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The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

SAW HIS MAJESTY

Fr Benedict writes:

Having a clear knowledge of what one wants to achieve or where one is driving to is very important since it determines one's zeal and focus. Knowledge makes us, as individuals prepared and ready to face every challenge and so overcome obstacles to attain the goal. After the Baptism of Jesus, His Transfiguration was the crucial point of His public life to define who He was, where He came from and where He will go to. By the glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles (cf. Matt. 16:21), and who spoke with Moses and Elijah of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of his three friends. He prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.

What Peter, James and John saw at the Transfiguration, as recounted in the Gospel, Peter brings across to others in our Second Reading. He says: "We had seen His Majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves from heaven, when we were with Him on the holy mountain." Thus, as Peter continues with his testimony, one importance of the Transfiguration was a confirmation of the Old Testament Prophecies, to let anyone depend on prophecy as a lamp lighting up the way through darkness. Our First Reading gives a glimpse of those Old Testament Prophecies about the Son of Man; how eternal sovereignty, glory and kingship were conferred on Him such that men of all peoples, nations, and languages became His servants.

From its root meaning, the Transfiguration signifies a change of form or appearance. This is what happened to Jesus: His appearance changed and became glorious. Jesus came to bestow immortality upon us. Thus, His Glorified Body is a source of hope for us at the resurrection. Actually, the Apostles saw the Glory of the Kingdom of God without having tasted death (cf. Lk. 9:27). Peter immediately wished they could never return to the earth and so proposed to build three tents.



The Transfiguration as a Religious Encounter was important for proper witnessing. Already in the Jewish Law, the testimony of two witnesses was always considered true (cf. John 8:17). Moses and Elijah were to testify from the Old Testament while the three apostles were to be believed afterwards. That is why, later on Peter and John would not only be more convinced but they would say, "we saw with our eyes and we testify..." (1 John 1:1-8, 2 Pet. 1:16-19). Dear friends, "The one who saw this happen has spoken of it, so that you also may believe. What he said is true and he knows that he speaks the truth" (John 19:35).

Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening our faith as He did the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: 'the hope of glory' [CCC 568]. Now, let no-one be weary or faint-hearted to strive for heaven since we have all had a foretaste of it. "The sufferings we have in this present time are nothing compared with the glory that shall be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18).

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](#).

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Year A) – 6th August 2023

Entrance Antiphon :

In a resplendent cloud the holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.
Listen to him.

First reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9. R. vv.1,9
The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading: Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour;
listen to him.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Communion Antiphon:

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Changes to Masses in the Coming Weeks:

There is no Morning Prayer or Mass at St Peter’s on Wednesday 9th August.

There will be additional Masses at St Peter’s at 7am and 7pm on Tuesday 15th August for the solemnity The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There is no Mass at St Peter’s on Wednesday 16th August.



Mass at St Peter’s celebrating the Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage at 9.15am on Tuesday 22nd August.

The Arundel and Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage are walking from Bristol to Arundel this year and will be resting in Winchester before their final push to Arundel on Tuesday 22nd August. Father Mark will be celebrating Mass for them and any members of the Parish who would like to wish them well in their endeavour. Mass will be at 9.15am and will be **in addition** to the regular Tuesday Mass at 12.15pm.

St. Peter’s Centenary - 2026

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 Jacob Munday who was baptised at St Peter’s Church last weekend. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.



Congratulations to Emma Polden and Daniel West, who were married at St Peter’s Church on Thursday. 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: In our Year of the Holy Spirit, let us pray that he will raise us up and equip us to be courageous witnesses to the Gospel, so that

we may become closer to Christ with hope and joy.



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

- Pauline Hill RIP
- Eddie Lawlor RIP
- Otto Bingeris RIP

Funeral Notices:

Pauline Hill RIP – at St Peter's, Funeral Mass **on Friday 18th August 2023 at 12:15pm.**

Please pray for her family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant her eternal rest.



The Day of the National Flag in Ukraine (23rd August) and Independence Day (24th)

Our Ukrainian guests will be celebrating both at the hub on August 23rd, from 10am until 1pm.

There will be music, singing, dancing and food. Please do come along and participate.

The hub on August 23rd will be in the Milner Hall on the St Peter’s Church campus.

Pope Francis hopes that World Youth Day in Lisbon will be a “seed for the world’s future”.

(Vatican City, 27 July 2023) – “When I go to the church in my neighbourhood, I see only old people. Is the Church only for old people?” This is the question directed to Pope Francis that opens this Pope Video which coincides with World Youth Day. His response is direct: “If it becomes something for old people, it will die.... The Church needs young people so it doesn’t grow old.”

[The Pope Video](#) focuses on the fundamental role of young people in the life of the Church and the world.

[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#)



The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth,

on Saturday 19 August 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

It will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.



A Birthday Blessing for Hilary

Hilary has a Big Birthday this weekend! Can you believe it – she is so busy, looking after us, we forget how young she is! So, the CWL (and other grateful members of the Parish) decided to celebrate her birthday on Wednesday with the wonderful assistance of Father Benedict!



Confirmation Registration is now open

Registering for Confirmation is now open for the 2023-2024 cohort. You can register and find out more information via this link:

<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/confirmation-2023-2024/>

You can also email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk directly to chat.

The course starts in September and lasts an academic year. All sessions take place on a Sunday afternoon from 4pm-5:30pm.

The Confirmation course is for anyone in years 9-13 (age 14-17). 😊



Laudato Si Corner



WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY, RESTFUL AND SUSTAINABLE SUMMER!

It is a time to rest and renew our batteries, ready for what life will bring us in September.

But wherever we go this summer there are stark reminders of the havoc that climate change is wreaking – from the devastating wildfire in Rhodes to baking hot temperatures in Southern Europe.

We pray that the efforts of all peoples will be directed towards saving and restoring God's beautiful creation.

The Winchester Superhomes project

Now is a great time to take steps to insulate your home before the colder weather sets in. Interested in getting a whole house retrofit plan? The Winchester superhomes project ends soon and last registration date is **4 September 2023**. For more information go to:

<https://www.winacc.org.uk/winchester-area-superhomes>.

The Laudato Si group will be taking a break with the newsletter but will be back with fresh ideas in the Autumn.

An online seminar exploring strategies for all Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ

by bestselling author Sherry Weddell will be presented by the Diocese in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Tuesday **21st November**. Tickets are £10 per person from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompanynon-religious-persons-tickets-646139539>



The Season of Creation

runs from 1st September to 4th October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. The theme is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' Amos (5:24). To help, Caritas has created a specific webpage to share ideas, resources and events. Further information can be

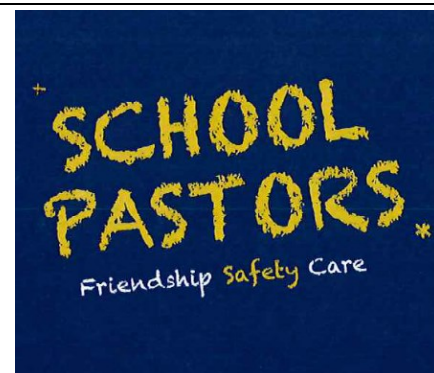
found on the Season of Creation website. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

SCHOOL PASTORS

Could **YOU** spare a daytime hour or two, once or twice each week during term-time, to be a volunteer School Pastor in and around one of the schools in Stanmore?

You would :

- Receive relevant online training (this autumn)
- Wear an identifying uniform
- Operate with another volunteer as a pair
- Build relationships with staff, parents and pupils at 'your' school
- Witness a change in the atmosphere of the school and the surrounding area as you spend time there and pray for the school and the area



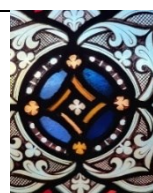
To find out more, contact Mark Hibbert-Hingston by email : winchester@streetpastors.org.uk or 07740 288654

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat 26th August 10.00-1.00 "RELEASE THE OPPRESSED – the charism of Deliverance in Evangelisation. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and inspiring guest speaker **Ros Powell**.

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2023

ACTION FRAUD ALERT - scammers targeting church groups using whatsapp. Please be extra vigilant!

Large community and religious WhatsApp groups are being targeted by scammers who infiltrate them to try and deceive their members into sending them money. Since January this year, 268 people have reported falling victim to this scam. <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>



Caritas: The Illegal Migration Act

Please support the [REFUGEE COUNCIL'S CAMPAIGN](#) against the "Illegal" Migration Bill which threatens to end asylum claims in the UK and to lock up children for deportation. It's quick and easy to [sign at this link](#). Today people throughout the UK are praying for a fair and compassionate asylum system. Find more information contact: sbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Summer Notice

The Newsletter Team are having a break in August. So this is the last newsletter until Friday 25th August when the newsletter for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time will be published.

Anything you would like to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted by Wednesday 23rd August. Thank you.

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), every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am. **There is no Morning Prayer on Wednesday 9th August.**

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.

Mass Timetable	5th August 2023 – 26th August 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – August 5th THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased members of the Muldoon Family
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of the Benefactors
SUNDAY – August 6th - THE TRANSFIGURSTION OF THE LORD, feast.	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of David & Julia O'Connell
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Sue Bolger RIP
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of Ukraine
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ceser's Family Thanksgiving
MONDAY – August 7th – St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Matyrs.	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
TUESDAY – August 8th - St Dominic, Founder, memorial	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Fabian Woodley
WEDNESDAY – August 9th – ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS [Edith Stein], Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe, feast.	10.00 AM	No Mass at St Peter's	
THURSDAY – August 10th – ST LAURENCE, Deacon, Martyr, feast.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY – August 11th - St Clare, Foundress, memorial	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of the Benefactors
SATURDAY – August 12th – St Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jim Heward RIP
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ewa Slinn RIP
SUNDAY – August 13th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Diana, Len and Jenny Wetwood 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	Matthew Leeming RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Hugh & Mary Ann McTernan RIP & Their Relatives Living & Dead.
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
MONDAY – August 14th – St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Religious, Priest, Martyr, memorial.	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
TUESDAY – August 15th – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity.	7.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Fabian Woodley
	7.00 PM	Mass at St Peter's	
WEDNESDAY – August 16th – St Stephen, King of Hungary.	10.00 AM	No Mass at St Peter's	
THURSDAY – August 17th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Angela & David Rogers Special Intention
FRIDAY – August 18th	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's	Pauline Hill RIP
SATURDAY – August 19th – St John Eudes, Founder. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Edmund Wheble
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer & Concelebrating local priests
SUNDAY – August 20th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Eileen Gibson
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Mary Calf RIP
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Eddie Lawlor RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Rajaram & Padmarathi RIP
MONDAY – August 21st – St Pius X, Pope, memorial.	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	JayaKumar & Chinnppan Antonyammal RIP
TUESDAY – August 22nd – The Queenship of Mary, memorial	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Francis, Jerris & Claris Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY – August 23rd – St Rose of Lima, Religious.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Elsie & William Walton
THURSDAY – August 24th – ST BATHOLOMEW, Apostle, feast.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Perry
FRIDAY – August 25th - St Louis IX, King of France.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Rev. P T Savage
SATURDAY – August 26th – Blessed Dominic Barberi. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	