# PETERPOST

# **Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs**

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26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A					
Being Blessed by the Father as We Serve the King						
Father Mark writes: On the feast of Mary Immaculate, December 8, 1841, while vesting for Mass Don Bosco heard the sacristan shrieking at a poor young boy who had sneake into the church to get warm. "Here, call the boy back," cried Don Bosco, "he my friend!" The boy came over to Don Bosco, who asked, "What is you Name?" "Bartholomew Garelli" the boy answered. "How old are you, Bartholomew?" "Sixteen," answered the boy. "Can you serve Mass?"	"Please," he whined. "I'm hungry. Can I come in?" As he devoured a bowl of steaming soup, he told his story: his mother had just died, the farm was taken over by creditors, and he was alone in the world. "He'll stay with us," Don Bosco stated. "But where will he sleep?" Mama Margaret asked. "If necessary, we'll sling a basket from the ceiling for a bed!" laughed the priest. The boy laughed too. He was Don Bosco's first orphan. This impoverished priest, who lived on the coarsest of foods and wore the poorest garments (often borrowed), spent millions for his boys, opened large schools, built one basilica to Mary in Turin and another to the Sacred Heart in Rome, and financed great mission expeditions. The faith that God would provide worked miracles in his life.					
"No." "What do you do?" "I'm a bricklayer," he responded, head lowered.						
"Your mother and father" Don Bosco continued. "I'm alone," the boy responded sadly. "Can you whistle?" Don Bosco broke in. "Of course, I can whistle!" exclaimed Bartholomew laughing. And with that began Don Bosco's worldwide ministry to bring young people t God. He told Bartholomew to stay for Mass, and afterwards Don Bosco tol the boy, "Next Sunday, bring your friends here, and we'll spend the da together."	d had the gift of prophecy. He could read consciences and used this					
The next Sunday, four ragged boys, looking badly in need of a meal and warr clothing, came to Don Bosco. They were certainly in very dire spiritual need And their number multiplied in a few weeks, so that caring for them soon cam to be a major problem. In the 1840s the slums of Turin were overrun by the poverty that resulte inevitably from sweatshop factories with their hazardous machinery, chil labour, and starvation wages. Walking through these slums, Don Bosco cam face to face with his mission. As he visited the prisons with Father Cafasso, th conviction of his vocation seemed to shout within him: "These boys are not bac Take care of them before they fall into crimethat is your task!"	<ul> <li>His holiness was attractive because it was rooted in charity and exceptional purity that drew people to him. Though he sometimes did extraordinary penances, he would never allow them to his boys.</li> <li>"Sanctity is easy!" he would say. He told his Salesians and the young people that God wants us to be happy and to rejoice in the love of Jesus. Just do your duty in school, at home, at work the best you can.</li> <li>Offer your life to God: the happy times and the sufferings of things: Life sends many opportunities to join in the sufferings of</li> </ul>					
With his heart full of trust in his Lady and his pockets empty, Don Bosc courageously took up the work. From then on, it was only "Give me soulsth souls of young people." Don Bosco called his weekly band of ragged young people "the Oratory," a terr	at the age of 14, is Don Bosco's proof to the world that holiness is not a monopoly of the monastery or of the desert. It belongs to everyone, the young and the old. (Extracts from The Life Story of St. John Bosco (Biography of Don					

Bosco) | Salesian Family of Don Bosco (donboscowest.org)) which to his mind suggested prayer and organized recreation. Every Sunday they would meet in a different place, a city church, or a cemetery chapel. Don Don Bosco was canonised on Easter Sunday, 1934, and is one of the Bosco would hear their confessions and say Mass for them. An hour of religious patron saints of young people. This weekend, we celebrate the instruction would follow. These were plain, simple talks coming from the heart Feast of Christ, King of the Universe. and embodying the solid truths of the faith. Then the priest would take his Like Don Bosco, we are called to treat Christ well, especially when band of ragged boys into the country for an all-day outing of sport and games. he appears in the form of one of the 'little ones' – the hungry, the A final talk would close the "Oratory Day," and the tired bunch would trail into thirsty, the stranger, the person without clothes, the sick, the Turin, scattering to their homes along the way. prisoner, the orphan, the young person – wherever we find Him. New fields of endeavour for his boys opened themselves to the saintly priest. Like Don Bosco, we are called to recognise Christ in our children and Homeless children, many of whom found an undesired home in its squalid young people, so that they may know they are loved and may bring prisons, overran Turin. They had to be saved before they fell! Again, a little Christ's hope and joy to others. boy started the project. One stormy night in 1850, as Don Bosco and his mother "Come, you who are blessed by my Father", Jesus says. were still awake and working, a timid knock came at their door. As Mama Margaret opened it, there he stood, tiny and dripping wet, scared, starved, May you be blessed this week by the Father for all the ways in which blinking in the light. you will care for Jesus.

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#### **ADVENT**

In a weeks' time, the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas will begin. 'Advent' is a word that means 'coming' and we look for Christ to come again and lead us safely home, rejoicing, into his Father's house. As we draw our Year of the Holy Spirit to a close, Advent is an opportunity to be "Filled with the Spirit", just as so many of those people involved in the events surrounding Jesus' life were filled with the same spirit. To help us prepare well and dispose ourselves to receiving the Holy Spirit, here are a few things we'll be offering as a parish:

#### **Daily Messages**

Our daily messages will be back. Those of you who have signed up before will know what to expect - a beautiful image, a short piece of Scripture, a brief reflection and maybe one or two other delights to help you through the day. *If you were* signed up for Daily Messages in Lent and Easter, then you will automatically be added to the distribution list (and may unsubscribe if you wish). If you have not signed up before and would like to receive the Messages, please follow this link to submit your name and email address - Advent Daily Messages 2023 · ChurchSuite Forms. Here is a "Word Cloud" from some of the feedback from our Lenten and Easter Messages, in the hope that this encourages you to sign up. Please come and join us so we can travel together on this journey through Advent and Christmas.

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

"Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess himself feels all these things – even shame – but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven...happy. And this is the beauty of Confession...Jesus is there...and He receives you with so much love." (Pope Francis)

There will be many opportunities this Advent to celebrate this beautiful sacrament:

Every Saturday morning (9:30-10:30am)\* and every Saturday afternoon (4:30-5pm), St. Peter's.

\*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 11am - 12 noon; Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, extended confessions, 9:30am - 12 noon (extra priests available)

Parish Reconciliation Service – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm – an opportunity for us to come together as a community and support each other in prayer, beginning with a beautiful and simple service, followed by individual confessions. Extra priests available.

Priests will also be available during the last two weeks of Advent around times of Mass and Morning Prayer. Times to be confirmed.

#### Wild Goose

Fr Mark will be leading a series of 3 Sunday evenings in the Pastoral Centre on the "Wild Goose" (a Celtic image for the Holy Spirit). Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, "God's Love Poured Out"; Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, "Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire"; Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, "The Spirit Remembers", all 7-9pm. The sessions will include a video followed by a chance to discuss / reflect and a time of led prayer. No need to book – please just turn up.

#### **Experience Lectio Divina**

In Advent, we will be running small groups on "Lectio Divina", giving people a chance to learn more about this ancient art of prayer. If you would like to experience *Lectio*, please join Dcn Tony Darlison:

Discovering More about the Gospels in Advent, with the ancient art of Lectio Divina.

A series of four prayer meetings led by Dcn Tony Darlison in which we prepare to welcome into our hearts the holy mystery of God coming down to earth at Christmas, by reflecting prayerfully on the Sunday Gospels for Advent.

In St. Peter's Pastoral Centre, 7:00 to 8:00 on Mondays 27 November, 4 December, 11 December, 18 December

No need to book - please just turn up. If possible, please bring a Jerusalem Bible.

OUR LORD JESUS CH 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	RIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year A) –	Second reading:	St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26,28		
Entrance Antiphon:	Rv 5:12; 1-6	Gospel Acclamation:	Mk 11:10		
How worthy is the lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.		<b>R. Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! <b>R. Alleluia!</b>			
First reading:	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17				
Responsorial Psalm:	cf. Ps 22:1-3,5-6. R.v.1	Gospel: Matthew 25:			
The Lord is my shepherd;		Communion Antiphon:	Ps 28:10-11		
there is nothing I shall want.		The Lord sits as King for	ever.		

#### Changes to Masses in the Coming Week.

Morning Prayer on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December will be replaced with Holy Hour. Saturday morning Mass on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is at 10am at Winchester Cathedral. Saturday morning Confession on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December will therefore be from 11am until 12 noon.







Welcome to Patrick Hough and Jessica Orr, who were baptised at St Peter's Church last weekend. May God bless them with His love and grace, today and always.



**PRAYER CORNER**: Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour" (Ps 127:1) Fr. Mark This Week's Intention: As we celebrate the Feast of Christ

the King and Youth Sunday this weekend, let us pray for all our young people, children and families, in the parish and in our parish school, and for all who minister to them, that all may be brought closer to Christ who watches over them as the Good Shepherd.



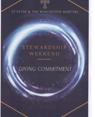
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: **Denise Howard RIP** Jennifer Cummings RIP Barbara Harwood RIP Andrei Saunders RIP Ada Dalton RIP **Brian Morris RIP** Duncan Pollock-Gore RIP Michael Blakstad RIP

#### **Funeral Notices:**

Denise Howard RIP - Funeral Service at Chesil House, on Friday I<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm. Ada Dalton RIP – Funeral Mass at St Peter's Church, Winchester on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 12.15pm. Barbara Harwood RIP – Funeral Service at Test Valley Crematorium, Romsey, on Friday I5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

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



#### Last weekend - Stewardship Sunday - Pledge Cards

A huge thank you to those who have completed and sent back their pledge cards following last weekend's Stewardship Sunday appeal. We will ONLY make contact if you have asked us to. If you missed last weekend and would like to find out more, please visit the parish website <u>HERE</u> and click on the Stewardship Weekend logo or 'Support & Donate' for more details. We are enormously grateful for your generosity and continued support – THANK YOU!

#### Youth Sunday This weekend is the feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday!

The weekend is for us to celebrate all of our young people in the Church. Young people are invited to be present and involved at the Masses (specifically the 10:30am), so if you know a young person who might want to come, please let them know!

There will be a brief notice at the end of Mass to celebrate our Youth and to talk about how we can be more youth-focussed as a parish.



# Night Church Returns Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Why not come and join us with an evening of adoration, praise, encounter and healing? Night Church returns with a difference. We will begin with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be opportunities for worship and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), concluding with prayers for healing.

Night Church is an opportunity to encounter Our Lord, hear His word, spend time with Him, and experience the Father's love. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

#### ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 25th November 10.00-1.00 "Rivers of living water – being a channel of Jesus' blessing."

Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Russ Fairman.

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORENOV2023 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

**SVP Christmas cards** will be on sale after all Masses at **St Peters Church** this weekend (25<sup>th</sup> and 26th November).

Cash only would be appreciated'





#### THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE - RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE

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Deacon Martin's series on *The Holy Spirit in Scripture* is continuing. The recordings of <u>episode 1</u>, <u>episode 2</u>, <u>episode 3</u>, <u>episode 4</u>, and <u>episode 5</u>, plus copies of the presentations with links to Scripture texts, are available via <u>our parish YouTube</u> <u>site</u>, so you can view them in your own time. (You may need to expand the Description in the grey box under the title on YouTube, to get to the link with the PDF presentation documents).

The recordings and presentations can also be found via <u>our parish website</u> - scroll down the home page until you see the heading "The Holy Spirit in Scripture".

#### Last Opportunity to Visit Prayer Stations for Peace

Come and explore our prayer stations for peace. You'll find them dotted around St Peter's church from now **until Advent**. We hope they help everyone, of all ages, to pray creatively for peace in our world at this time when there are many conflicts.





#### CWL Soup & Pud Lunch at St Peter's.

The next Charity Lunch at St Peter's will be on **Friday 8th December**, and monies raised will be donated to **Winchester Salvation Army**. All are very welcome.

## **Bookshop Notice.**

On Advent Sunday, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards (including CAFOD cards) and Christmas Cribs will be on sale after 10.30am Mass at St Peter's at the back of Church and the Bookshop will be open after both the 8am and the 10.30am Masses at St Peter's; cash or cheque is preferred.

We have a good selection of Advent Calendars, Advent Booklets, Christmas Cards, Diaries and Bible Diaries, Bibles,



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Missals, Annual Missals, Alpha books, Prayerbooks, Rosaries, general books, crosses, small statues and gifts, as well as cards for all occasions and copies of the new encyclical "Laudate Deum".

Thank you for your support. Susan Henry.

#### Silent Weekend Retreat. Theme: 'Be Still My Soul'. Friday 8th - Sunday 10th December 2023.



Organised by Allegra Mutanda. Venue: Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism in Brentwood, Essex. We live hectic lives in a busy and noise-filled society and our spiritual lives can tend to mirror that rush. The call is for us to learn the 'art' of being still and to rest in God amidst everything else. This Advent retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time away with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. Includes times of Adoration, spiritual guidance & prayer ministry. We will hold silence from Friday evening after the first talk to Sunday morning just before the last session. For more information or to book, visit <u>https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/</u> or email <u>allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u>

Children's Advent Morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's. There will be a children's Advent morning at St Peter's church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is aimed at children from year R to year 5 and their parents. It will involve time for prayer, music, crafts and discussion (including something for the parents). The morning starts with Mass at 9am and will finish no later than 1pm, though we hope people will stay for a bring-and-share picnic lunch.

If you would like to come, we would be grateful if you could fill in this brief form.'

# Laudato Si Corner

#### Laudate Deum

Statements from bishops around the world are elevating this important teaching and fostering a sense of shared responsibility for God's creation. See our own Bishops' conference entry on Laudate Deum...

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/laudate-deum/?

Also you can read the whole Laudate Deum document at..

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html? Alternatively you can buy a copy in the Parish Centre bookshop.

**COP28** is coming soon! Go to the CAFOD website and click on **Get Involved** to find out what action you can take.

### St Stephen's Travelling Nativity

This Advent, Mary and Joseph are travelling with the little donkey to Bethlehem. On their way they are hoping to find a different inn to stay at every night. Could they come to stay at your house?

The Travelling Nativity will come to you for a night and then you are expected to pass them on to the next family. This is a lovely opportunity to explore the Advent story with your family and even meet other families to have a cup of tea/glass of wine, and pray together during Advent (although we know that people are busy so a get together is not always possible).

Please let me know if you would like any further information or to participate and I will add your family to the rota. If you would like to be added please send your name, email address, home address and a contact number by the 19 November. Your details will be shared with others participating in the travelling nativity, let us know if you have any concerns.

You can contact me on lidiaoterohickman1@gmail.com. Thank you. Lidia Otero

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



**Dear Parents** 

#### **Winchester University Graduation Choir**

The choir had a wonderful trip last Wednesday to sing at a University of Winchester graduation ceremony. The choir learnt two songs 'Bring light' and 'This is me' prior to the event. Dr Feldwick from the University Music Centre then came into school to run a fantastic workshop with the choir prior to their performance. The choir then sang to a packed cathedral to open the graduation ceremony. They all performed

beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors of St Peter's School! "It was so fun all singing out loud in one place. I also liked views of the stained glass windows. Everything was wonderful!" - Lemuel

"I loved the chance to sing in the cathedral. When we were singing, everyone in the audience was smiling" - Niamh

"It was the best feeling ever!" - Logan

Ollie said, 'It made me feel quite excited as it was a graduation. I had never seen one of those before. Maybe I would like to do that one day.' Autumn said, 'I enjoyed singing in front of a big audience. It was good doing something nice for other people.'













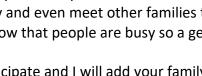






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We currently have vacancies for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and a Teaching Assistant in EYFS. Please see our website for further details: https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/

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.

Best wishes Louise Buxton (Miss) Headteacher

The Fusion Choir's Charity Christmas concert, led by Marie O'Brien, a parishioner, in aid of Home-Start is at St Paul's Church on 2nd December 2023 at 7.30pm. Get into the Christmas spirit by supporting this wonderful local charity! Tickets are £10.70 (includes booking fee) and are available from <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/home-start-winchester-districts">http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/home-start-winchester-districts</a>. [Apologies if you tried the link last week – there was a slight error, but it should be fine this week!]

Mass Timetable	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023				
Date	4	Mass Times & Intentions			
SATURDAY – November 25 <sup>th</sup> – St Catherine of	9.00 AM		James Heward RIP		
Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr, optional memorial.	9.00 AW	Mass at St Peter's	James Heward RIP		
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Burrell &		
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Oniverse - Vign	5.50 FIVI	Mass at St Peter s	O'Donoghue Families		
	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter McAulay RIP		
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish		
SUNDAY – November 26 <sup>th</sup> – OUR LORD JESUS	9.15 AM	FAMILY Mass at St Stephen's	Kathleen & Martin Gilligan RIP		
CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.	10.30 AM	FAMILY Mass at St Stephen's	Isabel Vilanova RIP		
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine		
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MONDAY Neversher 27th Faria	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Carlos Fernandes		
MONDAY – November 27 <sup>th</sup> – Feria.	12.15 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family		
TUESDAY – November 28 <sup>th</sup> – Feria.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Souls of Socorro Jacosta's Family		
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory		
WEDNESDAY – November 29 <sup>th</sup> – Feria.	10 00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Julia Cave		
THURSDAY – November 30 <sup>th</sup> – ST ANDREW, Apostle, feast.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer and concelebrating local priests.		
FRIDAY – December 1 <sup>st</sup> – Feria.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's			
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory		
SATURDAY – December 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Our Lady on	10.00 AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Closer to Christ Benefactors		
Saturday. First Sunday of Advent - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Marthe & Brigitte Vitoria RIP		
Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30ar					
Morning Prayer (livestream and open to publi To participate in any service online (including Mon ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FRO	ning Prayer	& Adoration) or to see the record			
		Useful Contacts			
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Volunteer Director of Communications: Lisa Justic					
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Newsletter (deadline for items Wednesday evening): <u>newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> Newsletter list: <u>hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 <u>admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk</u>					
St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email stm@	vstpeterswin	<u>cnester.org.uk</u>			
Vacancy for an Interim Finance Assist					

Part time: 21 hours per week [which can be structured on a flexible basis] for an expected period of three to six months.

Salary: £25-£30k FTE. Closing date for applications: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 12 Noon.

The parish is currently in the process of reorganising its staff team, which has created an immediate requirement for an experienced and suitably qualified Finance Assistant on a part-time, interim basis to cover the core, routine accounting and related requirements for an expected period of three to six months. The role covers all those tasks related to accurate and timely completion of the parish's Xero accounts each month to trial-balance stage. For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.