

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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6th November 2022

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

Fr Mark writes:

Some years ago, two police officers were driving along a nondescript road in Denmark when they noticed something odd about the motorbike in front. Something was obviously not right with the way the motorbike was being driven. So they pulled the motorcyclist over and asked the young driver and his passenger to dismount. Imagine their shock when they discovered that the passenger was none other than the young man's dead father. For two days, the young man had been so grief-stricken at his father's passing that he felt unable to do anything at all. He stayed in his house with his father's corpse. Finally, he decided to take his dad for one last ride on his motorbike. So he strapped his father's body onto the back of the bike and off they went for a farewell drive.

My heart went out to that young man when I heard that story the first time. He was doing what he felt he could in the face of the terrible finality of death, which is the one non-negotiable reality for each of us.

Today's readings confront us with the question of what death is – and what comes after. And that question is important because it helps us to shape how we live in the present. So, in the first reading, which we also heard last weekend for our Patronal Feast of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs, those seven brothers were able to endure terrible hardship because of their faith in God's ability to raise them up after death. Their belief in the resurrection enabled them to remain true to their identity, to their values, to their God.

In the Gospel, the Sadducees, who believed that there is no afterlife, dragged up a little-used law about marrying your dead brother's wife in order to ridicule Jesus' belief in the resurrection of the dead. That law was designed to ensure that a man's name lived on after his death. Jesus says that for those who belong to God, there is no need for such devices to try to cheat death. Those who have died and "are judged worthy" are living with God, where there is no need to think of marrying and having children to try to preserve your name or to carry on the human race. Why? Quite simply, because there is no more death. Those who are worthy are living a new kind of life, eternal life, as sons and daughters of God. Death has no more power over them. Jesus is crystal clear: this life is not the end. God wants us to live in God's presence for ever.

Critics may regard this month of prayer for the Holy Souls as a Catholic version of what that young motorcyclist did – they may think that in the face of death, we seem unable to let go of our loved ones. In fact, no matter how deep our grief, this month of prayer is an affirmation of our faith in the power of God's love, which is stronger than death. It is an expression of our hope in the resurrection: that just as God our Father raised Christ from the dead, so he will raise all those who belong to him. It is an expression of our continuing love for those who have share with us some of this earthly pilgrimage.

But what difference does faith in the resurrection actually make in our lives? Sometimes religious people are accused of being so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly use – they disengage from this world's problems and just focus on churchy matters. That's not where faith in the resurrection should lead us.

A Christian charity engaged in practical help for those who are poor once ran a series of adverts with the slogan: "We believe in life before death." Our belief in the resurrection shows us that to God, life is absolutely important. God created us for life, not death. God is God of the living, Jesus tells us, and what we do with our life determines our future life with God. To believe in the God of Abraham is to believe in the God who wants all to live. And it means that we will strive to defend life and oppose everything that diminishes life or robs people of life in any way – whether such attacks come in the form of physical violence or oppression, illness or lack of education, or economic injustice and inequality.

Faith in the resurrection led the seven brothers to resist an evil king. It led Jesus to the cross. For Christians, it leads us to cherish life in the here and now and to defend life for all – especially those whose quality of life is most threatened.

Faith in the resurrection can perhaps also help us to prepare ourselves and our loved ones for the time when we need to say goodbye, in other words for our own death or for that of someone important to us. Death can come upon us in all sorts of different ways, sometimes very suddenly. There are times, though, when we do get chance to prepare ourselves – when we are told that we or someone we love only has a matter of time left to live. In these circumstances, there are things we can do to help prepare ourselves for dying. The church in our country has available a website to help us do just that. It is called "The Art of Dying Well" and it is a modernised version of a Medieval Manuscript, *Ars Moriendi* - <https://www.artofdyingwell.org> Why not spend a little time this November looking at this site?



Candles for the Holy Souls in St Peter's church last year

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](#).

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6th November 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1,5-6, 8, 15. R.v.15
I shall be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd.
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

BAMENDA SUNDAY 2022

We shall be celebrating Bamenda Sunday in the Diocese this weekend, when we shall be giving thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda and for the ministry of the priests from Bamenda serving in our Diocese; praying for our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese and for the restoration of peace and justice in the region; and giving to our annual appeal to support projects in Bamenda.

The annual Bamenda Newsletter can be read on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://bamendaandportsmouth.com/bamendasunday2022.php> and donations can be made via parish collections or online securely at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>

Thank you for your generosity!

You will hear more at all the Masses, and meanwhile here is a reminder of our much-missed Fr Anthony, in his Bamenda outfit, from last year.

We are still waiting for more updates from Fr Benedict, who will be joining us from Cameroon eventually!



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

Wednesday 9th November – No Mass at St Peter’s.

Friday 11th November - 7.00pm – Mass of Remembrance at St Peter’s

Please also note times for the Blessing of Graves:

Sunday 6th November:

3.00pm Blessing of Graves – St James Cemetery
3.00pm Blessing of Graves - Alresford

Sunday 20th November:

3.00pm Blessing of Graves – Magdalen Hill (also known as Morn Hill)

Celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Bruce Barnes on Tuesday 8th November at 12.15pm at St Peter’s.

Many of us remember Father Bruce from his time at St Peter’s and he would like to invite everyone in the Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs to join him for this very special Mass.



Welcome to Zachary Brooks and Edgar Kelleher, who were baptised at St Peter’s Church last weekend. May God bless them with His love and grace, today and always.

New readers’ rota for St Peter’s 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.

Fr Tom McGrath – moving to Maidenhead

Fr Mark writes: I’m sorry to be sharing the sad (for us!) news that Fr Tom McGrath, who is known to many of us and has been working here in the parish for the last few years, ever since his official “retirement” in 2020, will be moving from Alresford to Maidenhead at the beginning of December. Fr Tom used to be one of the parish priests in Maidenhead and it’s a place he knows well and loves. Whilst it is sad news for us, we are delighted for Fr Tom and he very much goes with our heartfelt thanks for all he has done for us over the years and our blessings.

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)

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



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: As we focus our prayers this month on our loved ones who have died, let us pray that they will find the fulfilment of their hope and joy in Christ for eternal life.



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

Peter Tutton RIP

John Ponsonby RIP



Laudato Si Corner

NEWS ...DiCaprio and Schwarzenegger endorse The Letter...

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45775>

THE LETTER

Join us for a screening of the Pope's film, 'The Letter' on **Sunday 6th November at St Peter's Parish Centre, Jewry St. 3.30pm and 6.45pm.**

This film calls for 'a change of heart' as it explores global climate issues through a gathering of activists in Rome with Pope Francis. A chief from the Amazon representing Indigenous People; a climate refugee from Senegal representing the Poor; two scientists from Hawaii representing Nature and a climate activist from India representing Youth, come from different religious perspectives. They show compassionate dialogue is transformational.



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-dvvezjdn>

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>

NB: BOOKING CLOSES SUNDAY 6th NOV (BASINGSTOKE) and SUNDAY 13th NOV (WINCHESTER)"

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. 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.

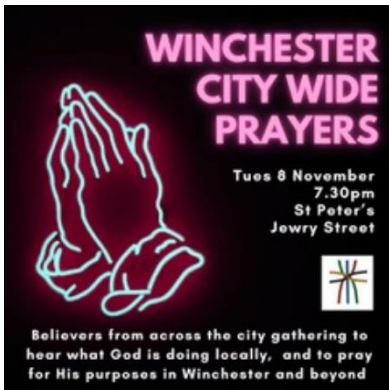
You can contact me via the parish office: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Thank you - Lidia Otero



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. **Filled Shoeboxes to be returned to St Gregory's by Sunday (6th November) please.**

Knit & Natter with the CWL at 4pm on Thursday 17th November in the Pastoral Centre. All ladies welcome. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



WINCHESTER CITY-WIDE PRAYERS on Tuesday 8 November - 7.30pm at **St Peter's Church**

Believers from congregations across the city are invited to gather to hear snapshots of what God is doing locally and beyond. We will be led into short times of prayer, breaking into small groups for intercession at different points during the evening. This is a brilliant opportunity to connect with Christians in around Winchester as together we listen for his voice and pray for his purposes.

Hosted by Nigel Hemming (Winchester Vineyard Church).

Winchester Catholic History Society.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November at 7.15 pm in the Parish Centre when Dr Giles Mercer will be talking on 'Why was St Thomas More Executed?' New Members and Visitors most welcome - £5 at the door.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 7 December we are very pleased to welcome the Rev'd Canon Dr Judith Maltby of Corpus Christi College, Oxford and Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch of Campion Hall, Oxford. Dr Maltby will be speaking on 'Hearing the Word, The Bible, The Prayer Book & Public Worship from Cranmer to 1660'. As we are at Winchester College this is a prebooked ticket only event. Members no charge, Visitors £5.

For tickets please email win.cath.history@gmail.com



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.

Mak monologue for Looking For A Star Audition

See below for the monologue we would like you to record.

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!



Dear Parents

Worship Leaders – Year 6

Every Wednesday we have class worship at 3pm. This means the whole school are praying together from their classes. Many of our older children applied to be worship leaders - and have since been trained by Mrs Donnelly. Thank you, children, for leading worship in our school and to Mrs Donnelly for all your efforts.,



'On transition day we were given the choice of three jobs – and we showed an interest in the worship leader.' - Amanda

'Every 3rd Tuesday lunch we stay in Mrs Donnelly's room. She tells us what scripture we will be using and which classes we will be visiting to lead worship.' – Matilda

'So far we have done a theme of Black History. We had to read scripture that God loves everyone and we wrote out things that we want to thank God for.' – Nicholas

'I went to Year 3 with Iris. They all paid attention and showed interest in our prayers.' - Emilia

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6

We currently have vacancies for a Class Teacher in KS2 and Teaching Assistants in EYFS and KS1. 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)

St Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College remains Outstanding!

Local Catholic school St Anne's has been judged to be Outstanding for the second time in a row. Ofsted inspectors returned to the school and sixth form college for two days in September 2022, six years after the school's previous visit, and reconfirmed the top judgement against a new, more stringent framework under which the number of Outstanding schools is expected to halve nationally.

Headteacher, James Rouse said: "We are delighted that St Anne's has been found to be Outstanding by Ofsted yet again, and the report reflects the continued success of the whole St Anne's community. Ever since our last inspection, we have refused to rely on past glory but continued to strive to be the best that we can be every day for the sake of our current and future pupils. As the report says, we are always looking for ways to make things better. As a result, we continue to ensure the pupils in our school get the very best learning experience."

Inspectors described the school as a "lively, diverse and inclusive school" where "pupils are well cared for and have excellent opportunities". Staff described to inspectors how they felt "valued" and "love working" at the school. The report describes how "parents are very positive about their experience, describing the school as 'amazing' and 'wonderful'".

More information, including a link to the full Ofsted report, can be found at: <https://sway.office.com/gp87xAZe2W8VAdwk?ref=Link>

Mass Timetable	5 th November – 12 th November 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – November 5 th Our Lady on Saturday 32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	All Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY – November 6 th 32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased members of the Catenian Association.
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Martin O'Meara RIP
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jack Kilroy RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter Whiteman RIP
MONDAY – November 7 th St Willibrord, Bishop	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Goulding Family
TUESDAY – November 8 th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Alma Broom-Smith
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Fr Bruce Barnes - Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY – November 9 th THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA			
THURSDAY – November 10 th St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church.	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
FRIDAY – November 11 th St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Dead & Founders
SATURDAY – November 12 th Our Lady on Saturday St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr. 33 rd 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	Deceased Members of the Coote & Kearny Families

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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