

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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5th November 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Heaven Spent - Handing Over Our Own Selves

Father Mark writes:

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus launches a fierce attack on the scribes and Pharisees:

“they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries [small leather boxes containing Hebrew texts, worn as a reminder to keep the law] broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.”

Contrast the lion, scribes and Pharisees with St. Paul in this weekend’s second reading:

“For you remember, brothers, our labour and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.”

The great St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, came not to be served but to serve. He didn’t want to be a burden but to bring blessing to the community. He wasn’t interested in what he could get **from** them (money or power or prestige) but in what he could do **for** them (offer them the life-changing, liberating, saving Gospel). So much so, that Paul told the Thessalonians:

“we were eager to hand over to you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

Paul and his companions loved this community so much that they held nothing back in spending themselves for their sake, just as Jesus had poured out his life for you and for me. Jesus is not mean but offers us everything: *This is my body, which will be given up for you...This is my blood, which will be poured out for you and for the many.* Paul does likewise.

The Church teaches that ministry in the Church must be characterised by service. This is true of the Pope, it is true of Bishops and it is true of priests. But it is also true of all of us who have any form of leadership in the Church, which includes catechists, ministry leaders, parents and all those of us (which means all of us) who have an influence on others (c.f. Rom 14:7). We are called to be servant leaders in a serving community.

The Church is a servant community in which the hungry are to be filled; the homeless to receive shelter; the sick to be cared for; the distressed consoled; and the oppressed set free, so that they may more fully realize their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God. Hence, the responsibility of all of us who are leaders in any way to have a spirit of humble service in thought, word and deed.

This also means that we need to return again and again to the source, to allow ourselves to be replenished by Christ, by the Sacraments, and filled with the Holy Spirit, in order to avoid ending up completely spent.

Mother Theresa (now St. Theresa of Kolkata), knew the importance of being “re-charged” spiritually:

“When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.”



The same Mother Theresa knew the importance of handing over not only the Gospel of God but also her own self. This poem was found written on the wall

of Mother Theresa’s home for children in Kolkata:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Bamenda

We have been very blessed in this parish by the ministry of Fr Anthony and now Fr Benedict, who have left their homes and families, as well as much that is familiar, to serve in our parish and to “hand themselves over” to us. I invite you this weekend to support generously our Bamenda Appeal, to help our twin diocese in the Cameroon and send grants to work in partnership with the people of Bamenda Archdiocese on a variety of projects. Your ongoing support is much appreciated! Whether or not you can support financially, please be generous with your prayers for the Archbishop, clergy and laity of Bamenda.



Stewardship Sunday

Sunday 19th November will be our parish “Stewardship Sunday”. It is first and foremost an opportunity for me to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our parish. In particular, I want to give thanks to all of you who give with great generosity to support our parish mission.

I will also be giving an opportunity to those of you who are new to the parish to join us in giving to the parish mission; as well as an opportunity for those of you who have not reviewed your giving amount for some years to consider whether it’s appropriate to do so.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) –

5th November 2023

Entrance Antiphon :

Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation.

First reading:

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 130

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Second reading:

St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel Acclamation:

1 S 3:9, Jn 6:68

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Changes to Masses in the Coming Week.

There is an additional Mass for Petercares at St Peter's at 10am on Tuesday 7th November.

The Annual Mass for the Bereaved will be at St Peter's at 7pm on Friday 10th November.

Mass of Remembrance – The annual Mass of Remembrance will be held in St Peter's Church on **Friday 10th November at 7pm**. This special mass allows those that have lost loved ones, especially but not exclusively over the last 12 months, a time to pray, remember and receive some comfort from the prayers offered for themselves and those they have lost. Refreshments will be available after the Mass. All are welcome, Please let the Parish Office know if you would like the name of the loved one you have lost to be read out during the prayers.



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 enter the season of remembrance for our departed loved ones, may our prayers for them to be now in the fullness of God's presence, bring us all closer to Christ, until together we see Him as He really is.



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

Kim Woodham RIP

Leslaw Wiszniewski RIP

Betty Rickets RIP

David Smith RIP

Denise Howard RIP

Funeral Notices:

Kim Woodham RIP – at **St Peter's Church, Winchester**, Funeral Service on **Tuesday 14th November at 2pm**.

David Smith RIP --at **The Garden Room, Chesil House**, Funeral Service on **Tuesday 14th November at 2.30pm**

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



Second Collection this weekend is for Bamenda Sunday

We are celebrating **Bamenda Sunday** in the Diocese on Sunday (5th November), giving thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda and for the ministry of their five priests serving in our Diocese; praying for our brothers and sisters in Bamenda and for the restoration of peace and justice in the region; and giving to our annual appeal to support projects in Bamenda in 2024, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link! Please read the annual Bamenda News for an update, which can be accessed on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/index.php>



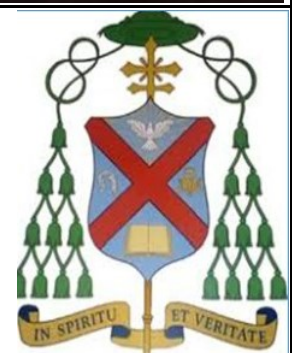
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Bamenda Sunday



Donations can be made via the Parish second collection, by "contactless" at the back of St Peter's and St Stephen's or online securely at:

<https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.phpm> where gift aid and standing order forms can also be downloaded and bank details can be found for direct transfers. If you already have gift aided your donations to Bamenda, please complete and submit a new form to address the change of name to CDP Bamenda Commission. Thank you for your generosity!

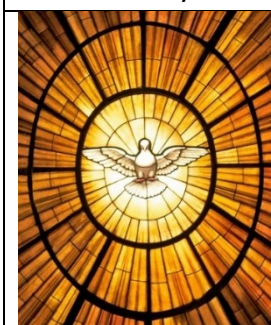


Annette Parr

Fr Mark would like to thank Annette Parr hugely for all that she has done over these past seven years as our Parish Finance and Property Manager. She has been a tremendous asset to the parish team, bringing great skills, knowledge and a caring and compassionate heart to all that she has done. Although we will miss her greatly, we wish her well as she begins in a new role in educational finance and keep her and Frank very much in our thoughts and prayers. Annette's last day will be Friday 17th November and I'm sure you'll join me in expressing our thanks to her.

Bookshop.

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



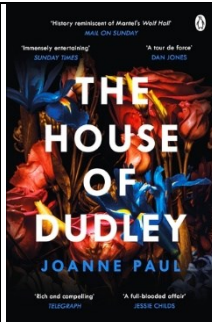
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE - RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE

Deacon Martin's series on *The Holy Spirit in Scripture* is continuing. The recordings of [episode 1](#), [episode 2](#), and [episode 3](#), plus copies of the presentations with links to Scripture texts, are available via [our parish YouTube site](#), 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 [our parish website](#) - scroll down the home page until you see the heading "The Holy Spirit in Scripture"..

Soup and Pud Lunch in aid of Basics Bank – Tuesday 7th November at St Gregory's at 12.30pm

Following the success of the lunch in July, the next Soup and Pud lunch in aid of the Basics Bank will be at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 7th November** from 12.30pm. Please do come and support this worthy cause.



Winchester Catholic History Society

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 November at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Jewry Street, SO23 8RY.

Our November lecture will follow immediately afterwards at 7.15 pm when Dr Joanne Paul will be speaking on her new book, *The House of Dudley*. Told for the very first time this is the shocking and extraordinary story of the most conniving and manipulative Tudor family you have never heard of!

New members and visitors most welcome. Enquiries win.cath.history@gmail.com

Laudato Si Corner



Pope Francis has written a new message calling for world leaders to tackle the climate crisis and make the most of the upcoming COP28 climate summit. Pope says in his message, called *Laudate Deum*, that leaders attending the COP28 talks in Dubai must put the interests of our global family first in the negotiations.

The Pope says the climate disasters we've seen in recent times show we're approaching "breaking point". He warns that we are running out of time to prevent even more tragic damage for communities that have contributed least to causing the crisis. He warns that people in communities on the frontline of the climate crisis will suffer the consequences if decision-makers fail to do so.

With COP28 starting at end November it's crucial MPs hear about the Pope's message. Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns> for a quick and easy way of sending the message to your MP.

Crosskeys Deadline for Christmas

The deadline for the Christmas edition of CrossKeys, the parish magazine, is Monday, 13 November. If you have an article or item of news or picture you would like to be included please send your submission to the editor, Brian Mustoe, at the following email address:

crosskeys@stpeterswinchester.org.uk as soon as possible.

Message from St Peter's School:



Dear Parents

Working with a local artist – Year 1

This week Year 1 had the privilege of working with a local artist, Clare Therese, as part of their art unit of work on drawing. Clare showed the children some of her prints, the materials that she uses to paint and draw with and demonstrated to the children how to complete an autumn drawing. The children drew their own autumn print and then used both watercolour paints and watercolour pencils to decorate them. All of the children enjoyed their art workshop and we are excited to carry on using what was learnt in our own art lessons.



We currently have a vacancy for 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

Hampshire Hospitals' Service of Reflection and Remembrance on Thursday 16 November 7pm, St Peter's Catholic Church, SO23 8RY

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust invites you to a service of Reflection and Remembrance in Winchester on **Thursday 16 November**. The service provides an opportunity to gather and remember loved ones who have died. The Winchester service will be held at **St Peter's Catholic Church**, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY. There is a service in Basingstoke at the same time.

Refreshments will be served after the service. If driving to the church, please use nearby car parks. The event is organised by the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's multi-denominational chaplaincy team.

Diocesan Vacancies

Permanent Full-time **IT Technician** - Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA. 35 hours per week; Salary: £22,000 per annum depending on skills and experience.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk: For an informal chat about the role please contact our IT Manager: itmanager@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **Closing Date: 6 November 2023 Interview Date: 15 November 2023.**

Permanent Full-time **Health and Safety Officer (H&S)**. Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA. 37 hours per week; Salary: £30,000 to £35,000 per annum depending on skills and experience.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: Pauline Clarke, Tel: 02394 216493 email: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk: Please note a covering letter must be provided with your application. **Closing Date: 10th November 2023.**

Permanent Full-time **SCHOOLS ESTATES MANAGER**. Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. PO1 3QA. 37 hours per week; Salary £50,000 - £60,000. To arrange an informal discussion about the role or request full job description and details of how to apply please contact: andy@pp-recruitment.com

Mass Timetable	4 th November 2023 – 11 th November 2023		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – November 4 th – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial. 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mrs Giles
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Hill Family.
SUNDAY – November 5 th - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter Whiteman RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	McManus Family
	10.30 AM	Family Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Kilroy & Whittaker Family
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Ukraine
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Catenian Association
MONDAY – November 6 th – Feria.	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Syzmanski RIP
TUESDAY – November 7 th – St Willibrord, Bishop.	10.00 AM	Petercares Mass at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Kitty & David Wade RIP
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Ramos & Sargaco Family
WEDNESDAY – November 8 th – Feria.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Alma Broom-Smith
THURSDAY – November 9 th – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Albert Edward Nott & Suzanne Marie Nott
FRIDAY – November 10 th – St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, memorial.	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of the Benefactors
SATURDAY – November 11 th – St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop, memorial. 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Kearney & Coote Families.

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.

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.

Useful Contacts

Clergy: Fr Mark Hogan (Parish Priest) (mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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Parish Music Team Leader: - Alastair Ross (aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

Housekeeper: Sarah Harfield (sharfield@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Finance and Property Manager: Annette Parr (annette@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Facilities and Resources Manager: Sean Reidy (sean@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Parish Administration Manager: Michaela Waterfield (michaela@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Sacristan: Laurie Howe Caretaker: Richard Phiri

Pastoral team – Baptism and First Holy Communion: Rosanne Walker (baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk), (FHC@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

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Outreach Ministry Lead: Mike Elks (mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Volunteer Director of Communications: Lisa Justice (ljustice@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

To get in touch with them, and for other general matters, please contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

PeterCares: petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk Prayerline: prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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

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

