

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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15th January 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A

Deacon Martin writes:

This week, we have entered the period of the Church's year, called "Ordinary Time". "Ordinary" here doesn't mean "commonplace", but refers to the numbered, serial weeks of Ordinary Time: this Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; next Sunday, the Third. (Those who are curious about what happened to the first Sunday, can ask me separately!). "Ordinary" comes from the same Latin word that relates to our English word, "order" – so these weeks are "in order". The Latin version of the Roman Missal refers to this period as "*tempus per annum*", "time through the year".

The green of the vestments worn by the priest and deacon, and the cover of the ambo, symbolise hope, and also life and growth.



This green gives a clue to how we can approach this period: it can be an opportunity for "re-greening" ourselves – to be renewed, refreshed, given colour, become ready to bear fruit.

Ordinary Time might be thought of as the green "valleys" of the Church year, sitting between the "mountains" of Advent and Christmastide on the one hand, and Lent and Eastertide on the other. Like the "green pastures" of [Psalm 23](#), Ordinary Time allows us to "take time" to take things in, to consolidate the spiritual benefits of the other, more intense periods of preparation and celebration. And perhaps after a couple of extra-ordinary years, the gradual, unceasing procession of Ordinary Time can help to give us the perspective of the Lord, to Whom "a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years a day" ([2 Pet 3:8](#)) – so that we can see that even these times will pass ([1 Cor 7:31](#)), and the Lord will remain with us through hard times and good times.

In this way of thinking, Ordinary Time is not humdrum or uneventful – rather, we can take advantage of the progression of time, benefiting from routine and repetition day by day, to mature in our life in Christ, and to be formed by God into the image of His Son, Jesus. Such "formation" is not just for priests, deacons and religious, but for all of us (see [Rom 8:29](#); [2 Cor 3:18](#); [Gal 4:19](#)).

So, how can each of us take advantage of this Ordinary Time we have just entered, making it an opportunity to be "re-greened", and bear fruit for Him?

Here are a few phrases from the scripture readings from this weekend's [Second Sunday of Ordinary Time](#) (year A), which give us some good suggestions:

1. **"It is not enough for you to be my servant"** ([Isa 49:6](#))
Have we become set in our ways, comfortable, but no longer "fresh and green" ([Ps 92:14](#)) in our life in Christ?
Is the Lord calling us to do more than sit back and just do the basics of coming to Mass once a week? Is He calling us to new life in Him? It's sometimes said that Jesus doesn't ask for much: He asks for everything. Can we discover an urgency, to make this Ordinary Time a time of change in our life?
2. **"I waited for the Lord"** ([Ps 39\(40\):1](#))
How can I know what the Lord is asking of me? One way is to spend time each day – even if it's only 5 minutes – reading and pondering His word in the Scriptures. There's a variety of ways: one of them is to follow [Fr Mike Schmitz's daily podcasts](#) working through the Bible; but any way that gets you started is a good way. As you read the Bible, ask the Lord for the grace to you know His will for you, and for the courage to follow it.
3. **"I am the witness"** ([Jn 1:34](#)), **"...appointed by God"** ([1 Cor 1:1](#))
Today's readings make it clear that each of us is called by God in our own way to be a witness: it's not just a job for mighty saints like John the Baptist and Paul, nor just for Fr Mark and Deacon Martin. Indeed, the best witness can sometimes come from those who humbly, like John, admit that "I did not know him myself" ([Jn 1:31, 33](#)). Probably, our witness won't be baptising in the Jordan like John, nor travelling to the ends of the known world like Paul. Instead, like the psalmist, perhaps each of us can simply present ourselves to Him, so He can use us: "You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings...instead, here am I" ([Ps 39\(40\):6-7](#)).

To keep the idea of "re-greening" in the front of your mind, maybe place a green plant in your place of prayer (and if you don't have a regular place of prayer, this Ordinary Time is the right time to establish one!)

I hope and pray that for each one of us, Ordinary Time can help us to be "inwardly transformed through Him Whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves" (Preface of last weekend's feast, The Baptism of the Lord).

Note: if you're reading this online, please do click on the links and read the scripture references – and allow the Lord to speak to you in His word.

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](#).

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 15th January 2023

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down
before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name,
O Most High!

First reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2,4,7-10. R. vv. 8,9
Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Mass, confession and prayer time changes

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

Monday 16th January – Adoration only (8-9am)

Tuesday 17th/Wednesday 18th/Thursday 19th January – Morning Prayer and Adoration (8-9am)

Wednesday 18th January – No 10am Mass at St Peter's

Friday 20th January – Adoration only (8-9am)

A very big thank you to Bishop Peter, Canon PJ Smith, Fr Antony Gatt and Fr Peter Codd for celebrating masses across the parish this weekend. God always provides in times of need!



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 or call the parish office on 01962 852804



New appointment

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sophie Read to the role of Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation. Sophie has been a parishioner here for several years and has a great passion for evangelisation.

Sophie will support Allegra in delivering and developing our evangelisation ministry, with a particular focus on Alpha as our primary tool for evangelisation. Sophie writes, *"I feel privileged and blessed to have this opportunity to join a wonderful team of dedicated people, passionate about bringing people closer to Jesus through the Alpha programme and other initiatives."*

Please do keep Sophie in your prayers and may the Lord bless and anoint her as she faithfully serves our parish community.



New Readers! Have you ever considered reading at Mass or wondered what's involved? We are looking to grow our team of readers; we welcome anyone of any age with training provided so why not get in touch to find out more about this special Ministry.

We will be celebrating all our readers during Masses 21/22 January. Have a chat with one of the team after mass to find out more.

MUSIC TEAM LEADER Last week Fr Mark announced that we are about to advertise for a new post, of Music Team Leader. The job advert will be released next week, and it will therefore appear in next week's Peterpost, as well as in various diocesan communications (diocesan website, E-News, etc).

Funeral Notices:

John Graham – **Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 2pm**, at St Thomas More's
Gillian Allen - **Friday 27th January 2023 at 11am**, at Chesil House, Winchester
Matthew Leeming – **Friday 27th January 2023 at 2pm**, at St Peter's
Dorothy Felton – **Tuesday 31st 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 fill our hearts, our homes and our parish, 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
- John Graham RIP

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.

THANK YOU from the CWL to all who supported January's Charity Soup and Pud Lunch. The Lunch raised £247 for Winchester Trinity Centre. The next CWL Charity Lunch will be on **Friday 3rd February**, all are Welcome.

Pies & Puds Wed 18th January

The next monthly lunch event will be on **Wednesday 18th January** at the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. We'll be serving home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives, and proper puddings with custard. Lunch, social time, and then a talk. 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 with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.



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

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. The colour poster for this month, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#).



A Thank You Message from The Winchester Beacon We would like to thank everyone who so thoughtfully and generously supported The Winchester Beacon over the festive period. Whether you donated items, gave money, attended one of our Christmas events or volunteered your time - thank you. We were very moved by the many acts of kindness and countless knocks at our door offering support. Thanks to the donations of gifts, all of our 22 residents had presents under the tree to open on Christmas Day. A lovely family came to cook a delicious Christmas lunch using food kindly donated by our local community.

With the start of a New Year, often comes a desire to seek out new challenges and adventures. Please read on to find out more about a number of rewarding opportunities to support our work and help people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers needed

We need at least 24 volunteers a week to enable us to open 24 hours a day and recently we have been struggling to fill all of our shifts. We have slots available throughout the week and weekends both in the day and during night. Volunteers simply log in online and book to help out when they are available so it is very flexible.

Find out more on our website and please get in touch, adminassistant@winchesterbeacon.org.uk if you would like to book onto one of our induction sessions. <https://wcns.org.uk/volunteer-with-us/>

Off-site Cooks

Can you help us by cooking at home? We are looking for extra pairs of hands to help by cooking meals at home for our 10 residents. If cooking for 10 is a bit much, you could team up with friends cook half each. We can provide recipe ideas including low cost options.

If you would like to find out more please email catering@winchesterbeacon.org.uk

Work for Us Are you looking for a new and rewarding challenge for 2023? We have an exciting opportunity to join our team in the full-time position of Operations Manager. Find out more: <https://wcns.org.uk/work-for-us/>

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**.

St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub has opened its doors to gentlemen seeking sanctuary who are based in a nearby, but isolated hotel.

They were warmly welcomed by our existing Ukrainian community and volunteers. The hub was buzzing. These gentlemen were just so happy to be welcomed by the St Peter's community including Fr Anthony Gatt; they could not stop smiling.

One of our parishioners, Brian, took a group for a game of football at the nearby leisure park whilst the remaining had coffee, cake, learnt English and chatted.

We were joined by my colleagues from Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG).

If anyone is interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lesley Sheldon - Browning

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Diocesan Job Vacancies

HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

Full time role, based in Portsmouth

Salary: £50,000-£55,000 per annum

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth as the Head of Communications in a full-time permanent role. The post holder will manage a small team and work closely with the Bishop, clergy, and senior lay staff, providing advice and support as well as hands-on delivery of creative and high-quality content.

We are looking for a confident, inspiring, and collaborative leader with substantial experience at a senior level in media, communications, and marketing to develop our external and internal communications and to support our 87 parishes with training, development, and special projects. Your written and presentation skills will be outstanding.

You will be fully committed to the Diocese vision of "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His church", and you will be fully conversant with the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

You will have a strong track record in the planning and delivery of a cycle of routine communications and the capability to plan and deliver high-profile media campaigns.

You will also be familiar with developing and adapting messaging across different channels, including the successful deployment of the latest communication technology. You will be confident in advising and responding to media enquiries and opportunities.

This is an opportunity to use your skills experience and creativity to serve the mission of the church so that our vision can be realised.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For an informal discussion, please contact Heather Hauschild COO: hhauschild@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please apply with CV and a written submission 350- 500 words on why you believe you meet the person specification. Applications to be submitted to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deadline for completed applications: Friday 27 January 2023

Interviews will be held in February dates to be notified. Please note you will be asked to meet key stakeholders individually before a presentation and panel interview.

Head of Fundraising

Full time role, based in Portsmouth

Salary: £50,000-£55,000 per annum

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is spread across five counties on England's South Coast, and the Channel Islands. Working from our 87 parishes and over 130 churches we are the local Church for the whole of Hampshire, Berkshire, the Isle of Wight, Jersey, and the Bailiwick of Guernsey as well as the Southern Part of Oxfordshire and the Eastern part of Dorset.

Due to some restructuring, an exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese as Head of Fundraising.

We are looking for an ambitious, confident, inspiring, and collaborative leader with substantial experience in fundraising and marketing in the Charitable sector, to enable develop our fundraising strategy so that all the good work the Church does in its parishes and outreach programmes are sustainable and well supported and enabled to grow and flourish.

You will have a strong track record in the planning and delivery of a cycle of routine planned giving as well as initiating and supporting high-profile campaigns.

You will be fully conversant with the methods and applications to manage donor relationships.

You will work closely with our professional fundraisers who are currently engaged in a major campaign in support of our clergy and parishes.

A part of this vital role is securing large grants from trusts and foundations and developing strong relationships with partners and major donors. Your written and presentation skills will be outstanding.

You will be fully committed to the Diocese vision of "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His church", and you will be conversant and sympathetic to the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

If you think you meet the requirements of the role and are excited about the opportunity to serve the church using your experience and skills, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Dear Parents

Epiphany Liturgy

Last Friday the school celebrated the feast day of the Epiphany. The school met in St Stephen's church which was beautifully decorated for Christmas and provided a wonderful backdrop to our liturgy. The school band enhanced our worship and the children thought about the gifts they bring to the school family.



When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. Matthew 2:10

We currently have vacancies for a Class Teacher, a 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.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)
Headteacher

Mass Timetable	14 th January – 21 st January 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – January 14 th SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - VIGIL	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Fernanda Ramos RIP (25 th Anniversary)
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Thanksgiving – Ben's Family
SUNDAY – January 15 th SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Dead in the cemeteries
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Theresa Stenson RIP
	10.30 AM	Family Mass at St Peter's	Angela & Nicola Larossi, Mariantania & Alfred Scappaticci RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
MONDAY – January 16 th	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Frank Burke RIP
TUESDAY – January 17 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Mark Goh (birthday)
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the souls of the Bristol family
WEDNESDAY – January 18 th			
THURSDAY – January 19 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Founders
FRIDAY – January 20 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For CWL
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Oraziotti RIP
SATURDAY – January 21 st St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary and Peter Pawlowski RIP

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. **On Monday 16th and Friday 20th January, there will be Adoration only.**
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

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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
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