

18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent - Year B

**Readings and antiphons:**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

**First reading:** Genesis 9:8-15

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 24:4-9. R. Cf. v.10

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant.

**Second reading:**

First Letter of St Peter 3:18-22

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Mt 4:4**

*R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Man does not live on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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**Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15

**Communion Antiphon:**

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Funerals and Deaths:**

**Hania Banyard RIP** – Funeral Mass at St Peter’s Church, 22nd February at 10.00am.

**Chloe Donnelly RIP**

**Joel Mutanda RIP**

**Barry Lawlor RIP**



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

**A Message from Fr Mark...**

**Listening to God’s Heart**

**– Stepping Forward in Faith**

And shortly after that they looked into a room that was quite empty except for one big wardrobe; the sort that has a looking-glass in the door. “Nothing there!” said Peter, and they all trooped out again - all except Lucy. She stayed behind because she thought it would be worthwhile trying the door of the wardrobe, even though she felt almost sure that it would be locked. To her surprise it opened quite easily, and two mothballs dropped out.

Looking into the inside, she saw several coats hanging up...She immediately stepped into the wardrobe and got in among the coats...she kept her arms stretched out in front of her so as not to bump her face into the back of the wardrobe. She took a step further in - then two or three steps - always expecting to feel woodwork against the tips of her fingers. But she could not feel it.

“This must be a simply enormous wardrobe!” thought Lucy, going still further in...Lucy then...saw that there was a light ahead of her; not a few inches away where the back of the wardrobe ought to have been but a long way off. Something cold and soft was falling on her. A moment later she found that she was standing in the middle of a wood at night-time with snow under her feet and snowflakes falling through the air.

Lucy felt a little frightened, but she felt very inquisitive and excited as well. She looked back over her shoulder and there, between the dark tree-trunks, she could still see the open doorway of the wardrobe...“I can always get back if anything goes wrong,” thought Lucy. She began to walk forward...

In these few paragraphs we find Lucy Pevensie entering the world of Narnia via the wardrobe in C.S. Lewis’ classic book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. She decides it would be worthwhile to take a step and then ventures further and further in until she finds herself emerging, a little frightened but very inquisitive and excited too...

That mixture of fear and curiosity and excitement are common to me whenever I find myself taking a step forward in faith towards or into something new. It might be something trivial, like the step onto a new rollercoaster ride, or something more substantial, like entering a meeting that I know will have a major impact on my life or that of others.

I feel all of these things too when I take a step forward in faith: when I sense the Lord is calling me deeper into something, even if I’m not sure what, when there is something, someone, who is encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone and into a place where I need to rely more on Him. I’ve heard it said that faith is spelt R.I.S.K. and risk-taking, for me at least, involves fear and curiosity and excitement...

**Read more of Fr Mark’s thought [here](#)...**

**Lent:**

**Stations of the Cross**

**St Peter’s** - 4pm every Sunday and 11:30am every Friday during Lent

**St Stephen’s** - 7pm every Monday

**St Thomas More** - 5:30pm every Friday.

**“Listening to God’s Heart” (Daily Messages)** - Lent is a wonderful opportunity for each and every one of us to grow in our faith and our relationship with the God who loves us. We’re inviting you to sign up for a daily email during Lent and Easter (from Ash Wednesday until Pentecost). You can sign up by filling in a [short form here](#) or calling the parish office.

**Lent 2024 - Small Groups** - Why not sign up for our Lenten Spiritual Campaign, *The Lectio Course* is a five session video series exploring the ancient practice of Lection Divina. It is a free small group resource from 24-7 Prayer which will equip us and the community we are to grow in prayer, discern God’s voice and fall in love with the Bible. To register click [here](#) or scan the QR code on the leaflets at the back of Church.

**Lenten Almsgiving Opportunities** - CAFOD family fast day Lent appeal (2nd Sunday of Lent) and CWP (5th Sunday of Lent).

**Lent for Families** - Each week, suggestions will be available on our website ([click here](#)) for how to live Lent more fruitfully as a family. These will include scripture reflections, Saints’ feast days, Lenten activities and suggestions for prayer.

**Vacancies/Volunteering:****Diocesan Vacancies**

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

**An Invitation to Young Musicians - St Stephen's**

The St Stephen's Players are a group of young musicians who play for the 9.15am mass at St Stephen's church on the second Sunday of each month. Players are contacted in advance of the Sunday monthly mass to determine availability. Music is then sent through, and a brief rehearsal takes place at 8.40am before the mass. For more information, please contact

**Emma Sharrock** through [Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Key Contacts:**

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our [website](#) or email [hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) to be directed to the correct person.

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(deadline for items for next weekend's newsletter is

**Wednesday evening)**

**Courses/Events:**

**Alpha Course** - Join us for a new journey of exploration and connection with our upcoming Alpha season, beginning on **Tuesday, 20th February**, at **7:30pm** at the **Pastoral Centre**. Over ten enriching weeks, we invite you to engage in meaningful conversations about faith, life, and God in a casual and welcoming atmosphere (hot meal included).

To register click [here](#) or email [alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Pies & Puds Lunch** It's time for our monthly pie lunch... on Wednesday 21st February at the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. We'll be serving home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives, and proper puddings with custard. Lunch, social time, and a talk about The Mary Rose. Everyone is made welcome, and you can come on your own or with a partner or friend. Booking is not necessary, but do contact [moirar@msn.com](mailto:moirar@msn.com) with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

**Winchester Catholic History Society** - The next meeting of the Winchester Catholic History Society will be on Wednesday 21 February at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre when Dr Simon Roffey will be speaking on his new book, 'An Archaeological History of Hermitages and Eremitic Communities in Medieval Britain and Beyond'. New members most welcome, Visitors £7 on the evening. All enquiries please email [win.cath.history@gmail.com](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com).

**Night Church - 23rd February** - To begin Pope Francis' 'Year of Prayer', Night Church is returning with a special focus on prayer. We will start 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.

**Portsmouth Diocese Don Bosco Reunion** - We are holding a Bosco Experience/Reunion on Sunday 25 February 2024 from 2 to 4pm at St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RY. This is for boys currently in year 6 up to year 11. A chance for new boys who want to find out more and for those who have been on camp to meet with old friends. Fun activities and a chance for parents to find out more and sign up for camp. Booking is essential. To find out more please email: [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**The Winchester Camerata** - conducted by Fr Andrew Moore, is giving a concert in aid of Winchester Bereavement Support at St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill, SO22 5AB on **Sunday 25th February at 7.00 p.m.** The programme "*An Evening in Paris*" consists of music by French composers from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Tickets £20 on the door or from [ticketsource.co.uk/winchcamerata](http://ticketsource.co.uk/winchcamerata).

**CWL Soup & Pud Lunch** at St Peter's. The next CWL Charity Lunch, in the Pastoral Centre, will be on Friday 1st March, 12-1.30pm, all are very welcome to come along and enjoy delicious home cooked food, suggested donation £7 (in aid of BOAZ).

**Southern Voices celebrate 40 in Style** - Southern Voices launch their ruby anniversary season on **23 March** in the Chapel of St Cross at 7.30pm. The celebration starts with *Spem in alium* by Thomas Tallis, a majestic work, written to impress the court of Queen Elizabeth 1. The piece requires eight choirs, each with 5 voice parts. The choir will stand surrounding the audience and numbers will be boosted with past members of the choir. Booking is essential and tickets are now on sale. You can find out more information and buy tickets on the website: [southernvoices.co.uk](http://southernvoices.co.uk). (Registered charity 1086868)

**Bookshop** - In addition to our usual stock, we have a selection of Lent booklets and cards for St Patrick's Day and Easter (with more on order). For the Year of Prayer, we have several copies of the book "Heaven on Earth" which includes a chapter by Allegra Mutanda. We are open weekdays during office hours and payment by cheque or cash is appreciated. Many thanks, Susan Henry

**Laudato Si Corner**

In celebration of our Parish Centenary, we would like to consider becoming an ECO Church by assessing practical actions to improve our environmental profile. This looks at four main areas for actions: **Buildings**- How thermally efficient are they, do they use a green energy source? **Community & Global engagement** - campaigning, links to environmental bodies, sources of food, keeping informed. **Lifestyle** - Carbon footprints, waste reduction, green activism. **Land** - Uses, environmental friendliness.


If you have some ideas, then let us know! Contact the Parish Office and ask them to pass your ideas onto our Parish Laudato si' Group.

**Prayer Corner**

**This Week's Intention:** Let us pray that on our Lent journey, our parish family may revitalise its connection with God through prayer, listening to Him and supporting and encouraging each other to do the same.



 Additions during Lent

 Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Church Timetable	17th - 24th February 2024		
<b>Saturday 17th February</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Beatrice Hew Thompson
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	<i>Confession's at St Peter's</i>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Alfreida O'Donoghue RIP
<b>Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Gillielmi Meader
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More	Peace in the World
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Kate, Ann & James Kelly RIP & Family Members
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<i>4:00PM</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross at St Peter's</i>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Carole Embrey RIP
<b>Monday 19th February Of the first week of Lent</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	Souls in Purgatory
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
	<i>7:00PM</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's</i>	
<b>Tuesday 20th February Of the first week of Lent</b>	<i>6:30AM</i>	<i>Mass at St Peter's - During Lent</i>	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Birdie Grimes RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Marie Fry RIP
<b>Wednesday 21st February St Peter Damian, optional memorial</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Dead in Cemeteries
<b>Thursday 22nd February The Chair of St Peter, Feast</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	Souls in Purgatory
	<i>10:00AM</i>	<i>Funeral Mass for Hania Banyard at St Peter's</i>	
<b>Friday 23rd February St Polycarp, optional memorial</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<i>11:30AM</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross at St Peter's</i>	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Edmund Nicholson
	<i>5:30PM</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross at St Thomas More</i>	
	<i>7:00PM</i>	<i>Night Church Mass and Adoration</i>	
<b>Saturday 24th February of the first week of Lent</b>	<i>10:00AM</i>	<i>Mass at Winchester Cathedral</i>	<i>The Soul of Mrs Gibbs</i>
	<i>11:00AM - 12:00PM</i>	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls