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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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9 th July 2023	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A			
Take it Easy – God Already Loves You Completely				
Fr Mark writes:	But what of this image remains attractive and worthy in our own time?			
Tucked away in a photo album from my year as a seminarian in Peru, th of me trying to "assist" a pair of oxen, yoked together, ploughing the g give up the day job" is, I think, the polite translation of what the farmer saying to me at the time	round. "Don't Perhaps it is freeing to realize that I don't have to do was cheerfully everything myself and figure out everything on my own. I am a collaborator in a project that is bigger than me and can			
For most of us, yokes are no longer part of everyday life. We might every time picturing one with any detail. But for most of human civilization, be the case. In the ancient world, the yoke had a crucial role. Cattle	that would not it's Jesus who does the 'donkey work' through his grace.			
domesticated around 8,000 BC as a food source and then, some 4,000 ye the realisation that cattle could help in the tasks of clearing land, t transporting harvests if they could be "yoked."	illing soil, and Jesus' teaching / Wisdom's yoke is the best kind of life that one could imagine. There's a discipline involved, but it's a good life, a restful life, a peaceful life - and that our initiation			
Yokes are wooden beams ordinarily fitted across the necks of two cattle t to pull together a heavy load. They have enabled us to farm and trade in could have before.	nat allow them 1 into this life is by the gentlest of teachers			
From early on, calves (usually male) are trained to listen to the voice of and follow simple directions. They are paired with another young steer well with. They are often castrated to make them more docile and slow	they can work somewhere unsate or boring or life-destroying for the			
to working with one another under the yoke until they are four years old, they are mature enough to work as oxen following their teamster's instr	uctions. worries, our fears, our shame, our weapons of self-defence			
The yoke naturally became a symbol in ancient civilizations of subjuge example, I've read that when the ancient Romans conquered an ener would force the vanquished unit to pass beneath a "yoke" of spears to he and indicate that they were now in a state of servitude to the empire.	my army, they to offer the true rest			
Jesus's own people often used the image of the yoke to describe the of heavy taxation they experienced under foreign nations (e.g. Deut 28:48 Jeremiah walked around Jerusalem wearing a yoke around his neck a peoples' impending subjugation to the Babylonians before the Exile (Jer	oppression and b. The prophet is a sign of the			
In the time after the Exile, Jewish sages and teachers engage the image another way. They begin to speak of the Torah as a yoke - basically indicated in the Torah as an alternative to a life of oppression. Youn	of the yoke in my heart recently, and which you can find <u>here</u> : the way of life <i>Refrain</i>			

another way. They begin to speak of the Torah as a yoke - basically the way of life indicated in the Torah as an alternative to a life of oppression. Young people were encouraged to seek Wisdom with the words, "Place your neck under her yoke and let your soul receive instruction...See for yourselves that I have laboured and I have found much rest for myself." (Sir 51:23-27)

In the time immediately after Jesus, an early rabbinical commentary states, "Whoever takes upon himself the yoke of Torah, they remove from him the yoke of government and the yoke of world concerns." (Pirkei Avot 3:5)

Take it easy, easy God already loves you completely Take it easy, easy Rest in the shade of his wings

Lay down your burdens and rest for a while The shepherd who seeks you is gentle and kind There's nothing to pay for and nothing to earn

As such, the "yoke" ironically becomes an image of a new kind of freedom.

It is difficult to know exactly what Jesus means in his use of the image of the yoke. Possibly, in his own time, he is contrasting the yoke he is offering with the subjugation brought about under Roman rule. Alternatively, he has found that the way the Torah is being interpreted has become oppressive to the people, in other words, that the Pharisee's rigid interpretation of God's law was too heavy a "yoke" for the "little ones" who held a claim on Jesus' heart. In either case, Jesus clearly sees his own 'yoke' as gentler, kinder, better for the lives of his audience.

What about us? How do we hear Jesus' invitation?

Perhaps there is some resistance in us: few of us like to think of ourselves as beasts of burden and maybe we rebel against any notion of following another's commands, or even the idea that our lives are somehow bound to others. And surely every metaphor can only be taken so far.

And nothing you have to become

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Lay down the scales where you weigh out your life The measures are empty just leave them behind The distance between his two hands are enough To tell you the depths of his love

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Lay down the armour you brought to the fight Lay down your weapons and lay down your strife God's on your side and he won't let you go He already loves who you are Won't ask you to be something more

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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 <u>Journey in Faith webpage</u>.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 9 th July 2023		Gospel Acclamation:	
Entrance Antiphon :		R. Alleluia, alleluia!	
Your merciful love, O Goo	d,	Blessed are you, Father,	
we have received in the r	midst of your temple.	Lord of heaven and earth;	
Your praise, O God, like y	vour name.	for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom	
reaches the ends of the e	earth;	to mere children.	
your right hand is filled w	vith saving justice.	R. Alleluia!	
First reading:	Zechariah 9.9-10	Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30	
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14. R. v.1	Communion Antiphon:	
I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.		Taste and see that the Lord is good;	
Second reading:	Romans 8:9,11-13	blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.	

Changes to Masses in the Coming Week:

Saturday 8th July – 9am Mass at St Peter's is cancelled and there will be no Confession in the morning.

Wednesday 12th July – Mass at St Peter's will be at 12.15pm.

There is no Morning Prayer at St Peter's on Friday 14th July.



Welcome to Caedmon Hancock Jones who was baptised at St Peter's Church last weekend. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.

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

Adrian Baskerville RIP



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 our newly ordained deacon, Tony Darlison, may he be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit to undertake this important ministry in our parish, empowering him to serve both God and his people with hope and joy.

First Holy Communion Masses 2023 – Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. We ask that you continue to pray for the Lord to strengthen their faith and increase their love for Him.

Sea Sunday – The Second Collection this Sunday is for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's maritime charity. Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country, and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support.

Donate online at https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-second-collection-2023 or in the usual ways: online – with ref Stella Maris, cash in an envelope marked "Stella Maris" or by contactless points in St. Peter's / St. Stephen's.

Ordination of Tony Darlison - on Saturday

Bishop Philip is looking forward to Ordaining Tony Darlison to the Diaconate at 11:00am this Saturday 8th July in Portsmouth Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. You are also invited to attend Tony's first Mass at 10.30am on 9th July 2023.

Parish Party – This weekend On Sunday 9th July, we'll be holding our annual parish party from midday in St. Peter's Pastoral Centre. All are most welcome to join us – young and no longer quite so young – for cold meats, salads, breads, vegetarian options, ice lollies and drinks!

No need to book – just turn up!

New Music Team Leader for the Parish – message from Fr Mark

I'm delighted to welcome and introduce you to Alastair Ross, who is our new parish Music Team Leader.



Alastair brings a wealth of choral experience, having performed with 20 different cathedral choirs across the UK. His last post was leading The Choir Church Project in Portsmouth, an initiative aimed at evangelising children through the power of singing. He has directed choirs of adults and children of various levels of experience in both sacred and secular contexts. You can read more about Alastair's background here.

Alastair's role will mostly be focused on St Peter's, helping to sustain, build and grow our music team, and broaden participation. But he will also develop relationships and collaborative opportunities across all four churches in the parish, in support of the parish vision and plan.

We were very keen for Alastair to join this side of the summer break, so that he has time to get to know as many people as possible over the next few weeks, especially those of you involved in music – with a view to him putting some activities in motion during the autumn. Now that the paperwork has all been completed, we're ready and raring to go. I hope you'll make Alastair welcome, and help him to settle in. He's excited to be getting started and is looking forward to meeting you all. And there'll be a great opportunity at this Sunday's parish party, as he'll be there. Please do introduce yourselves to him. Above all, please keep Alastair and his work in your prayers.

It's been a long journey already, but I hope this is the start of an exciting period for our parish, in our worship of the Lord, and for our mission: to bring people to Jesus Christ in hope and in joy.



COME and SUPPORT THE BASICS BANK

Do join us for a **Soup and Pud Lunch** on **Tuesday 11th July at St Gregory's** and support the **Basics Bank**. Any time between 12.30 and 2.00pm. If you can let us know you are coming, that would be a great help! Either 01962 852804 or 07740049127, or email <u>office@stpeterswinchester.org</u>.

Churches Together in Alresford looks forward to seeing you on **Sunday 16 July in St John's churchyard** for a picnic from 4.00 p.m., followed by "Songs of Praise" (including a very brief annual meeting) from 5.00 p.m.

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 <u>fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> 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.

Renovated Brass Candlesticks at St Stephen's

The small brass candlesticks were sent to me by Anne Benson as one of the base plates had become detached and needed repair. Judging by their appearance, they had both been repaired several times before - unsuccessfully.

I talked to our wonderful silversmith in Birmingham and he agreed to have a look at the pair and see what he could do. As the `before and after` photos demonstrate, he not only did a beautiful repair, but also restored them to their original state. Sean Reidy







Laudato Si Corner



A recent trip to the USA provided several opportunities to reflect on the effects of climate change on weather patterns. Whilst we were there Texas experienced record-breaking heat levels and a tornado landed in Indiana. The west coast however had experienced a very cold, wet spring and we encountered snow in Wyoming – in June!

But it was not all doom and gloom. Following a winter of snow and rain, California is now reported to be 92% drought free. The Great Salt Lake, which is at risk of disappearing, had risen five feet since last year. We also saw areas of wilderness that had been ravaged by forest fires. The destruction of old timber has led to a wonderful rejuvenation of plant and wildlife in some areas.

Observing this volatility at first hand, we were in awe of the earth's ability to re-generate and revive itself when given the chance. It was a reminder that although time is short, all is

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING DAY

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not lost. The Great Salt Lake, for example, is still in grave danger - but now there is a breathing space to allow increased efforts to prevent it drying up completely. So whilst we appreciate the warm summer weather, we pray for the hope and strength to renew our efforts to protect this beautiful planet -God's wonderful creation.

Great Salt Lake, Utah



Contact Sr Carino to register: sistercarino@dominicansistersofstjoseph.org

Training Module – Being Trauma Aware This session will take place on Wednesday 26th July; 12-13.30; St Peter's Pastoral Centre.

The training is aimed at people wishing to become **Sanctuary Befrienders**; volunteer at the hub or those who are generally interested. No need to book, just come along.

This session has run before, so no need to attend if you have already participated in this training module.

Contact Lesley Sheldon Browning if interested on lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

World Youth Day (WYD) – 1st - 6th August 2023

"We're a group of 4 young adults from St Peter's Church in Winchester. Our hope is to raise enough money to supplement our cost to get there. We are all active members of our church communities and very much live out our faith through practical efforts. Some of our activities include: volunteering with young people, welcoming others at Mass, volunteering in social justice, leading prayer groups, and being a part of a Catholic chaplaincy. Our hope is that we return from WYD with a renewed sense of hope, faith and purpose that we can share with our Parish.

This year's World Youth Day is in Lisbon, Portugal. WYD is an amazing opportunity to meet other young Catholics from across the globe and joyfully experience our faith together.

We're thankful to anyone who can contribute in any way to this, it is so much appreciated! All the usual methods are available: online – with ref WYD, cash in an envelope marked "WYD" or by contactless points in St. Peter's / St. Stephen's. Any money we raise over this will contribute to others who need it to attend WYD.

Thanks so much, and please do pray for us and all of those travelling to world youth day this year

Knock Pilgrimage Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 2nd October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Come and find out about CAFOD's work. CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting two meetings in September so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work. The first meeting is on Saturday 9th September at St Bedes Church Hall ,Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm where Philippe Mougin CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last years floods.

The second meeting is on Saturday 16th September at St Michael & All Angels Church Hall, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park PO9 5BD from 10:30am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided) where Sara Moreno from CAFOD's Partner SIEMBRA from Colombia will speak about her work with human and environmental rights defenders.

Everyone is welcome but please book so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

St Peter and Paul Day

What a special day we had! Thank you Father Mark for celebrating Mass with us, to the children who helped through their music ministry, serving and reading to all those parents who were able to join us. A wonderful start to the school's feast day. After Mass we enjoyed our sports day – where 'Team St Peter's' was seen throughout the day - whether it was in the

children's sportsmanship approach, to families sharing their picnics, to the staff working as the strong team that they are. A special thanks to Mrs Keymer for her hard work in organising the event and to our Year 6 sports leaders.

DREWS

Reception class have been busy writing up about our sports day ready for this newsletter. Thank you for all your hard work children.











Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



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We currently have vacancies for Teaching Assistants in EYFS and KS1. For further details and an application form please see the Vacancies page on our website: <u>https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/</u>

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 <u>admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk</u>.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)

Headteacher

Churches Together in Winchester Events

Saturday 15 July 5.30 – 6.30pm: Free concert by Harrow Coral Society with retiring collection. Hosted by United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. If you would like paper copies of the flyer posted to you please email Peter Miller <u>psmiller@btinternet.com</u>

Bookshop We have a selection of **Ordination cards**, Alpha books and books about the Holy Spirit and cards for all occasions, as well as missals, Bibles, Prayerbooks, crosses and rosaries etc. Many thanks for your support, Susan Henry, Bookshop.

Gerontius at Romsey Abbey on 11th July at 7.30pm

A performance of Gerontius, a sacred melodrama by local composer Julien Chilcott-Monk based upon St John Henry Newman's poem, on Tuesday **11th July 2023 at 07:30pm** in Romsey Abbey.

Sung by Vox Humana and Gregoriana choirs conducted by Julien Chilcott Monk, with soloist Elizabeth Barlow and featuring Neil Nisbet as Gerontius and Sarah Bullen as the Guardian Angel.

Tickets cost £12 at <u>www.romseyfestival.org/events/vox-humana</u>, from Romsey Tourist information centre or on the door.

Diocesan Vacancies

Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper Westbourne parish has a vacancy for a part time Parish

Administrator/Bookkeeper. Hours of work: 10 hours per week. Salary **£12.00** per hour. Please contact <u>recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</u> for a job description and details of how to apply.

Closing date for applications: Friday **31**st July 2023, Interviews **8**th August 2023, Proposed Start Date **4**th September 2023.

ESTATES MANAGER/BUILDING SURVEYOR – SOUTH CENTRAL Hybrid working with office based in Portsmouth. For full job description for the role and details of how to apply please contact: <u>recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</u>

Closing date for applications: Friday 21 July 2023

JUNE 23 – OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY Parish Funds

Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless	Online Banking & Give As You Live	Planned Giving	Total
£3,319	£421	£658	£15,145	£19,543

OFFERTORY Second Collections				
Charity	Church Plate (4 weekends)	Contactless	Online Banking & Give As You Live	Total
CWP Malawi	£2,527	£659	£1,865	£5,051
Clergy Training Fund	0	0	£50	£50
World Youth Day	£371	0	0	£371
Day for Life	£156	0	£5	£161
Total Second Collections			£5,633	

Thank you for your kind support.

Mass Timetable	8 th July 2023 – 15 th July 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – July 8 th		No 9am Mass at St Peter's	
14 ^h Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Anne Brady RIP
	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Wheble
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of Ukraine
SUNDAY – July 9 th -	9.15 AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	For the Benefactors
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Liz Slinn RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Adrian Baskerville RIP
MONDAY – July 10 th -	12.15 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
TUESDAY – July 11 th – ST BENEDICT,	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Richard Spencer & concelebrating local priests
Founder, Patron of Europe, feast. Alresford solemnity (consecrated 11/7/1975).	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Marisa Yu's Health
WEDNESDAY – July 12 th –	12.15 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jos Winfield RIP
THURSDAY – July 13 th - St Henry, Emperor.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Beatrice, Fikile, Mario Zulu Special Intentions
FRIDAY – July 14 th – St Camillus of Lellis,	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
Founder.	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Joanna Agnew RIP
SATURDAY – July 15 th – St Swithun, Bishop. Winchester solemnity.	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Perry
15 ^h Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Arnold Moreto RIP (1 st Anniversary)

Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required. No Morning Confessions on Saturday 8th July 2023.

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public), 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am. No Morning Prayer on Friday 14th July. *To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our <u>YouTube channel</u> ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.*

Useful Contacts

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