

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Alresford • Stockbridge • Winchester

29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A

*Blessings from the Blessed One*

**Fr Mark writes:**

Imagine you're sat on top a grassy hill. The sun is shining down, there are clear blue skies above with the odd cloud drifting by. You're looking down at the Sea of Galilee, which is calm and tranquil, and along the four-mile long Plain of Gennesaret, a luscious valley, famed for its fertility, which the historian Josephus once described as "nature's crowning achievement".

This is the view which Jesus has when he begins to speak to his disciples. Up the mountain he has gone, just as Moses did, sitting down to indicate the position and authority of teacher.

Imagine yourself now as part of that group of disciples, part of his "inner circle". What you hear Jesus saying is, in some sense, privileged information.

Down below, or scattered upon the hill, now known as the Mount of Beatitudes, here in the countryside, far from the capital Jerusalem and all the symbols of power, are the crowds that have come looking for Jesus: those unwell with different diseases; suffering from torments; possessed with demons; those mentally unwell and paralysed.

What is it like to look upon those people – the needy, the weak, the vulnerable, the desperate? What emotions go through your being? Then, as Jesus begins to speak – his first sermon – listen to what he says:

*"Congratulations to the destitute; the sad; the meek; those concerned for justice; congratulations to the merciful; to those who concentrate solely on God; to those who refuse to go down the road of violence; to those who are persecuted!"*

What is happening here? Is Jesus saying that the way forward is for us to be wimps? Listen again. Is there actually something profound that Jesus is offering in this list of congratulations? It's quite the opposite of the sort of congratulations people normally offer one another.

Jesus does not only teach them these "ways of being". As we know, he will go on to embody them.

*Poor in spirit* – those who have cleared out the spiritual junk so that they can create room for God, allowing Him to live and move and grow in their deepest being. It's no longer "me, me, me!" We can think of Jesus in Gethsemane – "Father, not my will but yours be done" – or on the cross – "Into your hands I commit my spirit".

*Meek* – not timid and fearful but the opposite of aggressive. Strong in non-violent resistance. We can think of Jesus being led "like a lamb to slaughter" or being struck on the cheek and offering the other.

*Those who mourn* – not so much about those who wail without hope for loved ones who've died, but rather those who mourn by recognising things are not as God wills and lament this. It is a mourning which brings healing. We can think of Jesus weeping at the death of his friend, Lazarus, or over Jerusalem. He is also, we note, prepared to do something about the situation over which he mourns.

*Peacemaker* – Jesus is the one who brings true peace and reconciliation, with God and with each other. "My peace I give you..." It is a peace allied to justice.

*Those who are persecuted in the cause of right* – we recall Jesus being scourged at the pillar, or more generally his passion and death.

*Merciful* – again and again we see Jesus offering mercy: to the woman caught in adultery, to Zacchaeus up the sycamore tree, or to the paralysed man lowered through the roof, for example. Or speaking of mercy: for example, in the parable of the Prodigal Son or on the cross when he says, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do".

*Pure in heart* – those who are true to their calling and vocation. We might think of Jesus saying to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan" when he tries to prevent him going to the cross, or of him resisting the temptations in desert.

Jesus, then, is the Blessed One par excellence. Which, on the one hand, is wonderful, whilst on the other, it seems to make these beatitudes lofty ideals too high for us to reach..?

Perhaps we need now to look back to those crowds who have gathered. Jesus has been inviting his disciples to look at Him but is he perhaps asking them, and therefore also us, to look at this motley bunch too? Is he saying that it is because of their desperation and need that they are to be congratulated, for they know they cannot survive without God and his help? Is Jesus encouraging us to learn from them, to realise our own complete dependence on and indebtedness to God so that we may be free to follow Christ?

As we sit and listen to this strange new teaching, as we look upon the beauty of the countryside and wonder at the crowds around and below, how do we react? Do we want to slip away quietly? Do we find ourselves inspired by Jesus's words? Or challenged? Do we want to follow this man? If so, we cannot do it alone, so let's open our hearts that we may be filled with his Holy Spirit and be given the grace to go wherever he may lead us.



**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](#).

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**First reading:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3  
How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Communion Antiphon:**

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,  
for I call on you.

**Mass, confession and prayer time changes**  
Please note the following changes to this week's timetable:  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Confessions at 9am; 9am Mass moved to 10am for the Baptism Celebration Mass, to which all are welcome**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February – No morning confessions**

**CHARITY SOUP & PUD LUNCH**  
The Catholic Women's League (CWL) will be having their next Charity Lunch on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, in aid of The Winchester Beacon (Night Shelter) Food will be served from 12noon to 1.30pm, in the Pastoral Centre. All are very welcome £5 cash or card.



*Discovering More about The Holy Spirit*

In this Year of the Holy Spirit, join with us in entering more deeply into the action of the Holy Spirit and His transforming work in the depths of each of our souls.


-  **The Mystery of the Blessed Trinity**  
Thursday 02 February, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
-  **The Holy Spirit, God's Mighty Hand**  
Thursday 09 February, 7:30pm – 9:00pm
-  **The Holy Spirit, Guest of our Souls**  
Thursday 16 February, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

An online "Discovering More" course delivered by Tony Darlison and the Parish Formation Team  
For registration details, email [formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or call the parish office on 01962 852804



**St Peter's has opened its doors to people seeking sanctuary** - In addition to the large number of Ukrainian guests that attend our Welcome hub every Wednesday morning since May, we now have 30 or so gentlemen from all parts of the world who are seeking sanctuary in Winchester. Volunteers from St Peter's and Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG) offer them a welcome, teach English, assist in the legal process, put on activities, provide clothing and other essential items. I will be spending a few moments at the end of all Masses at St Peter's on Sunday 29th explaining what it means to be a person that is seeking asylum, why they are here, what they have gone through and how we can help. It is a joy to work with people that have so much to offer us and to help make their lives a little easier. I always say that I am walking the same path but wearing different shoes. If you would like to contribute to this work, by either giving your time or donating arts and crafts materials, board games suitable for men, smart phones and laptops (unlocked, wiped and of a reasonable specification), that would be so appreciated. Please contact me for further information: Lesley Sheldon-Browning [lesley@winchester.cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:lesley@winchester.cityofsanctuary.org)

You can also register by clicking [here](#).

 **Welcome to** Cora Michalczuk who was baptised at St Stephen's Church last weekend. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

**Funeral Notices:**  
Philip McLaughlin – **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 12noon** in St Peter's  
Dorothy Felton – **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 during the 12.15pm Mass** at St Peter's  
Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.



**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:** In our Year of the Holy Spirit, let us pray that He will purify our hearts and help us discern that which is true, good, and holy, bringing us closer to Christ in hope and joy.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:  
  
Dorothy Felton RIP  
Ruth Graham RIP  
Bill Coram RIP  
Fr Michael Beattie SJ  
Sr Theresa McAnnelly

## **Music Team Leader – St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Parish, Winchester**

Part time: 21 hours per week, including weekends and major feasts (for Masses)

Contract type: Initially eighteen months, fixed term contract

Salary: Competitive. Further details on enquiry.

St Peter's is a busy and thriving city centre church, one of 4 churches in the Catholic parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs (Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge). It has a tradition of music, which in the past has included an adult SATB choir and a Youth Choir, contemporary music groups, and several volunteer organists and cantors.

We are now seeking an experienced pastoral musician to build and grow a strong music team at St Peter's, while also developing existing volunteer music leaders in their own roles and skills.

The successful candidate will

- Ensure that the Music team can provide suitable music for all weekend Masses at St Peter's (Saturday 17:30, Sunday 10:30 and 17:30, and Sunday 08:00 as required), and on major feasts;
- Lead, or preferably arrange for the leading of choirs and music groups that exist or may develop;
- Recruit and develop more volunteers: performers (singers, accompanists, instrumental players) and support roles (administration; music tech);
- Retain, and strengthen the commitment and confidence of those currently serving;
- Encourage more diverse involvement (age, nationality, musical styles, Mass communities).

We are looking for someone who, through their own musical performing and directing, is able to inspire others to join the team. Even more important than their own musical skills, will be their passion and enthusiasm to recruit, develop, support and grow others: new and existing talent – so that our music ministry can operate more sustainably, and over time grow in size and capability, to support the parish's vision to bring others closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy.

Their success will be judged by the team they have built, more than the music they have performed.

To achieve this, they will

- Develop relationships with the clergy and the people in the parish, to gain support and assistance for their work in raising the profile of music in the parish;
- Be open to feedback about their own work and that of the whole music team, as they seek to fulfil the vision for music in the parish;
- Liaise with music teams at the other churches in the parish, to encourage collaboration (especially at major feasts), and to provide support, while respecting a degree of autonomy for these teams;
- Set a personal example, through their own life of prayer and their attitude of service.

We welcome applications from anyone with an active Christian faith, though candidates will be expected to demonstrate a readiness to engage with the Catholic Church's teaching and directives regarding music and liturgy.

For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

To request an informal discussion about the role, please contact the Parish Office by

Email: [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), or by Telephone: 01962 852804

**Closing date for applications:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 12 Noon      **Interview date** to be confirmed in early March 2023







## Laudato Si Corner

COP15, the biodiversity conference held in Montreal in December 2022, resulted in a historic agreement for member states to work together to protect the world's fragile ecosystems.

The Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) aims to protect and restore at least 30% of Earth's land and water by 2030, as well as reduce our ecological footprint, half the risks of pesticides, and eliminate or repurpose harmful subsidies.

The event was also marked by the involvement of a coalition of faith-based organisations and conservation groups, 'Faith in COP15': the first time that all major religious traditions participated in such a conference. Faith in COP15 held events at the conference, lobbied governments, adopted its own set of recommendations and held a meeting with the Executive Secretary.

With the GBF in place, now comes the challenge to see that it is implemented. Gopal Patel, co-convenor of Faiths at COP15 said: "Given the immense potential of faith communities to mobilize people at local levels, we are uniquely positioned to play a leading role in creating a nature positive world where all life flourishes."

More information about the Faith in COP15 recommendations can be found here: <https://www.biodiversity.faith/policy>

How can we, as Catholics and as a parish, participate in this global initiative and play our part in protecting the beautiful natural world that surrounds us in Winchester?

### Laudato si' Group Meeting

We are meeting (8th February 7pm) to review what we did in 2022 and to discuss actions we can take in 2023. If you would like to join our group then please email Mike Slinn on [mmlinn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:mmlinn@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Messy Church**

Mondays  
1:30pm to 3pm  
from  
16th January 2023

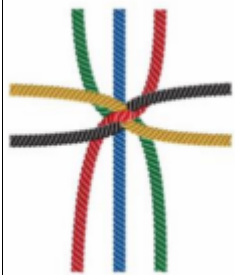
**PASTORAL CENTRE HALL**  
ST PETER'S, JEWRY STREET, WINCHESTER

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Storytelling
- Painting
- Arts & Craft
- Fun Games
- Liturgy based on a Biblical theme

No age limit! All welcome  
Refreshments included

**FOR MORE INFO:** Email [messychurch@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or call the Parish Office on 01962 852804



**A Message From 'Churches Together in Winchester'** - Thank you to everyone who supported Looking for a Star in any way in December; thank you. We had a wonderful cast, a fabulous script, terrific technical support and committed prayers/sharers/singers. Our aim was to bring the wonder and mystery of the nativity into the vibrant colour of the Cathedral Christmas Market and that was certainly achieved. On each of the Sunday afternoon performances people flooded into the special carol service prepared by the Cathedral team. Thank you so much and Praise God!

**'Sharing the Church's Story' Day Conference** Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. Come and join 1300 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, BISHOP ROBERT BARRON. So, whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, religious, or just want a boost for your faith life, then this conference is for YOU.

**WHEN?** SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2023, 10am-5pm

**WHERE?** QEII Centre, Westminster, London, SW1P 3EE

**FIND OUT MORE?** Visit: <https://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com>



## A Lifeline for Marriage!

**Has Covid put you under more stress as a couple? Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue more? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again?**

The **Retrouvaille** programme may be just what you need!

**The next programme commences with a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City Centre**

**24 - 26 February 2023. The following programme commences with a virtual weekend 6 - 9 July 2023**

**For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) Website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)**

Complete confidentiality assured

<b>Mass Timetable</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Times &amp; Intentions</b>		
<b>SATURDAY – January 28<sup>th</sup></b> St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil</b>	<b>NO 9.00 AM</b>		
	<b>10.00 AM</b>	Baptism Celebration Mass at St Peter's	
	<b>5.30 PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Tom O'Donoghue RIP
<b>SUNDAY – January 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>8.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Mike & Joyce Lucas RIP & family deceased & living
	<b>9.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
	<b>9.15 AM</b>	Mass at St Stephen's	Biddy Williams RIP
	<b>10.30 AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Alan Elderfield RIP
	<b>11.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	<b>5.30 PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Pamela & Maurice Henry RIP
<b>MONDAY – January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15 PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	For the souls of the Bristol family
<b>TUESDAY – January 31<sup>st</sup></b> St John Bosco, Founder, memorial	<b>10.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's	Fely Roberts RIP
	<b>12.15 PM</b>	<b>Funeral Mass at St Peter's</b>	Dorothy Felton RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY – February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Archbishop John Henry King
<b>THURSDAY – February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, feast	<b>10.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
<b>FRIDAY – February 3<sup>rd</sup></b> St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	<b>10.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<b>12.15 PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Patrick Morris RIP
<b>SATURDAY – February 4<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady on Saturday <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil</b>	<b>9.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mrs Giles
	<b>5.30 PM</b>	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Canon Anthony Zollo
<p>Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required. <b>On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Confessions will be 9.00-9.45am. There will be no morning confessions on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February.</b></p> <p>Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public), 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am.  <i>To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration, go to our <a href="#">YouTube channel</a></i></p> <p><b>ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.</b></p>			
<b>Useful Contacts</b>			
<p>Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest) (<a href="mailto:mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>) ;  Deacon Martin McElroy (<a href="mailto:mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>)  Director of Evangelisation and Leadership: Allegra Mutanda (<a href="mailto:allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Housekeeper: Sarah Culhane (<a href="mailto:sculhane@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">sculhane@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Finance and Property Manager: Annette Parr (<a href="mailto:annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Facilities and Resources Manager: Sean Reidy (<a href="mailto:sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Parish Administration Manager: Michaela Waterfield (<a href="mailto:michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Sacristan: Laurie Howe      Caretaker: Richard Phiri  Pastoral team – Baptism and First Holy Communion: Rosanne Walker (<a href="mailto:baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>), (<a href="mailto:FHC@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">FHC@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Pastoral team – Youth Ministry: Jo Donaldson (<a href="mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Outreach Ministry Lead: Mike Elks (<a href="mailto:mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  Volunteer Director of Communications: Moira Redmond (<a href="mailto:moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>)  To get in touch with them, and for other general matters, please contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 <a href="mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a> .  <b>PeterCares:</b> <a href="mailto:petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a> <b>Prayerline:</b> <a href="mailto:prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>  <b>Newsletter</b> (deadline for items Wednesday evening): <a href="mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a> <b>Newsletter list:</b> <a href="mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a>  <b>St. Peter's School Office:</b> 01962 852820 <a href="mailto:admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk">admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk</a>  <b>St. Thomas More's Stockbridge:</b> please email <a href="mailto:stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a></p>			
<p><b>Parish Safeguarding Minister</b> – If you have any safeguarding concerns or requests, such as help with applying for a DBS check, please contact Michaela Waterfield, our Parish Administration Manager, by emailing <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a> or by phoning 01962 852804 (Option 2, followed by Option 1). If there is a concern that someone is at immediate risk of harm, people should be advised to contact 999 for the emergency services.</p>			



Dear Parents

Year 6 Librarians

We love to read at St Peter's and our library is at the heart of our school. Every lunchtime our Year 6 librarians come and ensure the books are organised, ready for the next class to come and choose their book.



Matilda says 'We find books to put on other class book shelves.'

Elizabeth commented 'We enjoy making the library tidy and easily accessible for everyone.'

Ciara says 'We like having books for everyone to read. We often find books we want to read.'



"Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library."

Walter Savage Landor

(1775-1864. English writer and poet)



We currently have vacancies for a Class Teacher 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

### Diocesan Job Vacancies

#### **Part time Pastoral and Finance Administrator, Holy Family, Southampton**

The parish of **Holy Family**, based at Redbridge Hill, Millbrook, Southampton are seeking to appoint a Pastoral and Finance Administrator to work 15 hours per week to provide administrative and financial support for the parish.

Hours of work: part time 15 per week, days and times as agreed with the Parish Priest (Fr Benjamin Theobald)

Salary – £11.50 per hour

**Experience and qualifications required for role:**

- Experience of working independently in a busy environment with many competing demands on time.
- Experienced Administrator with excellent secretarial, time management and prioritisation skills.
- Able to deal sensitively and confidentially with difficult situations.
- Computer literate, skilled in word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets and database management as well as use of internet.
- Experience and knowledge of accounts packages and accounting processes.

**Personal attributes:**

- Sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church;
- Self-motivated and flexible, with ability to work on own initiative and judgement without supervision or support from colleagues or team, able to cope with change and work under pressure;
- Diplomatic, discreet, with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience;
- Able to handle confidential and personal information in an appropriate way.

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

**Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### **Clergy Support Coordinator**

Part time – 18 hours per week

Salary - £16,500 per annum

Based in Sandhurst, Berkshire

An opportunity has arisen for an experienced and compassionate professional to work within the Department for Clergy to provide coordinated support to clergy with a special focus on retiring, retired and sick clergy within the Diocese.

The successful applicant will undertake confidential individual assessment and provide practical support to priests planning for and in retirement. This includes identifying suitable accommodation and working with and signposting to other agencies.

You will likely have a professional qualification and substantial experience in the social care sector or similar, where undertaking a holistic assessment of personal circumstances and needs has been integral to your role. You will have an in-depth understanding of the way in which health and care operate and will be able to provide expert support on sensitive matters, including finance and personal care.

You will be passionate about ensuring that our clergy are enabled to move from busy lives dedicated to ministering to others to a well-supported retirement. An understanding of the mission of the Catholic Church and priesthood, including empathy with the pastoral needs of sick and retired priests, is essential.

Postholder must have a full clean driving licence as travel and visiting are a key element of the role.

For full job description for the role and details of how to apply please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

To arrange an informal discussion about the role please contact: Wendy Escott: [wescott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wescott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023