

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

*Lift Up Your Eyes – and Rejoice as He Comes Closer to Us*

## Fr Mark writes:

*"And as if in answer there came from far away another note. Horns, horns, horns. In dark Mindolluin's sides they dimly echoed. Great horns of the North wildly blowing. Rohan had come at last."* (The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King)

Things are looking bleak for our heroes. They have given it their best shot, and may even briefly have looked like winning, but in the end, the villains were too strong, the heroes too few, and all that's left is just enough time for some last words and a Last Stand...

...Wait, what's that? Did I just hear a bugle?

Lift up your eyes and see, there, appearing on the horizon...It's The Cavalry, riding in to save the day!

Maybe it's real life (think Dunkirk invasion for the French and British stuck on the beaches facing the Wehrmacht with their backs to the sea, and the arrival of hundreds of ships of every variety who turn up to rescue them in the nick of time) or maybe it's fiction (think Lord of the Rings or Hogwarts or Star Wars or Stagecoach, the film that made a star of John Wayne). Either way, it's a sight that fills the heart with relief and joy.

In this weekend's Gospel, we discover that the Cavalry has indeed arrived. The Messiah is here among us. Jesus is the Christ of God who has come close to us, to save us.

Why did John send his disciples to ask Jesus if he were the one who was to come? Was John not the cousin of Jesus..? There are two mainstream explanations.

One is that John knew that Jesus was the Christ and, as a prisoner, he wanted his disciples to follow Jesus as their new master. So, he sent them to ask Jesus this question and presumed that, once they had met Jesus, they would see for themselves that he was the Messiah and so would become followers of Jesus.

The other is that John began to question Jesus' identity as the promised Messiah. The silent healing, preaching, saving, and empowering ministry of Jesus was a surprise to John and to those who expected a fire-and-brimstone Messiah (remember last week and talk of baptising "with the Holy Spirit and with fire" and of having a winnowing fork in his hand, ready to burn the chaff).

Jesus had not yet fulfilled John's prediction that the One-to-come would baptize the repentant in the Holy Spirit. Nor did Jesus conform to popular Jewish beliefs about a warrior and a political Messiah who would bring political, social, and economic deliverance to Israel. Instead, Jesus pronounced blessings on the poor in spirit, the meek, and peacemakers (5:1-11). He called his disciples to love their enemies (5:42-48). He warned his disciples not to judge others (7:1-5). For John, these teachings might have seemed to weaken rather than to strengthen the Messiah's cause.

Cardinal Cantalamessa tells us that,

"Prior to Jesus, to convert always meant to 'go back', as the very term 'shub' used in Hebrew for this action indicates. It meant to return to the violated covenant, through a renewed observance of the law. 'Return to me – says the Lord through the prophets - Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds' (Zechariah 1:3-4; Jeremiah: 8: 4-5).

Consequently, to be converted had a primarily ascetic, moral and penitential meaning, and it was effected by changing one's conduct of life. Conversion was seen as a condition for salvation; the meaning was: be converted and you will be saved; be converted and salvation will come to you."

This was the case even for the Baptist.

However, Cardinal Cantalamessa continues:

"on Jesus' lips this meaning changed, not because Jesus played with the words, but because with him the reality has changed. The moral meaning becomes secondary (at least at the beginning of his preaching), [in regard] to a new meaning, unknown until now. To be converted no longer means to go back; it means, rather, to take a leap forward and to enter, through faith, into the kingdom of God who has come among [us]...Conversion and salvation have changed places. No longer: 'Convert and you will be saved; convert and salvation will come to you', but rather: 'Convert because salvation has come to you'...

This is the great novelty of Christianity. Every other religion lays out a path of salvation for man through ascetic observances or intellectual speculations, promising salvation or illumination as the end prize, but leaving people substantially on their own in accomplishing this task. Christianity does not begin by telling people what they must do to be saved, it begins by telling people what God has done to save them!"

We can now see why the Gospel is called 'Gospel' and why it is source of joy. It tells us of a God who, out of pure grace, has come to save us in his Son Jesus. A God who 'so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16).

I was using a metaphor in last week's thought about going for a walk and getting lost in conversation and thoughts, before realising that maybe I'd wandered down a wrong path. There are times when I need to lift up my eyes and look around and get my bearings. Imagine me doing that and then seeing there's a huge mountain I need to climb – one that seems impossible...And then spotting Jesus running down the mountain towards me. I don't need to climb the mountain to get closer to Jesus because he's running joyfully to come closer to me.

He's running joyfully to come closer to you too...to bring healing and peace and salvation...but we have to lift up our eyes to see him...and then we can rejoice as he comes closer to us!

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming...he is coming to save you.' (Isaiah 35)

## CHRISTMAS MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

If you receive the newsletter by email, or have the printable version delivered, you should have received the list of all Christmas Mass times.

There are also flyers in the back of all churches listing them, so you can take one home and attach it to your fridge...

**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](#).

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:6-10. R.Cf.Is35:4  
Come, Lord, and save us.

**Second reading:** St James 5:7-10

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Say to the faint of heart:  
Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come  
and he will save us.

**Funeral Notices:**

Marthe Vitoria RIP – **Private family service** will be held at St Peter's, on **Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 1:45pm.**  
Hugh & Noeline Ormerod RIP - **Thursday 15th December 2022** in St Peter's during **10am Mass.**  
James Heward RIP – Requiem mass will be held at St Peter's Catholic Church on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 1pm.**  
Isabel De Sousa Vilanova RIP – **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am** at Southampton Crematorium.  
Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.



**Mass, confession and prayer time changes**

Please note the following changes to this week's timetable:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Morning Confession will be extended from 9.30am to 11.30pm.**

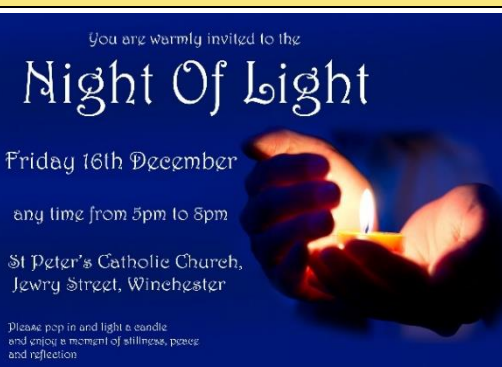
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Family Mass at St Stephen's at 9.15am.**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – No Mass at St Peter's.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at St Peter's at 10am will include the Funeral for Hugh and Noeline Ormerod RIP**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Night of Lights in St Peter's any time from 5pm to 8pm.**

Thank you to Fr Peter Codd, who will be celebrating Mass at St Stephen's and St Gregory's on Sunday.



**St. Peter's Night of Light**

**2022 (any time from 5pm to 8pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December)** is a beautiful way to enter a space of peace and calm away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations. Anyone is most welcome in our Church.

Everyone is invited to pop into the church to light a candle, say a prayer, or just sit in quiet contemplation in the tranquillity and stillness of the candlelight.

All are welcome to this special night.

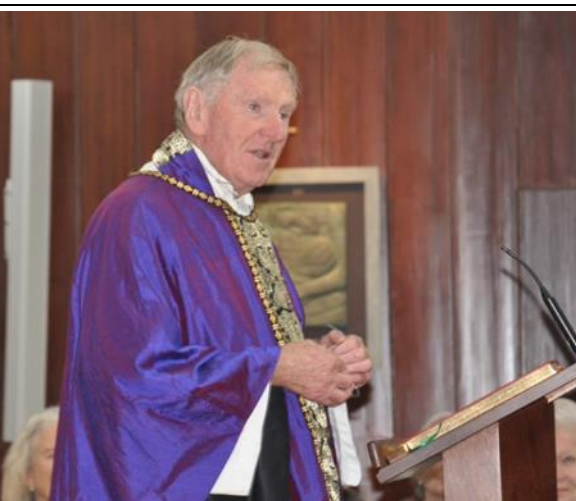
**BLUE CHRISTMAS**

**Wednesday 21st December, 11:00AM at St Peter's Church**

For many people, there are split emotions as Christmas approaches. Some of us feel keenly the pain of loss, bereavement, separation, hurt or regrets. Others feel anxious or isolated, at a time of material difficulty for many. And many feel alienated by the manifest materialism and secularisation of the season, in a world where so many lack the basics of food, shelter, peace and justice.

As a result, many of us find Christmas a difficult time to celebrate, and worry that we have to bury our feelings to make everyone else happy.

Blue Christmas is a service to enable us to recognise these more painful parts of our lives and of our world, not to cheer each other up, or wallow in pity, but to offer God the whole of who we are. Do come and make use of this space, and pray with us for healing and wholeness.



**Message from Fr Tom:** Many thanks to the people of the parish for their kindness to me over the years and also for the farewell gifts and cards. St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs is a special Parish and will always be dear to me. Prayers and good wishes. Tom



**Mass Intention Requests** Please email requests to [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or you can contact the **Reception Desk** in the Pastoral Centre.

**Daily and Weekly Messages during Advent and Christmas**

Fr Mark will continue this weekend with his daily and weekly messages for Advent and Christmas. You will automatically be signed up if you were part of the group last Advent (please say if you haven't received anything by Monday evening), but if you're new and would like to join please go to <https://stpeterschurch7.flocknote.com/advent22daily> to sign up for daily messages or <https://stpeterschurch7.flocknote.com/advent22weekly> for weekly ones

**Advent Online Sessions with Fr Mark**

Fr Mark will be hosting 2 online sessions in Advent. They will be at 7:30pm on Sun 11<sup>th</sup> and Sun 18<sup>th</sup> December. The first will look at some of the characters in the Nativity Story and how they are filled with the Holy Spirit. It will be a mixture of input, small group discussion and prayer. The second will look at a short film (20 mins) called "The Shepherd", which we will watch together and then have chance to discuss in small groups before ending in prayer. They will be hosted on Zoom and the links are: [Holy Spirit in the Nativity](#) and [The Shepherd](#).



## Vocations - Third Sunday of Advent

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? To explore further, contact Cn. John Cooke on [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

**Clergy Christmas Collection** Fr Mark is very grateful for all your Christmas gifts and for the Christmas collection which forms a large part of his annual salary. However, he's also aware that there is no assistant priest requiring support this year and that many of you will be struggling more than usual with the cost of living. He asks therefore, that if you wish to donate to the Clergy Christmas Collection, you do please give less than you usually would this Christmas. With every blessing for a wonderful Christmas.

## SVP Christmas Parcels

In September this year members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) appealed for support from parishioners for donations to help fund our annual distribution of Christmas parcels.

As expected, the cost of filling parcels has been higher this year, but we also know the financial pressures on recipients are higher than ever before. We would like to sincerely thank all parishioners who were able to contribute financially to our appeal. With your generous support, we have been able to distribute 92 parcels and some small food gift bags this year. We could not have achieved this without you.

Thank you to all parishioners for your continued support of the SVP whether financially, in prayer or as volunteers.

## ST. STEPHEN'S - CHRISTMAS

Traditionally we remember our deceased loved ones by bringing a seasonal plant to church at St Stephen's. This year we would like white flowering plants e.g. Hyacinths, cyclamens, 'potmums.' or any plant of your choice, standing in a waterproof container to make watering easier. Please bring to Mass the previous Sunday, 18th December, or on Friday 23rd December, not later than 10:30 am.



## Year of the Holy Spirit

Several different ministry groups in the parish including some children were asked to pray about the Year of the Holy Spirit and to think about what might be included in the parish prayer for the year, and then to submit anything that came to mind as they prayed, be it a word, a phrase, a scripture or indeed a short prayer. Contributions were collated and prayed on, and an initial prayer was written. This was then further edited by a small team to create the final prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Come like a mighty wind!

Come breathe new life in all areas of our lives.

Come strengthen us in Your love and guide us into truth.

Come fill our hearts, our homes, our parish.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Confirm within us the Father's love and draw us ever closer to Jesus.

Purify our hearts and help us discern that which is true, good, and holy.

Fix our eyes on heavenly things and give us a new thirst for You.

Transform us and burn away all that keeps us from following You.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Stir up in us a joyful faith and awaken in us the graces of our baptism.

Give us eyes of mercy and compassion and help us recognise those in need.

Raise us up and equip us to be courageous witnesses to the Gospel.

Bless us and send us out as channels of God's love, hope and healing.

Amen.

And may God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see

what hope His call holds for you... (cf. Eph 1:18)



**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:** Let us pray for our parish community that, as we await the birth of Jesus, our own Advent preparations will help each of us draw closer to Christ in hope and joy.



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

Hugh & Noeline Ormerod RIP  
Marthe Vitoria RIP  
James Heward RIP  
Isabel De Sousa Vilanova RIP  
Matthew Leeming RIP



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**BOOKSHOP** We sell missals, prayerbooks, Bibles, catechisms, encyclicals, rosaries, crucifixes, gifts for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation, and cards for all occasions. Also Booklets about the Holy Spirit, Advnt Calendars, Christmas Cards and Diaries. Open after weekend Masses and Monday to Friday, during Office hours. Many Thanks for your support. Susan Henry

## Join The Mountbatten Hospice this Sunday (11 December) to Light up a Life.

All are welcome to our hospice building in West End to remember and celebrate loved ones who won't be with us this Christmas.

Join us at 4 pm to listen to hand-picked readings and music and sing carols together.

Our remembrance tree will be lit, and we will light candles in honour of all those we hold dear.

Winter warming refreshments will be served after the service until 6pm.

This is an open-air event; we will have a marquee for guests but please make sure to wrap up warmly. If you wish to attend, please let us know, as space at the hospice is limited, and we want to ensure all guests are comfortable. [Click here to reserve your space at the service.](#)

Parking is available on-site from 3 pm at the Tom Rudd Centre, Moorgreen Hospital, Botley Road, Southampton SO30 3JB. The service will begin at 4 pm, but please arrive at least 15 minutes before to collect a candle.

## Pies & Puds Pre-Christmas Event

We'll be having our special festive version of the monthly lunch event on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. We'll be serving the legendary

**Turkey Dinner in a Pie** (you can only find it here!) - a tradition over many years now - with other options, all the

vegetables you can eat, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives, and proper puddings with custard. For our entertainment we are welcoming back professional singer Jane Sherriff, who will be doing a recital of Christmas songs and music - with carols for us all to join in with. And of course - tasteful table decorations!

Come on your own or with a partner or friend - everyone is made welcome. There is no booking or commitment necessary, but do contact

[moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.



## Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge

The Reverend Philip Bowden invites you to join him and the congregation at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge for a Carol Service **at 6pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Bishop Peter Doyle will assist in leading the service and will preach a homily.

## Catholic Women's League - Another change of date!!!

Our December Meeting (originally scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December), will now be on **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, at 4.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. Do hope you can all come.

After the 'essential' notices, there will be a festive Quiz (easy), and seasonal drinks and nibbles. All Ladies Welcome.

**ADORE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP ONLINE.** ADORE Online Christmas Worship **Saturday 17 December** 11.00-12.00 *"O come, let us ADORE Him."* In a one-hour programme of seasonal Scripture readings, prayers, carols and other worship songs, we remind ourselves that GOD IS WITH US to support us in every aspect of our lives. (NB No Mass this month) No need to register, just log in to Zoom by going to [bit.ly/ADOREDEC2022](https://bit.ly/ADOREDEC2022) and using the passcode 171602.

ARE YOU ILL, WORRIED OR SEARCHING? Experienced, trained Catholics will pray with you on the phone for healing or encouragement. Ring 07579 824523 Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm. More details at [altonrenewal.com/prayer\\_request](https://altonrenewal.com/prayer_request)

**NHS COVID and Flu Vaccinations** (for those who are eligible) are available at:

Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore. Winchester. SO23 4EJ from 9am to 2pm on Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and at:

Winnall Community Centre, Garbett Road, Winchester SO23 0NY from 1pm to 5.30pm on Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Just come along. No need to book.



## Laudato Si Corner

During Advent we are focused on the coming of the Christ child and the importance of the Holy family. This season reinforces the importance of all our human family too, with current world problems casting a shadow over what should be a joyous time.

One of those problems is the failure of world governments to reduce carbon emissions at COP27. This means that global temperatures may continue to rise – and with that rise there will be more damaging climate events.

In Laudato Si, the Pope called climate change “one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day” and the urgency of this issue was the focus of discussion at the National Bishops Conference recently where Dr Carmody Grey said that COP 27's failure to reduce carbon emission means that we are facing a rise in global temperatures of 2.7degrees centigrade. To find out more, view this video

<https://www.economist.com/films/2021/10/30/this-is-what-3degc-of-global-warming-looks-like>

Did you know that each Christmas we produce 30% more waste than we do in the rest of the year. How can we reduce the impact of our Christmas celebrations on the environment?

See <https://highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/reduce-christmas-waste/> for lots of helpful information and ideas to make your Christmas more joyful and less damaging to our environment.

*Lord of light, We rejoice, celebrate and reflect on your birth. Help us to be beacons of light, to be discerning this Christmas.*

Amen

## Epiphany Party at St Stephen's - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the hall after 9:15am Mass.

Christmas party dress (optional). All children to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a contribution to the snack table.

Volunteers for the craft and snack tables needed.

**PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES 2023.** ACROSS, (the Jumbulance Group who specialise in taking people who find travel difficult any other way) are planning a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the Winchester/Southampton area, on 13th to 22nd July 2023.

For more information, either as a VIP or as a Helper, contact Marianne, the Group Leader on [mwanstall@btinternet.com](mailto:mwanstall@btinternet.com), or Hilary, via the Parish Office.



## Drama at the Winchester Christmas Market

You are all invited to a creative retelling of the nativity story told with humour and insight into the meaning of Christ's coming in a thirty-minute drama to be performed at the Cathedral Christmas Market.

The remaining performance is on **Sunday 11 Dec at 1500 and 1730.**

Come and enjoy, bring friends and join in the audience- singing of carols (words will be on screens).

Blessings to you all,

**Howard**



Rev'd Dr Howard Mellor

Chair, CTiW

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## Dear Parents

### Advent

Advent is the start of the Church's year. This year we have been asked to celebrate the Holy Spirit and how welcoming The Spirit into our lives can make a profound difference. We are learning our traditional prayer below that we will be using throughout this year:

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle  
in them the fire of Thy love.  
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.  
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  
Let us pray.**

**O God, Who did instruct the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,  
and ever to rejoice in His consolation,  
through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**



We currently have vacancies for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and an After School Club Assistant. 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

Louise Buxton (Miss)  
Headteacher



Mass Timetable	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – December 10 <sup>th</sup> St Swithun Wells, Martyr THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Frederick Yard
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	K B Anne RIP
SUNDAY – December 11 <sup>th</sup> THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Cathy Wade RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Margaret McManus RIP
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Carlos Boromeu Fernandes RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
MONDAY – December 12 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Maria Cheng RIP
TUESDAY – December 13 <sup>th</sup> St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr.	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Mary Jane King
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Julia Wheble
WEDNESDAY – December 14 <sup>th</sup> St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church			
THURSDAY – December 15 <sup>th</sup> St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Hugh & Noeline Ormerod RIP
FRIDAY – December 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of William Meader
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Carmel McClean RIP
SATURDAY – December 17 <sup>th</sup> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Matthew Leeming RIP
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Hill Family

Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required. **There will be extended Confession from 9.30am – 11.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

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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**Newsletter** (deadline for items Wednesday evening): [newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) **Newsletter list:** [hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

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**St. Thomas More's Stockbridge:** please email [stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

### St Peter's Church 'Warm Hub' - Pastoral Centre, Winchester:

Every Wednesday from 10am -12noon - offering light breakfast (cereals/toast, jam), tea, coffee & cake. This is a safe, friendly environment for those seeking warm sanctuary, refreshments, companionship and support with sign posting to key social/community services.

We kindly ask our ministries and parishioners to assist us in the following:

- **Prayers** - "Let us pray for those effected by the cost-of-living crisis and financial hardship. May our Warm Hub provide safety, sanctuary, and much needed support during these difficult times".

- **Pastoral Support** - Winchester community of churches and other organisations have a comprehensive itinerary of Warm Hub events throughout the week - please see list at the back of all churches and in the Pastoral Centre.

Donations and volunteers are always appreciated!

- **Practical Support** – For those who may be experiencing financial hardship or know someone who might be, our parish has received awareness training provided by the Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau team about where to find support on the CAB website. If you would like to find out more, please contact

[Michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or phone 01962 852804.

Alternatively, very helpful information is available on the Winchester City Council 'Cost of Living Advice' page, see <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/cost-of-living>; and on the Citizens Advice Bureau website, see <http://www.citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk>