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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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6th SUNDAY of Easter – Year A

The Promise of Jesus – Always with Us

Fr Mark writes:

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus says to his disciples,

“I shall ask the Father, and he shall give you another Paraclete to be with you forever, that Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive since it neither receives nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.”

The first Paraclete (helper, consoler, advocate) is Jesus himself. He has been with his disciples all this time, laughing, eating, crying, praying. He’s been alongside them, defending them at times, challenging them at others, encouraging them and consoling them. He’s gathered them together almost like a family and they’ve united around him. They’ve been brought closer to each other by being brought closer to him.

The time is approaching, though, for him to return bodily to his Father in heaven and so he wants to reassure his disciples - I’m sending someone else to be with you, alongside you, actually, even better than that, within you! Wherever you go, this other Paraclete will be with you – you will never be alone, this “other Paraclete” will even be with you in your hearts and minds and souls, accompanying you.

So, what even is a Paraclete? And how many have we already had if Jesus is going to ask for another?

The Greek word, *parakletos*, doesn’t really have an equivalent in English, or any other language I know of, for that matter. In some contexts it means lawyer for the prosecution, in some it is lawyer for the defence, in some it simply means helper or consoler or advocate. In essence, it is someone – rather than something – someone who is with you, alongside you, watching your back, present to you, close to you, by your side. This “other Paraclete” is the “*Spirit of Truth*” or the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Love.

God the Father is the loving One;

God the Son, Jesus, is the loved One;

God the Holy Spirit is the Love between them.

This Love is given to you completely unconditionally, with no strings attached. This Love is

totally perfect, undeserved, freely-given, never-ending and boundless, faithful, foolish and fruitful.

Jesus goes on to say,

you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

This Holy Spirit is with you, wherever you are – at home, at work, on your daily exercise. If you are walking the dog, the Holy Spirit is with you; if you are playing with your family, the Holy Spirit is with you, if you’re in the hospital, if you’re alone in your house or your room, the Holy Spirit is with you – the love of God is with you. There is nothing to be afraid of or worried about, God’s love is alongside you, accompanying you.

Even more than that, Jesus says: the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Love of God is within you. God’s love is in every breath and every heartbeat. God’s love is in every painful, shameful memory, wanting to bring healing and freedom; God’s love is in every moment of joy, rejoicing with you; in every moment of fear, encouraging you; in every moment of doubt, reassuring you; in every moment of despair, bringing hope; in every moment of need, offering help; in every temptation, offering a way out; defending you; consoling you; challenging you; comforting you; helping you.

This Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, is the presence of Jesus when Jesus is (physically) absent.

I want to invite you during the week looking for the presence of the Holy Spirit, looking for God’s love in your life. Be attentive to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Where is the Holy Spirit? What is the Holy Spirit doing? What is the Holy Spirit saying? What does the Holy Spirit look like?

The Risen Lord is with you now and within you now - more present than you are even to yourself because we are never fully present – we find ourselves with distracted thoughts, away somewhere else. Our Lord is fully present, rejoicing, when we spend time with him, because our joy of being with the Lord is nothing compared to the joy that Jesus has with us ready to listen to him, to think of him, to be open to him. This is an act of faith. He is always with us and that makes all the difference.

Thy Kingdom Come - Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, which we celebrate this Thursday, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there “for what the Lord had promised” (Acts 1:4). We too, then, are invited to “wait for what the Lord has promised us”, namely the Holy Spirit. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday 19th May to Saturday 27th May for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us as individuals, upon our parish, our diocese and upon Winchester and the surrounding towns and villages.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray during this same period for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

We will be praying the novena together during our time of adoration following morning prayer (or during Masses on Saturdays and on Sunday 24th May) or from 7-7:45pm every evening in St. Peter’s combined with Evening Prayer. Please join us if you can; otherwise pray the novena by yourself at home.

Click [here](#) for a link to the Novena Prayers which we will use each day.



Pentecost Vigil Mass

On Saturday 27th May, the eve of Pentecost, our 5:30pm Vigil Mass will be slightly longer, but also much richer, than usual. We will use the extra readings which the Church offers (similar to the pattern at the Easter Vigil Mass). These will deepen our prayer and help us to welcome the divine Gift of the Holy Spirit. More to follow next week...

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 [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or becoming a Catholic, visit our [Journey in Faith webpage](#).

6th SUNDAY of EASTER (Year A) 14th May 2023

Entrance Antiphon :

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7,16,20. R. v.1
Cry out with joy to God all the earth..

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Changes to Masses in the Coming Week

Mass at St Peter's on Thursday 18th May will be at 7am, 10am and a Vigil Mass at 7pm, as it is THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.



PRAYER CORNER: Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour" (Ps 127:1) Fr. Mark

This Week's Intention: As we approach Pentecost, let us pray for our Parish, that together we feel guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit to use our many gifts in our mission to bring people to Christ in hope and joy.



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

Jerzy Waloski RIP
Fr Brian Croughan RIP

Funeral Notices:

Jerzy Waloski – **Monday 22nd May at 10am** at St Peter's Church, Jewry St. Winchester.
Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.



Ordination of Tony Darlison

Bishop Philip is looking forward to Ordaining Tony Darlison to the Diaconate at 11:00am on Saturday 8th July in Portsmouth Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to stay afterwards for a light lunch, rsvp using this link:

<https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/uLnSW7>



Year of the Holy Spirit - Diocesan Life in the Spirit Course (Zoom)

Bishop Philip has announced that this year in the diocese is to be the Year of the Holy Spirit. Do you wonder about what the Holy Spirit is doing in your life? Have you made the time to really consider the issue? Why not come and join the Life in the Spirit course running after Pentecost! This will be held on Zoom from Thursday 1st June until Thursday 13th July at 7.30pm until 9pm. Get involved in Praise and Worship of the Lord. Listen to sound teaching on the Holy Spirit. Meet up with other members of the diocese - and beyond - to discuss what you believe. It is in articulating our thoughts that we really come to know what we do believe. Link to follow soon.

First Holy Communion Information Evening 2023-2024

When? Tuesday May 16th 7 – 8:30pm

Where? Pastoral Centre Hall at St Peter's Church

Who? Please come along if you are the parent/guardian of a child currently in Year 3 wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year.

What age? Most children are in Year 4 during the programme; however if your child is presently in Year 2 but you feel they would be ready next year and you attend Sunday Mass regularly, please do get in touch with Rosanne via the Office.

Pies & Puds - Wed 17th May

The next monthly lunch event will be on **Wednesday 17th May** 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. Delicious lunch, and social time! 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@msn.com with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.



On Wednesday, May 10th, the hub said a big **goodbye and good luck** to the wonderful 50 men that have been such an integral part of the hub for the last 5 months.

They have all moved on to North West London on the next stage of their journey to claim asylum in the UK. Volunteers gathered to say goodbye and have sent many messages of support.

If you wish to know more about supporting people seeking asylum, please contact me.

Our next training module is Wed 17th May at 2pm - "Being Trauma Aware" in the Pastoral Centre

Lesley Sheldon Browning Lesley@winchester.cityofsanctuary.org





THANK YOU from the CWL to all supported their May Charity Soup and Pud Lunch.

This raised £250 for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance
The next CWL Charity Lunch will be on Friday 2nd June, all are very Welcome.



Laudato Si Corner



We are reminded of these seven goals which provide guidance on urgent and immediate actions each one of us can take in the care of our Common Home. As we are reminded by Pope Francis...“All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents” (Laudato Si’ 14):-

- Response to the cry of the Earth (Protect our Common Home)
- Response to the cry of the Poor (Attention to Vulnerable Groups)
- Ecological Economics (Sustainable Production and Consumption)
- Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles (Recycling and Reducing Waste)
- Ecological Education (Fostering Ecological Awareness and Transformative Action)
- Ecological spirituality (Discovering God in all things)
- Community Resilience and Empowerment (Encouraging a sense of Belonging in local communities)

May Rosary Chain

We have many things to pray for in our world and this May we turn to Mary again to ask her to pray for us. The parish statue of Mary will travel from home to home, linking us in a chain of prayer again this May. You may also like to make a little prayer space for Mary in your own home and send us a picture for the Facebook page.



Please contact: prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to find a date.

If you do not have a car, please let us know.



Dear Parents

The Coronation Edition

Here is a selection of photos from last Friday's celebration of the Coronation.



St Peter's School has staff vacancies for a Teaching Assistant and Maternity cover for 2 Class Teachers from September 2023, please visit the school website at <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details on the roles and how to apply:
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

Diocesan Vacancies

Choral Director. The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and appropriately qualified Choral Director who, working with the diocesan Education Service, will be responsible for partnering with up to 12 local schools in the diocese, to implement and develop the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP). Based at St. Edmund House, Portsmouth, with travel to schools in the diocese.
Full Time: 35 hours per week (part time would be considered). Fixed Term Contract (2 years), Salary: £26,000 to £28,000 per annum
Closing date for applications: 12 noon on 15 May 2023. Interviews will take place in Portsmouth on 22 May 2023. Start Date: September 2023.
For more details about the role, please email the Director for Education, Catherine Hobbs chobbs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IT Manager. The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is looking for an IT Manager with 3 or more years' experience within IT management.
Full Time: 35 hours per week. Based in Portsmouth. Salary: £35 to £40K. Start Date: October 2023.
For full Job Description please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 31st May 2023. Pre-interview phone call 2nd June & Interviews will take place 7th June 2023.

Administration & Finance Office at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. Full Time: 35 hours per week (£13 per hour)
Please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for a job description and details of how to apply.
Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 19th May 2023. Interviews on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd May 2023.

Wanting to volunteer? Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit our website for details (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Thank you Jenny LeLean, Caritas Portsmouth.

Mass Timetable	13 th May 2023 – 20 th May 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – May 13 th – Our Lady of Fatima. 6 th SUNDAY of EASTER - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Margaret Robson
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY – May 14 th 6 th SUNDAY of Easter	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	CWL - Vivien Guppy RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	People of Ukraine
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Dixon, Marland & Walker Families
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mimmie Taylor RIP
MONDAY – May 15 th	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Good Health & Birthday wishes for Salvacu Fernandes & Soccorro Da Costa
TUESDAY – May 16 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priest
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ted Oliver RIP
WEDNESDAY – May 17 th – St Dunstan, Bishop	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
THURSDAY – May 18 th – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	7.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Albert Bingham
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	7.00 PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's with Fr Benedict	Martin McTernan RIP & Relatives
FRIDAY – May 19 th – DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH, feast.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Leonard Moore RIP
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Michael O'Dwyer RIP
SATURDAY – May 20 th – St Bernadine of Siena, Religious. 6 th SUNDAY of EASTER - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Joseph Fsadri RIP
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Joseph 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.

To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, 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) ;

Deacon Martin McElroy (mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Director of Evangelisation and Leadership: Allegra Mutanda (allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Housekeeper: Sarah Harfield (sharfield@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Finance and Property Manager: Annette Parr (annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Facilities and Resources Manager: Sean Reidy (sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Parish Administration Manager: Michaela Waterfield (michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Sacristan: Laurie Howe Caretaker: Richard Phiri

Pastoral team – Baptism and First Holy Communion: Rosanne Walker (baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), (FHC@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Pastoral team – Youth Ministry: Jo Donaldson (youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Outreach Ministry Lead: Mike Elks (mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Volunteer Director of Communications: Lisa Justice (ljustice@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

To get in touch with them, and for other general matters, please contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk .

PeterCares: petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk Prayerline: prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Wedding information – weddings@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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

St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk

St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Job Vacancy - Catholic Home Care Co-ordinator

Catholic Home Care are looking for a self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating the activities of the Catholic Home Care. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to lead a team of caring people who make a significant social impact providing domestic support, to enable elderly people to safely remain in their own homes for longer. You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people.

The position is part-time, flexible 20 hours per week, days, and times to be agreed, based in Southampton. This post will require a full DBS check.

For an application form or more details, please call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498 or

catholichomecare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for applications **22 May with interviews on 26 May 2023**

Parish Safeguarding Minister – If you have any safeguarding concerns or requests, such as help with applying for a DBS check, please contact the Parish, by emailing safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk 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.