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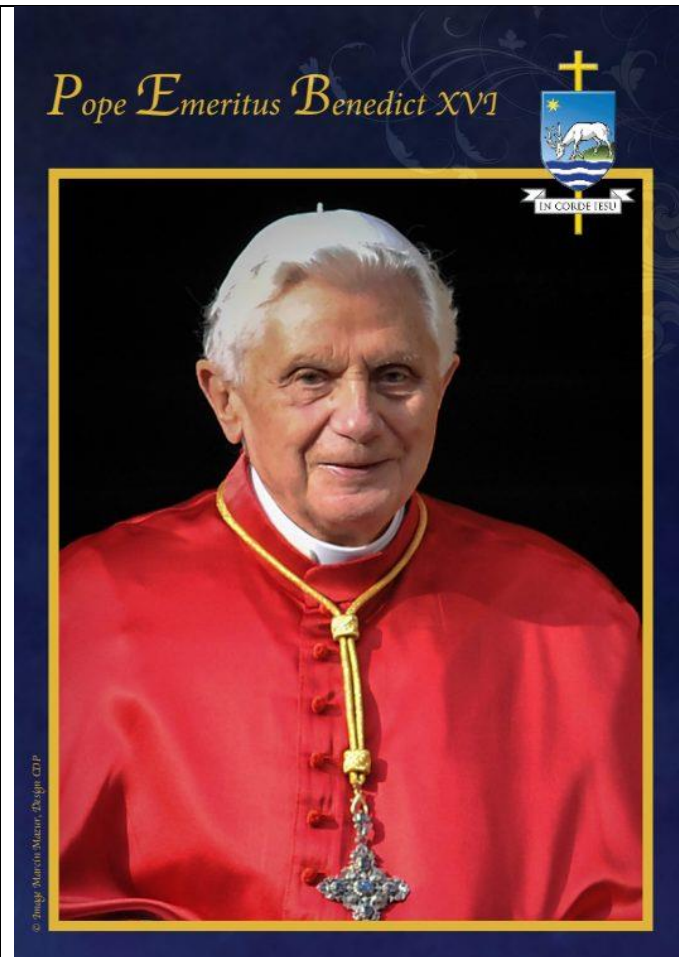
## Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP 1927 - 2022



### Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict

Father Stephen Vooght will lead a **Requiem Mass** for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Sunday, 8th January, at 8am at St Peter's. The Mass will be live-streamed. All are welcome.

### Report from the Vatican website from the funeral in Rome

In his homily at the Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis commends his predecessor into the loving hands of God the Father and prays that his joy may now be complete as he contemplates the Lord face to face.

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Pope Francis recalled those final words spoken by the Lord, as proclaimed in the Gospel reading at the Requiem Mass for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Thursday morning in St. Peter's Square.

Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom, may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever.



The entire Homily can be found [HERE](#).

**Bishop Philip's Prayer for Pope Emeritus Benedict:** Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants. May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven. In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. May your Son welcome him into eternal glory. May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom. Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love. We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love. May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Fr Mark writes: Music Team Leader

We are now advertising a new post, funded by some of our Closer to Christ allocation. This exciting new role of Music Team Leader will be a part-time, fixed-term contract (18 months).

One of my hopes is that when we come to celebrate the centenary of St. Peter's Church across our parish in 2026, people will be blown away by the liturgy and worship they experience, leading them to a transformative encounter with Christ. One of the key elements of liturgy is the music. Some priests say that when it comes to making our Sunday celebrations more joyful, uplifting and life-transforming, we need to focus especially on the three H's: Hospitality, Homilies and Hymns. Others say the same thing but speak of the three W's: Welcome, Word and Worship. Liturgical music is, in many ways, like the air we breathe, enabling us to sing well and “pray twice” as St Augustine might have put it.

We have some amazing and dedicated musicians in our parish but, especially since we started to return after the pandemic, and particularly in St. Peter's, we have been spread too thinly. We have had a few parishioners doing a valiant job but we really need some committed and focussed leadership in this area to ensure our liturgy is reliably and regularly supported by life-transforming music. We need someone who can build a broad and sustainable music team at St. Peter's, maximising the number and diversifying the range of musicians, helping them to develop and grow in their ministry. We need someone who can inspire, encourage and empower our musicians so that the Holy Spirit can use them all the more freely as his instruments to bring people closer to Jesus Christ, His Son, in hope and joy.

The parish has had paid roles in musical leadership before and it is my conviction that once more we need to bring in someone who can unleash the wonderful talent and gifting we have available to us, in order to reach its full potential.

If you know of anyone who could be a candidate for this role, please encourage them to contact Deacon Martin via email, and I ask you to keep the recruitment process for this post in your prayers.

**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](#).

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A) 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

After the Lord was baptised,  
the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.

**First reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R. v.11  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Second reading:** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**Mass, confession and prayer time changes**

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – No Morning Prayer at St Peter's**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January – No Morning Prayer or Mass at St Peter's.**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – No Morning Prayer at St Peter's.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – No Morning Prayer at St Peter's.**

**Christmas Thanks.** Fr Mark wishes to express his enormous thanks and heartfelt gratitude for all the Christmas cards, messages, gifts and, most importantly, prayers, that he has received over the Christmas period. He wishes he could thank you all personally but, as this won't be possible, he will offer Mass for all your intentions whilst away on his post-Christmas break.



**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 that as we start a New Year, the Holy Spirit will breathe new life in all areas of our lives, bringing us closer to Christ in hope and joy.



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

Gillian Allen RIP  
Matthew Leeming RIP  
Dorothy Felton RIP

**Funeral Notices:**

Gillian Allen - **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 11am**, at Chesil House, Winchester.

Matthew Leeming – **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2pm**, at 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.





## 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

Registration details to be announced soon

**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.



**Welcome to** Shawnwin Sam, who was baptised at St Peter's Church on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.



**Congratulations to** Charlotte Bluck and Laurence Easton-Jones, who were married at St Peter's Church on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.

**CWL January Meeting.** The Catholic Women's League (CWL) warmly welcomes ladies to their next monthly meeting, being held in the Pastoral Centre at 4pm on Thursday **19th January**. We will be looking at 'Current Affairs', please bring your knitting along, and be creative whilst we chat.

**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.

**WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY.** - Dr Lucy Wooding of Lincoln College Oxford is giving a talk on **The Winchester Martyrs** on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.00 pm at Winchester College. There will be a Memorial Service in Chapel preceding her lecture and an exhibition on Winchester and the Reformation in the Eccles Room.

There is no charge for tickets, but it is a **PRE BOOKED ONLY EVENT**. For further information please email [win.cath.history@gmail.com](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com)



**Volunteering for Radio Maria** - Radio Maria England is a Christian voice in your home, broadcasting Christian music, prayer, teaching and news, on digital radio (in Cambridge and London) and online. Radio Maria England is based in Cambridge but will also be broadcasting from around England. We are a member of the World Family of Radio Maria. Fr Toby Lees, is the Priest Director of Radio Maria England <https://radiomariaengland.uk> and he is currently looking for people who might be interested in volunteering for the radio station, either remotely from their own parish, or by occasionally travelling up to London if possible. There's more information about different volunteering opportunities at: <https://rmengland.civi-go.net/volunteer> There are opportunities to promote Radio Maria in the parish, to help with the technical side of things in the studio, or to help out with the administrative and audio-editing side of things.

If you know anybody who might be interested, there is a form you can complete on the second link above. Any necessary training will be given.

### **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>

### **Health & Social Care Committee Assisted Dying Inquiry – Have Your Say**

Steve Brine, the Conservative MP for Winchester has contacted Fr Mark to alert him to the fact that the Health and Social Care Committee, (chaired by Steve Brine), has launched a new inquiry into assisted dying/assisted suicide. The Committee would like to hear from campaigners, members of the medical profession and members of the public and will look at the moral, ethical and practical concerns raised in a way that is informed by actual evidence. Steve Brine feels that it is hugely important for everyone to have their say and invites you to submit your opinions on assisted dying/assisted suicide to be considered by the Committee. The Committee's terms of reference include the important point regarding access to palliative care. - Is the current access to palliative care acceptable and, if not, how can this be improved?

As an individual, please send the Committee your thoughts through the Committee's [online form](#). **The Committee are not accepting submissions by email and no emails will be forwarded from Steve Brine's Inbox to the Committee.**

If you are from an organisation you are encouraged to look at the Inquiry [terms of reference](#) and make a written submission [here](#).

You can submit evidence until **Friday 20 January 2023**.

### **Thank you so much for your support for CAFOD in 2022**

Many thanks for your support for CAFOD's work last year especially for our emergency appeals- Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and Pakistan Flood Appeal. Your donations make a huge difference to the communities that we work with around the world. Have you considered using your time and skills to volunteer for CAFOD? Please contact Jo for information on our volunteering opportunities [jlewry@Cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@Cafod.org.uk) or call 07710 094447.

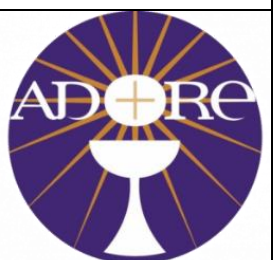


### **ADORE Mini Retreat for Spiritual Renewal. - ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning 28 January 10.00-1.00**

"Called to be Missionary Disciples" - we are called to share in Jesus' mission.

Guest speaker is Charles Whitehead KSG, speaker, author and internationally acclaimed leader in Catholic Renewal.

Starts with Mass at 10.00 and includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJAN2023](https://bit.ly/ADOREJAN2023). The colour poster for this month, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#).





## Laudato Si Corner

### A Prayer For Our Earth, By Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

## You are invited to...



### What is it?

Fun, faith and fellowship with crafts, refreshments, activities and liturgy based on a Biblical theme

### When?

Mondays 1:30 - 3pm from Jan 9th 2023

### Where?

Pastoral Centre Hall, St Peter's, Jewry Street

### Who is it for?

No age limit! Everyone welcome

### Who to contact?

Louisa: [messychurch@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)  
or call the Parish Office: 01962 852804

## Vacancy for a Part-Time Administrator for Our Lady Queen of Peace, SOUTHBOURNE. 12 hours per week @ £12.50 per hour.

A vacancy has arisen for a part time Parish Administrator to provide a full, confidential, administrative, book-keeping and database support to the Parish and the Parish Priest.

**Hours of work:** Part time 12 hours per week

### Experience and Qualifications required for role:

Experienced Administrator with excellent time management and prioritisation skills.

Computer literate: skilled in spreadsheets, data management, use of internet and word processing

Experience of financial procedures: the post involves significant use of spreadsheets and day to day book-keeping on the PAMIS Finsys management system and the Gifts Aid system

Knowledge of Parish and Diocesan organisation structure (desirable)

Understanding of Data Protection legislation.

Excellent interpersonal skills and the confidence to deal with people at every level.

Excellent communication skills both written and verbal.

Able to effectively manage a high- volume workload.

### 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

**Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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



Dear Parents

### Happy New Year!

The staff would like to thank our families for the many cards, kind words and gifts given for Christmas. As always, your thoughtfulness means a lot.

Wishing all our families a happy and healthy 2023.



*When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. Matthew 2:10*

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	7 <sup>th</sup> January – 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – January 7 <sup>th</sup> – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	All Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY – January 8 <sup>th</sup> - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast.	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Fernanda Ramos RIP (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	10.30 AM	Family Mass at St Peter's	John Graham Morris RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Intentions of Elizabeth Hanrahan
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Seamus Burns RIP
MONDAY – January 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of the Bristol Family
TUESDAY – January 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of the Neil Family
WEDNESDAY – January 11 <sup>th</sup>			
THURSDAY – January 12 <sup>th</sup> - St Aelred, Abbot.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	All Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY – January 13 <sup>th</sup> – St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Maureen McGlynn RIP
SATURDAY – January 14 <sup>th</sup> – Our Lady on Saturday SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Fernanda Ramos RIP (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Thanksgiving – Ben's Family

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. **There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**  
To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration, go to our [YouTube channel](#)  
**ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.**

#### Useful Contacts

Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest) ([mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) ;  
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St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 [admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk)  
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**Winchester City Festival Choir** [<https://wcfchoir.org>]  
**Centenary Concert 1923-2023**  
**The Creation by Haydn**  
**O Lord, Our Lord by Oliver Tarney**  
**World Premiere**  
**Saturday 28 January 2023, 7.30pm**  
at Harvey Hall, St Swithun's School Arts Centre, Alresford Rd, Winchester SO21 1HA  
**Tickets £19.50**  
**From Winchester Theatre Royal Box Office: 01962 840440**  
[www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/centenary-concert](http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/centenary-concert)