love and patience"
We pray that the love of God will shine out in all that we do and say, so that others may see Christ in us.



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

THANK YOU from the CWL to all who supported October's Charity Soup & Pud Lunch; this raised £135 for Winchester Basics Bank. The next Lunch will be on **Friday 4th November**, all are Welcome.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL), warmly welcomes ladies to their next meeting in the Pastoral Centre, being held at 4pm on Thursday 20th October. The topic will be news from our recent AGM, where Pam Rhodes was one of the speakers.

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.



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.

Itchen Valley Ecumenical Event– Taize-styled evening service All are welcome to attend this special evening at St John's Church, Itchen Abbas on **Sunday 23rd October at 6 pm.**



Laudato Si Corner



This week, we have several things for you to watch or attend:

- Little changes make a difference; a talk by Bs John Arnold, our lead bishop in England on the Environment

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/little-changes-make-a-difference->

- **DISTRICT CLIMATE ASSEMBLY, SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER** On Saturday 22 October, people across Winchester district will meet all day (10am-4.30pm) at Winchester Guildhall to talk about what needs to happen to create an affordable, climate friendly Winchester. Please come. The organisers are very keen to involve people with different views and experiences. People seeking asylum and refugees are welcome. So are volunteers, friends, neighbours and others. To make sure anyone can come, reasonable expenses will be paid (e.g travel or carer cover). Free lunch. To find out more, and register your interest, get in touch by emailing win4theclimate@gmail.com.
- And, most importantly, the new film, The Letter, in which top leaders travel to Rome to speak with Pope Francis about Laudato Si' and present how the climate crisis impacts their own lives and that of their communities. <https://theletterfilm.org/>

Restart a Heart Day on 16th October St John's Ambulance organise national awareness days such as the 'Restart a Heart Day' with the aim of raising the profile of the importance of heart health and what to do in a cardiac emergency.

Did you know that we have a fully-Automatic Defibrillator in the Pastoral Centre, next to the glass doors into St Peter's Church? It helps the rescuer through the process with full-colour graphic images and text to accompany all voice prompts making it easy for anybody to use. It is there for anyone to use in an emergency.



By using a defibrillator with quality CPR before an ambulance arrives, you can significantly increase someone's chance of survival from 6% to 74%.

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. An information session will be taking place on **Saturday 15th October 10am – midday at Christ Church** so if you would like to know more, do come along

Upcoming Parish Events/Dates for the Diary

Additional information on the events below will be included in forthcoming editions of Peterpost.

- **Sunday 30th October - Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs** – refreshments after masses
- **Tuesday 1st November – 9.20am (St Peter's School) 10am (St Gregory's) 12.15pm and 7pm (St Peter's) Masses for All Saints Day**
- **Wednesday 2nd November – 10am and 7pm Masses for All Souls Day** at St Peter's
- **Sunday 6th November – 3pm Blessing of Graves** (St James and Alresford cemeteries)
- **Friday 11th November – 7pm Mass of Remembrance** at St Peter's
- **Sunday 20th November – Mayor's Visit** (10.30am Mass at St Peter's)
- **Sunday 20th November – 3pm Magdalen Hill Cemetery Service**
- **Sunday 20th November – 5pm Choral Evensong** at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy (Bishop Peter will be preaching)
- **Saturday 3rd December – 10am Mass at Winchester Cathedral**



Mass Timetable	15 th October – 22 nd October 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – October 15 th St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church 29 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Tristan Kalsi
SUNDAY – October 16 th 29 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Valerie Bell
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Des Le Grys RIP
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jim Murphy (for his recovery)
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary, Lady Mannock
MONDAY – October 17 th St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Margaret Merriman
TUESDAY – October 18 th ST LUKE, feast	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Peter Louth & Benefactors
WEDNESDAY – October 19 th			
THURSDAY – October 20 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Ursula Hill RIP (birthday)
FRIDAY – October 21 st	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Dead and Founders
SATURDAY – October 22 nd St John Paul II, Pope 30 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Noel McNicholas RIP
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Justine Power RIP

Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required **Please note that there will be no morning confessions on Saturday 15th October, but there will be extended confession time from 4-5pm in the afternoon.**

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public), 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am **No Morning Prayer on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th 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

Useful Contacts

Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest) (mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) ;

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Housekeeper: Sarah Culhane (sculhane@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Finance and Property Manager: Annette Parr (annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Facilities and Resources Manager: Sean Reidy (sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Parish Administration Manager: Michaela Waterfield (michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Sacristan: Laurie Howe Caretaker: Richard Phiri

Pastoral team – Baptism and First Holy Communion: Rosanne Walker (baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), (FHC@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Pastoral team – Youth Ministry: Jo Donaldson (youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Outreach Ministry Lead: Mike Elks (mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Volunteer Director of Operations: Dcn Gerard Dailly (gdailly@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Volunteer Director of Communications: Moira Redmond (moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

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

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

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

Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 01962 852804



Dear parents

Attendance

We have just changed the information management system we use. I am able to do instant checks which I shall include in my weekly Friday blue folder checks so we can celebrate high or improving attendance of whole classes. This I will be sharing regularly in the newsletter.

We know that children need to be at home if unwell – especially if with stomach bugs – but we are also aware some children are regularly away and so missing vital parts of their learning. This will impact on their future chances of exam success and opportunities. We will be sending out communications to parents with children who have below 90% attendance in the near future.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who was able to make Mass at St Stephen’s on Sunday. It was great to see so many of our children and their families.

Thank you also to everyone who was able to make the Reception year group liturgy with Father Mark this week. It was so good to welcome our new children and their parents to the St Peter’s family.

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.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)

Headteacher

Attendance Matters		
100%	0 DAYS (per week)	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY (per week)	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS (per week)	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK (per week)	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS (per week)	35 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS (per week)	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS (per week)	65 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS (per week)	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS (per week)	90 LESSONS MISSED

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ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY !**



**BONFIRE NIGHT!!
SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER
5pm-7pm**



Back with a bang

Our school always has an incredible display of early fireworks, so good for the littlies, as well as fire juggling, bonfire and disco.

ONLINE tickets and hot food vouchers priced at:

- * £6.00 - Adult
- * £4.00 - Child
- * £2.50 - Hot Food Voucher

FOLLOW LINK TO BUY TICKETS
<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeterspta>

Any questions just email: pta.chair.stpeters@gmail.com

