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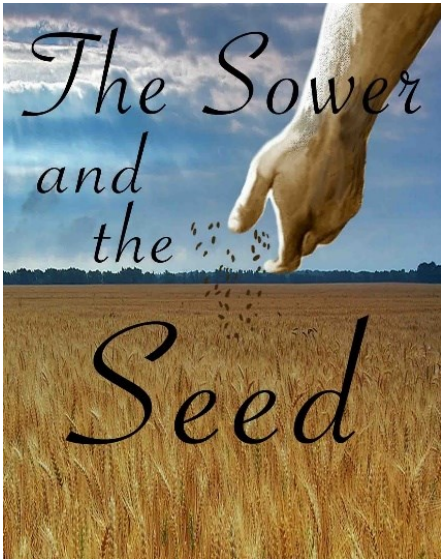
16th July 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

THE WORD CARRYING OUT MY WILL

Fr Benedict writes:

How many Biblical passages, liturgical readings, homilies and preachings have we listened to or read? What positive effects or transformation or conversion did that bring in you or me? According to St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 10:14-21, is it that we did not hear, or that we did not understand, or that no one preached to us? Our Liturgy readings of today make us understand that God's Word is to achieve its intended purpose and aim in us - God's Word must carry out its will. The first reading says, "The Word that goes from my Mouth does not return to me empty **without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.**" God's Word is not for entertainment like any literature for us to listen to and laugh. We may still ask ourselves what the will of God is which must be carried out by God's Word? St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy may give us a clue on the will of God which must be carried out by His words. He says, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed" (2 Timothy 3:16-71). The response to a famous question asked during our elementary catechesis ("why did God make us?") can also give us a focus on God's Will. Here comes the answer, "God made us to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him and to be happy for ever with Him in heaven."



The Gospel through the parable of the sower shows us four different directions, four types of human heart; four categories of people who receive God's Word. Strangely enough, just one-quarter of these people carry out God's Will. Seeds are normally planted to grow and bear fruit. If we appear or find ourselves amongst the last fruitful quarter of the seeds, then we are blessed. But we do not need to deceive ourselves that we are among the last fruitful quarter. It is never too late for us to begin to make changes

to become more fruitful seeds.

The Bible itself tells us that the Word of the Lord, the Commandments of God, should not be difficult for us. They are near us, in our hearts and on our lips. We only need to confess and profess with our lips and believe in our hearts (cf. Deuteronomy 30:14 and Romans 10:8). To make sense of our understanding of the first three groups of seeds we do not need to permit the heat of our passions, the stubbornness (coarse nature) of our hearts, the worries and riches of life, the secular teachings of this world, the offers and lures of the devil and even his human agents to snatch or prevent God's Word from growing and fulfilling its will in our lives. After all, heaven and earth shall pass away but God's Word shall not pass away (cf. Mtt. 24:35). We are hereby encouraged to be listeners and doers of God's Word (cf. James 1:19-25; 1 John 1:8). There is even more danger of not listening to God's Word (cf. Mark 4:10-13). The Word of the Lord can easily search out what it needs us to handle in our lives. For the letter to the Hebrews tells us that it cuts more finely than any double-edged sword and searches out our secret thoughts (cf. Hebrew 4:12).

At the end, let the Word of God qualify us as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ ("My Mother and brothers are those who hear God's Word and keep it" Luke 8:19-21).



Our New Deacon

What a wonderful weekend we had last weekend!

Many congratulations to Tony Darlison who was ordained as a deacon at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday morning. All who attended the ordination or watched it on livestream agreed it was a joyous celebration.

On Saturday afternoon a large number of parishioners joined the Mass at Micheldever Traveller Site and were amazed by the warm welcome they received from their hosts. They felt honoured to have been invited.

And Sunday was the Parish Party – more photos of Deacon Tony and Deacon Martin can be found below!

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](#).

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 16th July 2023

Entrance Antiphon :

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be fitted with the vision of your glory.

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8
Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Changes to Masses in the Coming Week:

Saturday 15th July is St Swithun's Day (a Solemnity in Winchester).

Thank you to Fr John Chadwick who will be celebrating Mass at St Stephen and St Gregory on Sunday (16th July).

St. Peter's Centenary - 2026

As we celebrate St. Swithun's Day this weekend (and fear the forty days of rain that lie ahead!), it seems like a good time to flag up that we are now only three years away from marking the centenary of our beloved church. We want to make this as memorable and significant a year in the Parish as it was in 1926.

We have formed a small committee to oversee the plans for the event. We have taken on board the input we received last year and have had some ideas ourselves but we are really keen for this to be a parishioner-led event. This means we want to hear from you on how we should celebrate the centenary year across the whole parish.

We have set up the email address centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk so you can send us your ideas and we look forward to hearing from you over the summer.

At this stage we already have some projects planned for the year that you may be able to help us with:

(a) We will produce a book covering the history of the parish over the past 100 years, a Centenary Chronicle so to speak, and we would welcome your contributions, stories and photographs. Get in touch with anything you think relevant to the Chronicle by emailing chronicle@stpeterswinchester.org.uk - we want to make this as much as possible a history of the people of the parish since 1926.

(b) As it is the centenary celebration, of a faith community, we want to record 100 Faith Stories or Journeys in Faith as experienced by parishioners of all ages. To get in touch and share your faith story get in contact with us at 100stories@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

If you would prefer to get in touch on any of the above by phone, please contact the Parish Office on 01962 852804.



Welcome to Eden Anderson and Benjamin Owen who were baptised at St Peter's Church last weekend. May God bless them with His love and grace, today and always.



Congratulations to Francesca Finden and Rory Anderson, who were married at St Peter's Church on Saturday 8th July. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.



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 weekend celebrations involving Tony Darlison's ordination and our parish party has strengthened our roots as a community, bringing us together again in Christ's name and as a direct consequence, closer to Christ with hope and joy.

First Holy Communion 2024: Registration now open (but closing soon)!

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.

Please Note: Application Forms should be returned this week.

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.



Catholic Women's League

THANKYOU from the CWL to all who supported July's Charity Soup and Pud Lunch, which raised £160 For Naomi House and Jacks Place.

Please make a note in your diaries that the **next CWL Charity Lunch** will be on **1st September**. Please do come and support.

Pies & Puds Wed 19th July

The next monthly lunch event will be on **Wednesday 19th July** 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: our own Parish Historian John Thornhill will be telling us about St Peter's Street – even the best-informed might find out something new! 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.



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



Soup & Pud Lunch at St Gregory's last week.

A very successful lunch was held at St Gregory's on Tuesday, raising **£368 for the Basics Bank**. Many thanks to all who supported this.

News from St Stephens

An amazing **£75** was raised at St Stephens in last Sunday's After Mass Cake Sale! Many thanks to those parishioners who supported by making and buying cakes. **The whole sum has very generously been donated to fund much needed items at the prison.**

Father Anthony Fagan RIP Father Anthony Fagan was the last resident Parish Priest at St Gregory's. He arrived in September 1998 and moved to Thatcham the following September. He retired due to ill health in 2003 and died in November 2021. The Diocese has received an appeal from his family for help with the cost of providing a headstone for his grave as Father Anthony did not leave funds in his estate.

If you can contribute, please do so. **A collection will be taken at St Gregory's on Sunday 16 July.** Alternatively, please put a contribution in an envelope, mark the envelope to say it is for Father Anthony's headstone and send it to the Parish Office.

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.

New Street Pastors Two new street pastors were commissioned at St Peter's Church the Sunday before last. They join a non-denominational group of 60 Winchester Street Pastors whose members walk the streets of the city centre every Friday and Saturday night from 10pm to 3am. The aim is to offer reassurance, safety and support by listening, caring and helping. They are available to anyone in need of support, whether they are on a night out or struggling with homelessness. It is amazingly rewarding work, very much done in collaboration with the Winchester police. The Street pastors commissioned were Robert from Hyde and Frits from Martyr Worthy.

After being persuaded by a friend to join him on a night patrol, Frits applied for a place, participated in a structured training programme and has now been out for a number of nights. He feels the helping anyone in need is always rewarding, but you also learn a lot and value the sensitive collaboration of the police. Winchester Street Pastors are coordinated by Mark (tel: 07740288654 or email: winchester@streetpastors.org.uk)



Laudato Si Corner



What is Pope Francis' encyclical about?

In *Laudato Si* - On Care For Our Common Home, Pope Francis urges society to move away from the myth of perennial progress at the expense of the Earth's resources, and calls on us to recognise that development which fails to respect the Earth is a false economy.

The encyclical says that at the root of the crisis we face our tendency to place humanity over and above the rest of creation. The Pope thinks we experience these ways of thinking as a consumerist culture characterised by wastefulness and indifference. All this, he suggests, is to the detriment of relationships with ourselves, our neighbours, the earth and God.

Pope Francis calls for all people to dialogue in society about how best to tackle the global issues we face. We require an approach that puts care for the very poorest at the centre of the way we live our lives.

Filipino Mass in Gosport on Saturday

St Mary's in Gosport would like to invite you for a Filipino Mass on **22nd July – Saturday at 1:00pm**. The celebrant will be Fr Claro Conde who is the parish priest at St Hugh Farringdon in Oxfordshire, and also the Diocese Ethnic Chaplain. He will be accompanied by Fr Jufel Baldado of Southampton, and Dcn Kim Cabatana who is one of our Chaplains at QA Hospital. We will also commemorate this day in remembrance of St Pedro Calungsod, the venerated Filipino saint who holds patronage over migrants, altar servers, and catechists. Representatives from the CFC-Couples for Christ will give a short talk about their ministry. For more information, please contact office@stmarysgosport.org.uk

Bookshop We have a selection of 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.

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat 22nd July 10.00am-1.00pm "SIGHT FOR THE BLIND - The Charisms of healing and miracles in Evangelisation." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise and inspiring guest speaker **Marcin Stetner** of Cor et Lumen Christi community. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2023



St Peter's School Class teachers next year

Well, I can't believe how quick this term, and even this year has gone! So here we go into next year as I share with you who is where....



Year Group	Teacher	Teacher
R	Mrs Megan Bradbury	Mrs Reena Khatun/ Mrs Joyce Griffin
1	Mr Matt Read	Miss Grace Dougan
2	Mrs Jessie Woolgar	Mrs Esther Keymer
3	Miss Beth Welsby	Mrs Evie Wright
4	Mrs Nai Tuft	Mrs Becky Ruddick-Smith
5	Miss Charlotte Jordan	Miss Rebecca Jamieson
6	Miss Louisa Morse	Mr Alan Heys

School Leadership Team

Miss L Buxton Head Teacher, DSL, temporary Year 3/4 Leader
 Mrs M Hutchins Deputy Head Teacher, DSL
 Mrs J Miles SENDCo, DSL
 Mr Alan Heys Year 5/6 Leader, Maths Subject Leader
 Mr M Read Key Stage 1 Leader, Computing Leader
 Mrs N Tuft EYFS Leader, Phonics Leader
 Miss Beth Welsby English Subject Leader
 Mrs Nadine Donnelly KS2 Stage Leader, RE Subject Leader (currently on maternity leave)

Welcome!

We will be meeting teachers new to our school family on our transition day this Friday. Miss Grace Dougan will be joining us in Year 1, while Miss Rebecca Jamieson will be a Year 5 teacher. We also welcome Miss Lynne Morris, Mrs Ramandeep Naghotra and Mrs Faye Xu as Teaching Assistants. We wish them every happiness and fulfilment during their time at St Peter's.

Staff Leaving – thank you

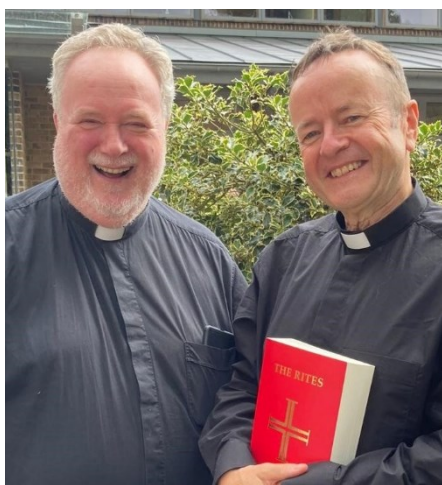
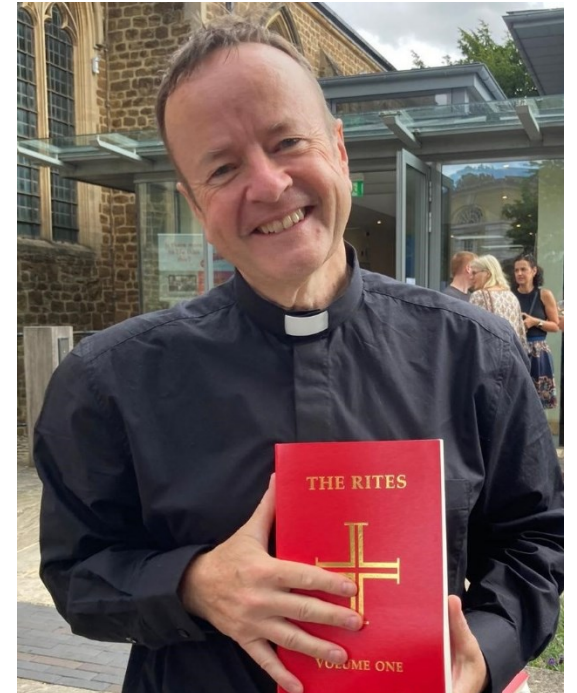
We say goodbye to Miss Gallagher, who will be working at a school nearer her home. Meanwhile Mrs Stickland leaves us after working for two years in Reception, fortunately we will still be seeing her around as a parent. Both these members of staff have shown great thought and care in helping the children settle into school life and we wish them every happiness and fulfilment going forward. We also say goodbye (for now) to Mrs Lightfoot as she begins her maternity leave in September.

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

Pictures from the Traveller Mass & the Parish Party



Mass Timetable	15 th July 2023 – 22 nd July 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – July 15 th – St Swithun, Bishop. Winchester solemnity. 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Perry
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Arnold Moreto RIP (1 st Anniversary)
SUNDAY – July 16 th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Tony Darlison (Ordination)
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	People of Ukraine
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Perry
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Avelina & Angelo Bonus Senior 51 st Wedding Anniversary
MONDAY – July 17 th – St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Adam Bamber RIP
TUESDAY – July 18 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	James Gomez-Murphy – Successful Scan
WEDNESDAY – July 19 th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Nandita Connolly (1 st Anniversary)
THURSDAY – July 20 th - St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Rev John Martin
FRIDAY – July 21 st – St Laurence of Brindisi, Religious, Doctor of the Church.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of James Wheble
SATURDAY – July 22 nd – ST MARY MAGDALENE, feast. 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Stanley Evans
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Kay & Eric Kearney
<p>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.</p>			

Useful Contacts

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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

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 recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for a job description and details of how to apply.

Closing date for applications: Friday 31st July 2023, Interviews 8th August 2023, Proposed Start Date 4th 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: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 21 July 2023

Safeguarding & DBS Administrator

Salary range £20,000 - £23,000 per annum, 35 hours (5 days) per week, For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Friday 21 July 2023 Interviews: Week commencing 31 July 2023

IT Technician

Permanent Full time, 35 hours per week. Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA. Salary: £22,000 per annum. For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk:

Closing Date: Monday 31 July 2023. Interview Date: Thursday 3 August 2023