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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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21st May 2023

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year A

Praying with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Fr Mark writes:

Our first reading tells us that after Jesus returned home to heaven, after his Ascension that is, the disciples went back to the Upper Room. Jesus has left them with nothing – no writings, no text books, no diagrams or instructions about how to set up a global organisation that would touch people’s hearts and change lives for over 2,000 years. Jesus left them with nothing, that is, other than a promise of a Gift. Their job, their one job, was to wait and pray for the Promise to arrive, for that gift to turn up.

St. Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, tells us that all the apostles, except Judas, were there. And then, at the end of our first reading today, we have an almost throwaway line:

All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

In one sense, Mary is just listed alongside everyone else in that room. In the deeper, fuller sense, however, Mary is unique. That title, ‘Mother of Jesus’ puts her on a level which is above all those gathered there, including the apostles. The Holy Spirit, who is the Gift or Promise for which they are waiting, is the Spirit of her Son! Jesus himself, ‘conceived by the Holy Spirit’ and ‘born of the Virgin Mary’ is the indestructible bond which exists between Mary and the Holy Spirit.

Mary had already been filled with the Holy Spirit, in a unique and unrepeatable way. She was not merely the passive vessel into which the Holy Spirit was poured but an active, cooperating, faithful collaborator, through her *fiat*, her “Amen”, her resounding, “Yes!” to the invitation announced by Gabriel.

Mary “received the Holy Spirit at the moment of the annunciation; she had already lived her own Pentecost, and now she is here among those who are preparing to receive power from on high, contributing her maternal presence to calm their souls and dispose them for a great event.” (Cardinal Cantalamessa)

Please join us “in the Upper Room” during this lead up to Pentecost, trusting that Mary is praying with us, calming our souls and helping us to be properly disposed. Please pray with us, “Come, Holy Spirit”. Please join, if you are able, with our Pentecost Novena, whether at home, or in the church. Please pray, with Mary, for yourself, your loved ones, for our parish, our Church, our world, for a fresh outpouring of God’s Love this Pentecost.

Pentecost Novena Prayer

You can find copies of this prayer [here](#). We are also sending the prayers out each week via our daily Flocknote messages – you can sign up [here](#) if you don’t get them. There will also be printed copies in all our churches.

You can pray the prayer at home, on your own or with others, or you can join us in St. Peter’s Church at the following times:

Fri 19th May, 7pm; Sat 20th May, during 9am Mass, 5:30pm Mass or at 7pm; Sun 21st May, during all our Masses or at 7pm; Mon 22nd May – Fri 26th May, at 8:40am, during morning prayer, or 7pm; Sat 27th May, during 9am Mass or at 4pm.

Pentecost Vigil – Extended Form - Saturday, 27th May, 5:30pm Mass

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.

There was a service called by the English Whitsun Eve, during which the catechumens who had not been baptised at Easter received the sacraments on the eve of Pentecost. Similar to the Easter Vigil, it was celebrated in a “night watch” liturgy that included the reading of six prophecies and a solemn blessing of the baptismal font.

After the celebration of Baptism, the newly baptized would be vested in a white alb, symbolizing their new birth in the life of grace. Thus Pentecost is also called Whitsunday by English speakers, a word that simply means “White Sunday,” in reference to the white albs the newly baptized would wear.

In recognition of this ancient tradition, the current Roman Missal has revived this extended vigil. We will therefore be celebrating this extended form of the Vigil next Saturday evening, including especially the four Old Testament readings and their associated Psalms and Canticles. Please do join us as we take this beautiful and rich opportunity to watch and keep vigil for the coming once more of the Holy Spirit.



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](#).

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Entrance Antiphon :

Lord, hear my voice when I call to you.
My heart has prompted me to seek your face;
I seek it Lord; do not hide from me, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 1.12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1,4,7-8. R. v.13
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Communion Antiphon:

This is the prayer of Jesus: that his believers may become one,
as he is one with the Father, alleluia.

Changes to Masses in the Coming Week:

The Vigil Mass on Saturday 20th May is an extended Mass (and will likely last 30 minutes longer).



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 move from Ascension to Pentecost, let us pray that as a parish, we will embrace together the Novena to the Holy Spirit, asking the heavenly Father to pour out his Spirit upon us so that we may become faithful disciples of Jesus, bearing witness to the world.



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.

Fr Brian Croughan – **Friday 2nd June at 2.30pm** at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville.

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)

Life in the Spirit 2023



Starting Thursday 1st June 7.15pm for 7 weeks
Across Portsmouth Diocese

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.

Life in the Spirit for Children

We have had four great weeks of coming together, praising God and learning more about how God calls us in to relationship with Him, how He wants us to experience the joy of knowing Him through prayer, revelation and the scriptures, and how the Holy Spirit, our helper and guide, comes to reveal God's love and life to us. Please, if you have a moment, pray for nearly 30 children who will be prayed with next week for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
Thank you!



First Holy Communion 2024: Registration now open!

If you are the parent/guardian of a child currently in Year 3, wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year, please contact Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to inquire about the programme, and/or to receive a registration form. 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.

Catholic and Anglican Easter and Pentecost Hymns and Prayers, St. Andrew's, Tichborne

Please do join us to celebrate Easter and look forward to Pentecost with a service full of beautiful hymns and powerful Scriptures. A wonderful opportunity for us to be united with each other in prayer and praise. **Sunday, 21st May**, St. Andrew's, Tichborne, 3pm.

CAFOD Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Bookshop We sell missals, Bibles, Prayerbooks, crosses, rosaries etc. We have a good selection of books, including Alpha books and books about the Holy Spirit. There is a good selection of cards for all occasions, including cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. There are also some **Ordination cards** (and more on order). Many thanks for your support, Susan Henry, Bookshop.



Laudato Si Corner



Despite our long winter, our plants and trees have grown and blossomed successfully. But this is not the case in those areas of the world where hunger has increased due to poor harvests and where the future crop yields are threatened. A contributor to this is our reliance on intensive food production: this seems to have resulted in the loss of an appreciation and consumption of seasonal foods in particular. Unesco suggests that we look at the food culture of Japan where the diet is based on the foodstuffs growing in each current season. This protects nature and generates other benefits like social bonding and cooperation. (Our local allotments bear witness to this too.)

This focus on intensive farming for animal and human food is contributing to starvation in poorer areas of the world and its impact on people and on nature. This year, for example, far fewer birds have been recorded in our gardens and countryside because their habitats have been destroyed by intensive farming methods. We need to think and pray about this aspect of climate change and seek to change our own lifestyles – and eating local, seasonal food could be part of this. www.un.org/climateaction

Laudato Si, mi Signore

Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". St Francis of Assisi.

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 is travelling 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

Well Done Year 6!

I wanted to say a big **congratulations** and well done to all our Year 6s who last week completed their SATs assessments.

Over the course of the week, they completed five papers in English and Maths, and across all of them showed a high level of focus, determination and resilience. Throughout all of the tests they maintained a positive attitude and displayed all the attributes that make them great St Peteronian role models.

I know that Miss Buxton, Mrs Hutchins, Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Walkinshaw and I (and all the other staff who have worked with and supported them) are incredibly proud. We are now looking forward to seeing them continue to work towards our remaining targets for the year, including continuing to develop evidence for their SATs writing outcomes and other wider curriculum areas.

In addition to this, I know we are all looking forward to the hard work and fun that we will have putting together the production and performing on Sports Day.

Well done!
Mr Heys (Upper KS2 Leader)

We currently have vacancies for a Class Teacher in KS2 (maternity cover), a Class Teacher in KS1 or 2 (maternity cover), 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



Last week we were pleased to receive **the Ofsted report for St Peter's Catholic School.**

The headlines are as follows:

At St Peter's, children learn and grow in a happy, secure and nurturing environment. Parents enthuse about how inclusive the school is and value how it welcomes and celebrates children from all faiths and backgrounds. Pupils love coming to school, delight in their learning, and they achieve well.

Passionate and inspiring senior leadership underpins the shared ambition and high standards achieved. As they progress through the school, pupils respond to teachers' high expectations and immerse themselves into all that the school offers. They are supported to gain confidence and become more independent learners, well prepared for their next stages of education.

Staff know each child as an individual, nurturing warm and trusting relationships so that they feel safe and secure. Should any unkindness or bullying occur, leaders take swift and effective action. Pupils show genuine empathy and respect for their peers. They trust staff to resolve any worries they may have.

To read the report in full please go to our website <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/ofsted-and-performance-data/>

If you would like to visit the school with a view to admissions please make an appointment via the school office for a look around.

COULD YOU JOIN OUR TEAM OF GOVERNORS TO HELP GUIDE THE SCHOOL TO GREATER STRENGTHS? We have a current vacancy and another in the Autumn Term. Please speak to Fr Mark or contact the Chair of Governors via the school office: admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk

Diocesan Vacancies

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.

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.

Christian Aid Jane Hough, a St Peter's parishioner, is to go on her 29th solo cycle ride to raise money for Christian Aid. She plans to ride across France from Bordeaux in the west to Sete on the Mediterranean coast - about 700kms in 2weeks, starting at the end of May.

Please support her with your prayers and your sponsorship - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-hough-2023?newPage=true>

Mass Timetable	20 th May 2023 – 27 th May 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – May 20 th – St Bernadine of Siena, Religious. 7 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
SUNDAY – May 21 st 7 th SUNDAY of Easter	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Marie Devlin RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Felipe Colmenares
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Terry Bohle RIP
MONDAY – May 22 nd – St Rita of Cascia, Religious	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Eleanor Neil
TUESDAY – May 23 rd	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of William Meader
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Veronica Pepe & her Family
WEDNESDAY – May 24 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Brother T P Kelly RIP
THURSDAY – May 25 th – St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Liz Slinn RIP
FRIDAY – May 26 th – St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Grace of Faith for Kelvin Bailey
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Francis Murphy – healing and recovery.
SATURDAY – May 27 th – ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop, feast PENTECOST SUNDAY - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead in cemeteries & Founders
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Jerzy Waloski 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);

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

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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

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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 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.