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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs

The Blessed Martyrs of Winchester

Fr Mark writes:

Our parish is blessed in having not only St. Peter as our patron saint but also the Blessed Martyrs of Winchester, whose Feast we celebrate this weekend (uniquely throughout the Christian world).

Among the many English martyrs who died for their Catholic faith, five suffered in Winchester. This is what our "diocesan ordo" tells us about them:

Roger Dicconson (sometimes spelled Dickenson) was an "undercover priest", secretly celebrating Mass and the sacraments all over England. He was born and raised in Lincoln, studied in Rheims and was ordained there in 1583. At first, he worked in Winchester but was arrested and deported. He came back to work in Worcestershire. Returning to Winchester in 1591, he was arrested while celebrating Mass. He was hung, drawn and quartered alongside Ralph Milner and Laurence Humphreys on 7 July 1591.

John Slade was a native of Manston, Dorset and was educated at New College, Oxford. A schoolmaster, he was arrested in June 1582 and imprisoned along with Blessed John Body (whose feast is on 3 November). They were tried in Winchester, and again in Andover in 1583, and from there John Slade was taken back to Winchester, where he was hung, drawn and quartered on 2 November 1583. He was beatified by Pius XI in 1929.

Ralph Milner was brought up in Flacsted, Hampshire. A practicing Anglican, he converted to Catholicism and was arrested on the very day of his First Communion. His imprisonment was hardly rigorous, for during it he found the opportunity to do much charitable work in the county. Arrested with Roger Dicconson, he was hung, drawn and quartered alongside Dicconson and Laurence Humphreys on 7 July 1591.

Laurence (sometimes spelled Lawrence) **Humphreys** was born in Hampshire in 1571. He converted to Catholicism at the age of 18 and worked as a catechist. He was arrested after falling ill and uttering insulting language about Queen Elizabeth while in a state of delirium. Condemned to death, he made a public profession of faith on the scaffold. He was executed in 1591 and beatified by Pius XI in 1929.

James Bird (sometimes known as Byrd or Beard) was born in 1574 in Winchester where his father held public office. He became a Catholic in 1584. Arrested in 1592, he was executed for his faith on 25 March that year and beatified by Pius XI in 1929.

I have just had the blessing of leading a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, in which we visited many of the sites associated with Our Lord's life, death and Resurrection. Included in those sites was the Mount of Olives, where the Ascension took place and where Jesus said, "*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*" (Acts 1:8)

The Greek word for 'witnesses' is μάρτυρες (martyres). Jesus is saying, "you will be my martyrs...to the end of the earth". This weekend we celebrate some of the martyrs of this parish, those who have borne witness to the beautiful Gospel of Jesus Christ, [HERE IN THIS PLACE](#).

Roger and John, Ralph, Laurence and James are our fellow parishioners. This weekend we celebrate their witness and the victory won for them by Christ over death; we ask to be in-spired ("Spirit-filled") as they were, persevering in the faith as they did, bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel in ways appropriate to our context and unique calling; we seek their prayers that we may be guided on our pilgrim way and one day join them in heaven.

Deacon Gerard Dailly

This weekend is also a time when we give thanks to God for the ministry of Deacon Gerard in our parish. He has served us tirelessly with loyalty, dedication, compassion and faith. Much of what Dcn Gerard does goes unseen behind the scenes and he really has been a "deacon", "an icon of service", a servant among servants. His move to serve in Southampton will leave a very big hole in our parish. I am sure you will find your own way of thanking him and together we can pray for him as he takes these next steps on his journey in faith.



Tony Darlison

Finally, we have another reason to celebrate this weekend as one of our parishioners, Tony Darlison, will be instituted into the ministries of lector and acolyte. We congratulate Tony as he receives these ministries as part of his preparation for being ordained (God willing) as a Permanent Deacon next year.

These ministries of lector and acolyte are certainly something that we should all celebrate, for they are ministries in which many already serve across our parish community:

- ❖ "Lector" is another word for "reader". We give thanks for those who read the word of God and the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, not only on Sundays, but each day of the week when public Mass is celebrated. And we also thank those who spread the word of God through catechesis, formation and proclamation: in Liturgy of the Word for Children, in preparing children and adults for the Sacraments, and for all who bring the message of salvation to those who have not yet received it, through Alpha and other means.
- ❖ The ministry of "acolyte" joins, and supports the ministries of those who already serve at Mass, as altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (including those who take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and housebound). Again, we give thanks for the faithful service of many of you in these ministries in all our churches.

In receiving both of these lay ministries, Tony will continue to work alongside those already serving. He will also support and encourage them, as he prepares for his diaconal ministry.

And what if we are not serving in any of these ministries ourselves? It's also a cause for celebration for all of us - since we all have a connection with these ministries. Because above all, these ministries remind us of how Jesus, through the liturgy, constantly desires to draw close to us, so that we can share in His blessed life: in His word, and in His Real Presence in the Eucharist (see more in Pope Francis's recent document [Desiderio Desideravi](#)). And that's something we can all give thanks to God for.

[Interestingly, Pope Francis in a "Motu Proprio", [Spiritus Domini](#), recently opened up these ministries to lay women as well as men in a stable and institutionalised form so that they are not just seen as preparatory to eventual admission to holy orders.]

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](#).

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED WINCHESTER MARTYRS

30th October 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Many are the sufferings of the just,
 and from them all the Lord has delivered them.
 The Lord preserves all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

First reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 123(124):2-5,7-8
 Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.

Second reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Happy are those who are persecuted
 in the cause of right:
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Communion Antiphon:

No one has greater love, says the Lord, than those who lay down their life for their friends.

Mass, confession and prayer time changes – There are no changes this week, but please see below for the times of masses on the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.

Tuesday 1st November (All Saints):

9.20am School Mass St Stephen's – all are welcome
 10am at St Gregory's
 12.15pm and 7pm at St Peter's

Wednesday 2nd November (All Souls):

10am and 7pm at St Peter's

Welcome back! Our parish pilgrims have safely returned from their pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. We thank them for their many prayers for the parish during their time there and for sharing lots of wonderful photos. To see more pictures of the pilgrims, look at [the gallery on our website here](#).




Paper copies of Peterpost Did you know that more than 650 people receive Peterpost every week by email, more than 200 click on it online, and between send out and deliveries, we get out nearly 80 printables a week? As well as being an amazing way to communicate aspects of parish life with so many people, this obviously goes a huge way to cut down on the amount of paper that is used in printing copies, as well as reducing our photocopying bill. However, we have listened to people's comments on the availability of paper copies of the newsletter and feel it is time to begin producing some copies that will be available in all the churches. From this weekend, there will be a small number of Peterposts produced but we kindly ask that you only take a copy if you cannot access it in any other way as we really want those who have difficulties accessing it by other means to be able to receive a copy each week, and for the parish to continue benefitting from the advantages of the electronic versions. We will continue to send printable copies of Peterpost to those already on our mailing list and would like to extend that opportunity to others who may need it to be posted to their home. Please contact the parish office to provide your details. In addition to the copies printed by the Office, we have a wonderful team of people who print copies at home and deliver them to people living nearby. If you would be willing to join this team, please also contact the parish office (office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)


Clocks go back this weekend! A little reminder to change your clocks on Sunday as they go back an hour.

Parish Minibus Service - The Parish would like to restart the minibus service for Sunday Mass in November, initially twice a month.

To do this we need additional drivers. If you have driven minibuses previously and could offer to drive the bus once every six weeks this would be ideal. DBS checks may be required. Full support and advice will be provided. Initially please contact Mike Elks mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

New readers rota for St Peters masses The new rota for November to February 2023 has now been emailed to readers. Some paper copies will be available from the parish office. Many thanks to all who take part in this special ministry.

 **Welcome to** Amelia Acland who was baptised at St Thomas More's Church last weekend. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

 **PRAYER CORNER:** Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour" (Ps 127:1) Fr. Mark
This Week's Intention: We pray that we may imitate the Winchester Martyrs in their strong faith, and by doing so, may we bring others to Jesus Christ in hope and in joy.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
 Tricia Blakstad RIP
 Peter Tutton RIP
 John Ponsonby RIP

SOUP & PUD LUNCH The CWL will be hosting their next Charity Lunch on **Friday 4th November**, in aid of Hants and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Food will be served from 12noon to 1.30pm, in the Pastoral Centre. All very welcome, £5 cash or contactless.



The next **Pastoral Group Meeting at St Stephens** will be held in the Community Room on November 2nd at 7.30pm. All are welcome.
For more information contact Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Wessex Rotary Shoe Box Scheme: Once again Wessex Rotary is arranging the export of shoeboxes filled with Christmas goodies for displaced and disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Shoeboxes for filling and explanatory leaflets can be collected at St Gregory's on Sundays 23rd and 30th October, to be filled and returned to St Gregory's by Sunday, 6th November.



Laudato Si Corner



STOP PRESS: We have organized screenings of the Pope's film "The Letter" – it's about saving Creation and is intended to be seen before COP27. Don't miss the chance to see this important film. Screenings in the Parish Centre Sunday November 6th 3.30 pm and 6.45pm. All welcome

In his encyclical [Laudato Si'](#), Pope Francis notes how "many people today sense a profound imbalance which drives them to frenetic activity and makes them feel busy." (LS 225)

The Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, one of the seven [Laudato Si' Goals](#), is grounded in the idea of sufficiency and promoting sobriety, or moderation, in the use of resources and energy.

The home is one of the first and best places we can adopt a simple and virtuous lifestyle. Nine actions toward this goal could include:

1. Reducing waste and increasing recycling
2. Adopting sustainable dietary habits, such as opting for a more plant-based diet and [reducing meat consumption](#)
3. A greater use of public transport
4. Choosing active mobility like walking and cycling
5. Avoiding single use items, especially plastic
6. Discussing together what lifestyle changes you as a family can make to avoid getting caught up in "a whirlwind of needless buying and spending." (LS 203)
7. Exploring with one another the ways in which you can live in a good relationship with nature right outside your door
8. Spending time together as a family in parks, forests, by the seaside, or just observing wildlife
9. Repairing broken toys and sports equipment instead of throwing them away and buying new ones

These are just a few of the ways you can "aspire to a life of dignity and sobriety, without luxury and waste, so that everyone in our world can enjoy a dignified existence." ([Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants in the EU Youth Conference](#)) "

Fr Mark's double 25th Birthday Celebrations Fr Mark Hogan will be celebrating his 25th birthday twice (on two consecutive Saturdays) next month, and would love you to join him, either in Basingstoke (Sat 12th Nov, evening) or in Winchester (Sat 19th Nov, afternoon and evening). You can find out more details and RSVP by clicking on the appropriate link:

Basingstoke (Sat 12th Nov, evening) – food and a licensed bar and a barn dance, 7:30-11pm <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-dvzzidn>

Winchester (Sat 19th Nov, afternoon) – cake and tea/coffee (and soft drinks) with some games and fun for the children, 2-4pm <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-vvvgmrv>

Winchester (Sat 19th Nov, evening) – hog roast and free bar, 7:30-11pm <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-rppvqmk>

Flame 2023: The [Flame Congress](#) is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, and will be held in London in March 2023 - and you can get cheap Early Bird tickets **until the end of October**. The theme this year is "Rise Up!" - "Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith." There'll be music, live speakers, and an amazing opportunity to see other young Catholics from all over England and Wales.

You can find the [form here](#), and a bigger version of the [poster here](#). Transport can be arranged to Portsmouth Cathedral (where the coach leaves from) if needed. Forms need to be sent to Jo on youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, and she can answer any questions



Upcoming Parish Events/Dates for the Diary

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

- **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**

St Stephen's Travelling Nativity This Advent, Mary and Joseph are travelling with the little donkey to Bethlehem. On their way they are hoping to find a different inn to stay at every night. Could they come to stay at your house?

The Travelling Nativity will come to you for a night and then you are expected to pass them on to the next family. This is a good opportunity to meet other families and pray together this Advent.

Please let me know if you would like to participate by the 19 November and I will add your family to the rota.

You can contact me via the parish office: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Thank you - Lidia Otero



Looking For A Star has had some great audition days, we've met some wonderful people, and have started to put together an inspiring and exciting team! Recognising that not all have been able to join us for our workshops, we invite anyone looking to act to submit a short self tape. See below for the monologue we would like you to record.

Mak monologue for Looking For A Star Audition

MAK
Oh hello. You haven't seen me, all right? If anyone asks, I'm not here... no names, no pack drill, savvy? Only it's best if nobody knows I'm out and about. People are so suspicious, that's the trouble! If anything goes missing, they always think I'm to blame! Must've been Mak, they say – Mak must have took it. Someone leaves a cake on a windowsill to cool. They come back and it's gone. Must have been Mak, they say. I ask you, is that fair? Could have been anyone, couldn't it? Mind you, it's very nice cake! (He enjoys the last bite.)

It can be shot on a phone and simply uploaded to our google form, no need for fancy or specialised equipment. Additionally, don't feel any pressure to learn the text off by heart, you can be reading from the page, we just want to see your personality and you bringing the text alive!

If you're not wanting to act but want to be involved in other ways, we'd love to hear from you too! We're also looking for musicians, technical support, sharers, and singers to be part of our team! Please click [here](#) to fill in the google doc and specify how you would like to be involved (you can click multiple boxes!)

We look forward to hearing from you and can't wait to get this show on the road!

Mass Timetable	29 th October – 5 th November 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – October 29th Our Lady on Saturday SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED WINCHESTER MARTYRS - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Edith Jambaya RIP
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of Winiarski Family
SUNDAY – October 30th SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED WINCHESTER MARTYRS	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Agnes Mary Robinson
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Michael Shields RIP
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Tony Darlison
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	John Ponsonby RIP
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of John McKendry
MONDAY – October 31st	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Wheble
TUESDAY – November 1st ALL SAINTS	9.20AM	School Mass at St Stephen's	
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Wilfred Lorange Perera RIP
	7.00PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY – November 2nd ALL SOULS	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of David Tutton
	7.00PM	Mass at St Peter's	Nuala Halpin RIP
THURSDAY – November 3rd	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary, Lady Mannock
FRIDAY – November 4th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Giles
SATURDAY – November 5th Our Lady on Saturday 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	All Souls in Purgatory

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
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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