

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Alresford • Stockbridge • Winchester

24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

***Don't play fair; be generous instead***

## **Father Mark writes:**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux tells about a criminal being executed who stubbornly rejected all offers of spiritual help from the prison chaplain. She was concerned about him, and she decided she would pray to God, asking Him to change the heart of this man before he died.

An extraordinary thing happened that had a profound effect on her understanding of God's love and mercy. Just before he was blindfolded and placed beneath the guillotine, he snatched the crucifix from the chaplain's hands and kissed it reverently. He continued to clutch it as he was put into position and the blade fell. It is never too late for God.

I'd ask you simply to note your reaction as you read that story. In particular, did you find yourself thinking something along the lines of: "Wow! Isn't God good? Thank God for that man's last-minute acceptance of the Lord's mercy!"

Or was it more along the lines of:

*"That's so unfair! I've been trying to lead a good life all along and he just makes a last-minute decision and God lets him off the hook".*

The answer might suggest how we will respond to the Gospel this weekend. Jesus is telling another story, a parable, in which some workers have been working all day and others just for the last shift, and yet they all get paid the same. Jesus asks the challenging question, through the words of the landowner,



"Why be envious because I am generous?"

Another translation gives us this famous phrase:

*"Is your eye evil because I am generous?"*

The expression the "evil eye," was a common Semitic idiomatic expression, describing someone of ill intent brought on by envy. Envy can be a wicked thing. That's why a distinction can be made between envy and jealousy, the latter wanting to protect what you already have and the former when you are sorrowful for what another has. Envy is when you want something someone else has AND you don't want them to have it.

In the parable, the workers who turned up first are acting with envy, and the owner points out that is wrong. In a parable someone is usually God and someone is usually us and it's not difficult to figure out who's who. The owner of the vineyard represents God. And he isn't fair. God does not play fair.



God does not value "fair." God values grace and mercy. God values unmerited favour. God doesn't let "fair" get in the way.

And finally, another little story to remind us of God's incredible generosity, even if we don't always recognise it for a long time...

A young man was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom and, as his father could well afford it, he told him that this was what he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box, and found a lovely leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father, and said, "With all your money, you give me a Bible?!" and he stormed out of the room, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed, and the young man was successful in business. He had a beautiful home, and a wonderful family, but he realized his father was old, and he should call to see him. He had not seen him since that Graduation Day. Before he could make arrangements, however, he got a message, telling him that his father had passed away, and in his will had left all his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When the estranged son arrived in his father's house, a sense of sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's papers when he saw the new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to leaf through it. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matthew 7:11, "And you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give to those who ask him?"

As he read these words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had so desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words 'paid in full'.

As a wise person I know often says, God is never outdone in generosity. That's the way our heavenly Father wants us to be too.

I'd like to encourage you this week to be extravagantly generous to someone else. It doesn't have to be with money, it can be with an act of service or support or comfort or care, or forgiveness.

One thing you might do is to invite someone to join us for our Alpha Course, which begins Monday evening in our parish Pastoral Centre. Allow them to experience generous hospitality, to hear about God's extravagant grace and mercy, to encounter the Holy Spirit, the love of God, being once more poured out lavishly into their heart. And if you haven't already joined us on Alpha yourself, then do come and join us...

Be generous to people to whom you can be generous. Don't just stop at 'fair'



**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](mailto: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](#).

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) –  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon :**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

**First reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:2-3,8-9,17-18. R. v.18  
The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Second reading:** St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Changes to Masses in the Coming Week (Our Clergy are at Retreat from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September).**

**10.30am Mass at St Peter's on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September is the annual Filipino Mass.**

**No 12.15pm Mass at St Peter's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

**No Morning Prayer at St Peter's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, but there will still be Holy Hour (Adoration).**

**No 10am Mass at St Gregory's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Thank you, Father Marco Vignolo, who will celebrate Mass at St Peter's at 10am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Thank you Father Luca Speziale, who will celebrate Mass at St Peter's at 10am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.**



**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 for the Alpha course starting this week in this parish and for those still to say yes; may God open their hearts to this invitation so that they may be fulfilled and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit..



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

John Ingram RIP  
John Maggiore RIP  
Edward John Harper RIP  
Marissa Croston RIP.

**Funeral Notices:**

John Ingram RIP – at **St Thomas More's Church, Stockbridge**, Funeral Mass on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 12:30pm**.  
Giovanni (John) Maggiore RIP – at **St Peter's Church, Winchester**, Funeral Service on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 1:45pm**.  
Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.



**Alpha Online – YOU ARE INVITED. YOU ARE WELCOME...**



Join us on our next **Alpha** course as we explore some of the big questions of faith and life in an informal and relaxed manner. A guest said, 'I was able to deepen my understanding of the word of God through the talks and discussions. The Alpha course opened my mind to reading the scripture and listening to the word of God. Having been in the parish since 2010, I was able to connect with a lot of other parishioners and I now feel free and proud to belong to this parish; I have made a lot of friends within the church'.

**Now is the time. Here is the place.** Starts THIS Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre at St Peter's. To register on the course, visit [www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha](http://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha)

If you would like to invite a friend to join Alpha but are unsure who to invite or why, please watch this short clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI5wAFuky1w>

**Journey in Faith** - Do you know someone (perhaps yourself) who wants to know more about the Catholic Church?

The Journey in Faith programme at St Peter's parish in Winchester provides an opportunity to discover more about the Christian faith and what we believe and practice in the Catholic Church. In our sessions, we reflect on Scripture, share our questions about faith, explore the Sacramental encounter with our living Lord through the Church, and discuss the relevance of the Church's teachings to our lives.

**Starting October 5th**, we meet regularly on **Thursday evenings at 7:30PM**, at St Peter's Church Parish Centre. Catholics and non-Catholics are equally welcome.

To find out more contact Alexis via the Parish Office (01962 852804 or [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)) or visit the Journey in Faith website: <https://sites.google.com/view/journey-in-faith>

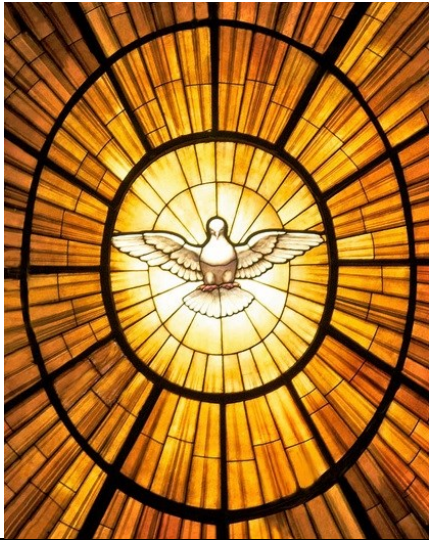


**Synodality in our parish - would you join us?**

We are looking for parishioners who might be interested to meet up to follow a series of eight weekly Webinars on Mondays starting at 7pm for 7.30pm, on **25th September**. These have been arranged by The School for Synodality, an initiative run in collaboration with the Diocese of Northampton. Our aim is to reflect on each of them constructively and prayerfully - and not driven by an agenda - to better understand what synodality could mean for us individually and as a parish. If you enjoyed any of last year's listening sessions and wondered where is this going next, this could be for you! Please let Wojtek know if you might be interested, vis the Parish Office: [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/news/practicing-synodality-webinar-series>

**St Stephen's Pastoral Group** The St Stephen's Pastoral Group will meet in the **Community Room at St Stephen's** on **Monday 25th September at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to join us.

**Thanks from Nan McNamara** Nan McNamara would like to say a **big thank you** to everyone who made her 90th birthday celebrations so special, especially the party at **St Gregory's**.



### **The Holy Spirit in Scripture: a series of talks and discussions starting October 13th**

As part of our observance of the diocesan year of the Holy Spirit, Fr Mark has asked Deacon Martin to deliver a series of talks on "The Holy Spirit in Scripture". There will be 7 sessions (appropriate for the Spirit Who gives "Sevenfold Gifts"); they will run on Friday evenings 19:45-21:30, from 13<sup>th</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. They will take place using Zoom, so that you don't even need to come out on a dark Friday evening during the autumn! Each session will be a mix of presentations by Deacon Martin, plus discussion groups sharing specific passages of Scripture related to the Spirit. The series will cover how the Holy Spirit is depicted in the Old Testament, Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul, the "general letters" and even the book of Revelation. Each session is independent of the others, so we encourage you to attend some of them, if you can't manage all 7.

If you enjoyed Deacon Martin's sessions on the Gospel of Mark in 2021, you won't want to miss this series. Further details about registration, including an online booking form, will be provided soon. But for now, please mark the dates in your calendar.

**Diocesan Day for Catechists** in **St Peter's Winchester Pastoral Centre**, from **10 am to 4 pm**, on **Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September**, led by the Dominican Sisters from Lymington.

It will be a great opportunity to make contacts and support each other in the ministry of catechesis and give thanks for all diocesan catechists.

As part of the day, we will explore:

1. The vocation of the catechist – refreshing our understanding of our mission, but also an opportunity to discover it for those who are beginning or discerning whether this ministry is for them.
2. The integration of catechesis within the parish and the home – How can catechesis be more at the heart of parish faith and life, and not just a seasonal activity for outsiders? How can we reach parents and help them to find a spiritual home in the parish?
3. The formation of catechists – what is on offer for accessible formation?
4. The preparation of a catechetical session – essential principles to bear in mind for all catechesis and practical advice and tips.

There will be time for discussion, but also to network, not just among catechists engaged in the same ministries across the diocese, but also among catechists of the same pastoral areas/proximate geographical location.

Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-598927286637> - a packed lunch is needed.

### **Churches Together in Winchester Winchester Green Week 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October**

A full programme of events can be found on the Winchester Green Week website:

<https://www.winchestergreenweek.org.uk/>

**ChristChurch**, Winchester, SO23 9SR is hosting an interactive session on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**, to hear from Caroline Pomeroy, Director at [Climate Stewards](#), as she talks about how carbon footprints are calculated, the use of carbon offset markets and how to spot greenwashing, followed by group discussions on what we as a community can do to care for our environment'. Refreshments available from 6.30pm.

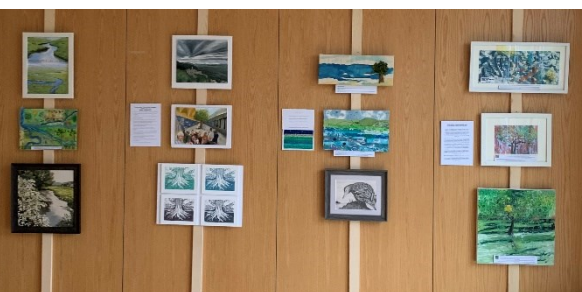
Do go to the Cathedral website and click 'What's On' to see the variety of events they have planned in response to Green Week. You can join in a special dance project to be performed in the service on the 1 Oct. Other events include joining Revd Roly in discussing John Taylor's brilliant book *Enough is Enough*; a countryside walk reflecting on the history of slavery wealth; a seminar by our preacher on 1 Oct Lizzy Kitchenside and a discussion about sustainable business. Full details on the Cathedral website.

Plan to be at the service in the Cathedral on Sunday 1 October at 3.30pm led by Jo Crocker and Salvation Army Cadet Lizzy Kitchenside. We heard Lizzy at a Climate event in St John's Waterloo in the spring and she puts climate activism firmly into a context of following Jesus and walking the way of discipleship. Revd Dr Howard Mellor.



## **Laudato Si Corner**

### **Winchester Green Week starts this weekend (23/24 September)!**



Throughout Winchester there will be events covering the Climate Crisis and how we can all achieve a greener life. See <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/winchester-green-week>.

In our parish there will be several events in the Pastoral Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester, to which you are **ALL WELCOME**:-

1. **Art Work** celebrating ... " **The River of Justice and Peace** "
2. **Sunday 1st October 3.30-5.15pm** A showing of the film "The Letter" in which

people from different continents and faiths are invited by the Pope to meet him and express their experience of how our world is being affected by climate change and the loss of habitats. There will be time for a discussion.

3. **Tuesday 10th October 7.30 -9.30pm** Fr Benedict will be talking about agriculture in Africa followed by **Cafe's Global Healing** video "How Faith helps us Care for our Common Home". There will be time for a discussion.

St Peter's School are also preparing some artwork for display in St. Stephens church.



**Pope Francis writing a second part of Laudato si'** Speaking off-the-cuff to a delegation of lawyers from member countries of the Council of Europe on Monday, Pope Francis said he was writing a second part of his Laudato si' encyclical to update it to "current issues"

The Pope was expressing his appreciation for the attorneys' commitment to developing a legal framework aimed at protecting the environment.

Read more (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-writing-a-second-part-of-laudato-si/>)

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-marian-garden-at-ampleforth-abbey/>

**CWP Appeal Next Weekend.** Next weekend, the Covenant with the Poor group will be making an appeal on behalf of **Firefly International** to support Syrian refugee children's education following the impact of the devastating earthquake earlier this year. Please support as generously as ever!

**SVP – 100 years in the Parish** During September (SVP Awareness month) we continue to share information about our work around the Parish.



This week we're focussing on our **annual Christmas Parcels distribution**. Over recent years we have provided between 80 and 100 food parcels to families and individuals in the local area. We fill the parcels with food items, mainly seasonal items and treats with a few basics as well. We usually rely on the generosity of parishioners to fund the purchase of these items but this year we have secured a Community Grant which will help to finance this project.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the SVP please email: [svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**SVP Mass for Healing.** The SVP Mass for Healing will be in St Peter's Church, at 2pm on **Saturday 7th October**. Join us in the Pastoral; Centre for refreshments afterwards.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) using this QR code.



This link takes you to the CAFOD Harvest Appeal video 2023 and lets you hear Dr Nasha and Meera's inspiring stories from their own mouths? <https://youtu.be/NJr5jOvp1hU>

**Winchester Purple Night Walk** in aid of **Winchester Hospice** at **6.30pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**.

Be part of something special! – The Winchester Purple Night Walk is a fun, vibrant 6km walk through South Winchester, starting and ending at All Saints Church, SO23 0JD.

Dress up in purple and light up the night to show support for Winchester Hospice, the city's only adult hospice, providing palliative and end-of-life care to those with life-limiting illness. Ticket prices: £10 for adults, £5 for children and £25 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children.

Email [winchester.hospice@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:winchester.hospice@hhft.nhs.uk) Or call 01962 828353.

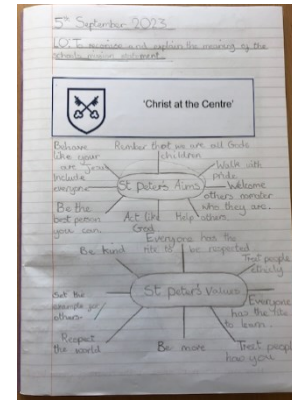
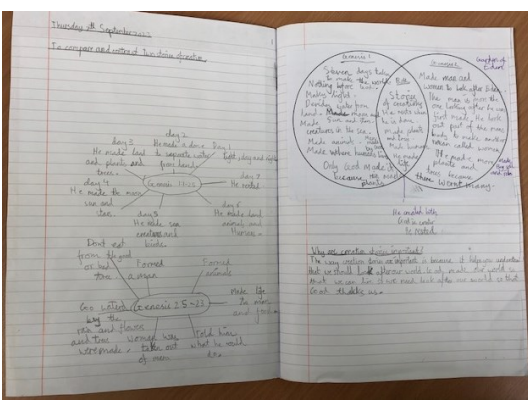
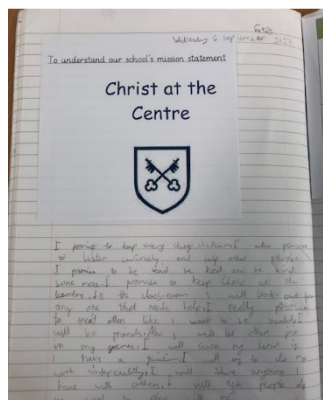


**Message from St Peter's School:**

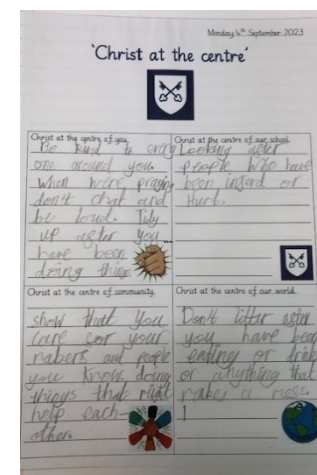
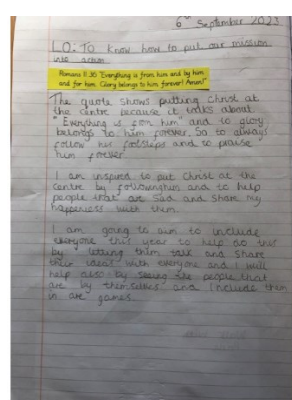
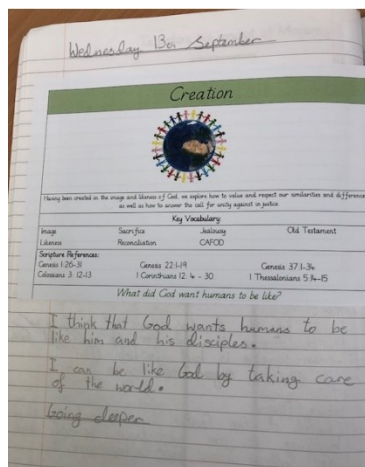
Dear parents

**'Christ at the Centre'**

Last week we revisited our Mission Statement in class, thinking about what we value in school and how we behave. We have been talking about what it is to show good manners, what a 'St Peteronian' is and what it means to have the St Peter's Polish.



In order to do all of these things, we have to keep 'Christ at the Centre' of all that we do. Each year group focussed on different elements but throughout the school we thought about what this looks like for ourselves, our school, our community and our world. Here is some of the work from our children...



We currently have vacancies for a SENDCo, and a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1. Please see our website for further details: <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](mailto:admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk).

Best wishes Louise Buxton (Miss) Headteacher

**Open Morning and Evening at St Anne's Catholic School, Southampton on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Parents with daughters in Years 4, 5 and 6 can visit on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023** for the Open Morning (9.00 - 11.00am) and/or the Open Evening (6.00 - 8.00pm). Parents can book free tickets via Eventbrite (see poster). Please arrive at 9.00am and 10.00am for open morning tours.

Open mornings give parents the opportunity to see the school on a normal day and talk to their student guides as they tour the school. Open evenings provide the opportunity to talk to staff and students, as well as hearing talks from the Head teacher, Head girls and Year 7 students.

We look forward to seeing you at St Anne's to share with you the many ways in which we support our students to grow and thrive.

Mass Timetable	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious. 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	
SUNDAY – September 24 <sup>th</sup> - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Repose of the Soul of John Docherty
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Michael Shields RIP
	10.30 AM	Filipino Mass at St Peter's	FILIPINO MASS
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Rev J Martin
MONDAY – September 25 <sup>th</sup> -	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Neil Family
TUESDAY – September 26 <sup>th</sup> – Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs.	<del>10.00 AM</del>	<b>No Mass at St Gregory's</b>	
	<del>12.15 PM</del>	<b>No Mass at St Peter's</b>	
WEDNESDAY – September 27 <sup>th</sup> – St Vincent de Paul, Founder.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	The McClean Family RIP
THURSDAY – September 28 <sup>th</sup> – St Wenceslaus, Martyr, or St Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Niamh Masterton RIP (Born Sleeping 26/9/13)
FRIDAY – September 29 <sup>th</sup> – THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, feast.	<del>10.00 AM</del>	<b>No Mass at St Gregory's</b>	
	<del>12.15 PM</del>	<b>No Mass at St Peter's</b>	
SATURDAY – September 30 <sup>th</sup> – St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church. 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
<p><b>Confessions</b> every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required.</p> <p><b>Morning Prayer</b> (livestream and open to public), every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am. <b>No Morning Prayer on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> or Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September; however, there will still be Holy Hour (Adoration).</b></p> <p>To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our <a href="#">YouTube channel</a></p> <p><b>ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.</b></p>			
<p><b>Holy Land Tour for the Itchen Valley CofE Parish (April 2024) - 'In the steps of Jesus'</b></p> <p>Next year there is an opportunity—as the church communities in Winchester and the surrounding area—to travel to the Holy Land together in early April (Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>). The pilgrimage is being led by the Revd Peter Walker, the Rector of the Itchen Valley churches, who has written various books on the Holy Land, including the popular <i>In the Steps of Jesus</i> (revised colour edition: SPCK, 2022). For the colour brochure and registration details, please go to his church's website <a href="#">here</a>; or contact Peter on <a href="mailto:revd.peter@itchenvalleychurches.org">revd.peter@itchenvalleychurches.org</a>. Please apply before the end of October 2023.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Diocesan Vacancies</u></b></p> <p><b>Part-time Finance Office at OUR LADY AND THE SAINTS OF GUERNSEY</b> 12 hours per week, £20-£22 per hour and based in St Peter Port. Please contact: <a href="mailto:office@catholic.org.gg">office@catholic.org.gg</a> for a job description and details of how to apply. <b>Closing date: Friday 29 September 2023.</b></p> <p><b>PA to Vicar for Clergy and Administrator for Clergy Support Team.</b> 18 hours per week (3 days). Based at: Windsor 2 days per week and Sandhurst 1 day per week Salary – around £14.00 per hour. Please contact: <a href="mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a> for a job description and details of how to apply. <b>Closing date: Friday 29 September 2023.</b></p>			
<p><b>Claritas Spiritual Theology: LIFE IN TRUTH</b></p> <p>Dr Christina Pal and Dr Denise Oliver would like to invite you to consider one of their courses.</p> <p>Everything is online, and all sessions are live and interactive. <b>Reasons for Faith</b> starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and <b>Lux in Tenebris</b> starts on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>Bursaries are available if necessary. Please visit <a href="https://www.lifeintruth.org/">https://www.lifeintruth.org/</a></p>			
<p><b>Pope Francis requests prayer and action for those “living on the margins of society”</b></p> <p>In <a href="#">The Pope Video</a> for the month of September, Pope Francis asks us to pray “for those people who live on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.</p> <p><b>Pope Francis</b> asks, “How is it that we allow the ‘throwaway culture,’ in which millions of men and women are worth nothing compared to economic goods, to dominate our lives? Please,” the <b>Pope</b> implores, “let’s stop making invisible those who are on the margins of society, whether it’s due to poverty, addictions, mental illness or disability</p>			
<p><b>Befriender Training Module 2</b></p> <p>Module 2 of the Befrienders Programme - Communication and Assertiveness Training to take place in the Milner Hall, from 9 - 13.30 on Saturday, October 14th. All are welcome. No need to book – just turn up.</p>			