

3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

Readings and antiphons:

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 24: 15-16.

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6.68

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second reading:

Letter from St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 11:25,26

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

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, Whoever believes in me will never die.

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

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Funerals and Deaths:

Joel Mutanda RIP

Emilia Nahajski RIP



James Walker RIP

Claire Bryant RIP - Funeral Mass at St Peter's, Monday 18th March 10am.

Maria Jose Fernandes RIP - Funeral Mass at St Peter's, 21st March at 12:30pm

Annabelle Daily RIP

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

Baptisms:

*Please pray for **Tom, Charlotte,** and all candidates who are preparing to be Baptised, Confirmed, or received into the Church this Easter.*



A Message from Fr Mark...

Listening to God's Heart and Becoming God's Mobile Home

In our Gospel this weekend, according to St. John, the emphasis is not so much on the cleansing of the Temple as on the replacement of the Temple.

The Temple in Jerusalem was the place where God lived. It was God's house. When Jesus arrives on the scene, the Temple is no longer to be seen as important. This is an extremely bold claim. Jesus's promise of a new Temple suggested that God's glory would be made known not in a building, but in a Person, in Himself.

"But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body."

By the end of the first Christian century, whenever Christians heard the word Temple, they no longer thought of the destroyed stone building which Solomon had originally constructed and Herod had reconstructed. Instead, they thought of the risen Jesus: the Temple which had been destroyed and raised up again in three days. Jesus had replaced and superseded everything the Temple had formerly symbolised.

Jesus is God's perfect dwelling place and the gateway between earth and heaven. Where Jesus is, heaven is opened. This means that the channels of communication between heaven and earth are opened up too. Jesus can clearly hear the voice of his heavenly Father and the rivers of the Holy Spirit's flow freely through him. Jesus is the perfect channel of the Holy Spirit. God is able to pour out his Love, Mercy, Peace, Healing, etc. onto the world, through Jesus. As a result, people are amazed.

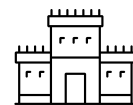
So, we have the Temple in Jerusalem superseded by Jesus, the Living Temple. But it doesn't end there, because through baptism, we are members of Christ's body. This means that you and I are temples of the Holy Spirit in Christ The Temple.

I am a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. You are a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We see this in the Scriptures: Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19)

This means that wherever you are, in Christ, heaven is opened and the channels of communication between heaven and earth are opened up too. In Christ, you too can come to clearly hear the voice of your heavenly Father. It also means that, in Christ, the rivers of the Holy Spirit's flow are opened up and you become a channel of the Holy Spirit. Not by your own efforts or holiness, but through your identity in Christ, God is able to pour out his Love, Mercy, Peace, Healing, etc. onto the world. The more we are able to remain in Christ the Temple, the more clearly we can listen to his voice, and the more people around us, even here in Winchester, or wherever we are, will be amazed by God's Presence made visible.

In Christ, you and I replace the Temple, and become God's mobile home. Isn't that amazing..?



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

St Gregory's - 5:30pm every Sunday

"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.

Lenten Almsgiving Opportunities - Family Fridays **donate-a-plate** appeal (this weekend 3rd 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>

Can you offer your Time, Talent and Treasure?

Treasure: *Family Fridays* is one of our latest parish initiatives under the arm of the outreach ministry. **DONATE-A-PLATE – Just £5 per person per week** covers the cost of a hot main meal with pudding as well as activities for children. Family Fridays supports families with school aged children through fellowship, friendship and by sharing a meal together.

Time and Talent: Alongside Family Fridays, there are many other outreach ministries serving our parish. For more information on these, pick up a leaflet after Mass or see the attachment to this weeks newsletter.

Key Contacts:

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

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(deadline for items for next weekend's newsletter is

Wednesday evening)

Courses/Events:

Thank you! To our choir who sung beautifully at our Cathedral Mass last Saturday. The choir at St Peter's are led by our Music Lead, Alastair Ross, and practise weekly at St Peter's Pastoral Centre/Milner Hall on a **Thursday evening 5pm-6.30pm**. They are currently rehearsing for the Triduum!

If you'd like to join, or know someone who might, please email Alastair (aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or come along on a Thursday evening! *All are welcome.*

Last Call to Join the Alpha Course!

This weekend is your final opportunity to sign up for this season's Alpha course at St Peter's. Ideal for anyone curious about life, faith, or both, Alpha is a place to explore such questions in a friendly and welcoming environment. We kick off each session with a hot meal, followed by an engaging talk, and wrap up with group conversations where every question is welcome.

This week, we're tackling the profound question: **'Why did Jesus die?'** It promises to be an insightful evening filled with meaningful dialogue.

So, if you're on the fence about joining, let this be your gentle nudge. Come and find out for yourself what Alpha can offer. We're excited to embark on this journey with you.

Reserve your place by booking here: <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha/>
See you there!

Mass for Healing This year's 1st Mass for Healing will be at St Peter's Church on **Saturday 9th March at 2pm**. All are welcome whether, or not, they are weary from physical, emotional or spiritual sickness. If you know of someone who may wish to attend, please let them know. And if you can help them attend by offering to bring them, please do so.

Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after the service. **Please spread the word...**

For more information, please email svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk All are welcome.

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 I. 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. (Registered charity 1086868)

Quay of Sea Concert - Sunday 24th March at 11.15am in the Milner Hall.

Tickets £15.00 available by telephone: 01962 855060. Proceeds to the Ellen Mede Charity

St George Catholic College Alumni Reunion - 3-5 pm Sunday 28th April 2024

Did you attend or work at St George Catholic College in the 1960s, 70s or 80s?

To celebrate the school's recent outstanding Ofsted report, we are inviting past pupils and staff in the 60s, 70s or 80s to join us for a reunion afternoon tea and cakes and a tour of the school. Please spread the word and save the date!

Email Jeanine Bonavia at jbnavia@stgcc.co.uk or call [023 8067 0104](tel:02380670104) to book a place by Friday, 26th April, so we know the numbers attending. All welcome.

New Digital Skills for Beginners Course

Starting Friday 8th March 10am - 2pm at The Winchester Club, Highfield Lodge, Worthy Lane, Winchester, SO23 7AB. Please email RCS Admin at rcsserviceseducation@gmail.com or call [01264359223](tel:01264359223)

Bookshop - We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses, books and cards for Lent and Easter, as well as gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Open weekdays during office hours. Thanks for your support, Susan Henry

Laudato Si Corner

Noah and the Great Flood. Jesus entering the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. The Hebrews led by Moses through the desert in the Book of Exodus, which provides our first reading for this Sunday. It is not hard to relate to the Lenten readings in a world affected by climate change. Even in the UK, unexpectedly hot summers have been followed by severe winter storms. This pattern is worldwide. The news is full of stories of natural disasters. A billion people are under threat from further desertification. As we walk in the desert with Jesus on our Lenten journey, let us pray for the healing of our world. We look forward with hope to Easter and to the promise of renewal that it brings.

**Prayer Corner**

This Week's Intention: Let us pray that as we journey together during Lent, we will focus on using our gifts by spending our time and talents serving others and bring them closer to Christ in hope and joy.



● Additions during Lent

● Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Church Timetable	24th February - 2nd March 2024		
Saturday 2nd March <i>Of the third week of Lent</i> Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Maggie Prendergast
Sunday 3rd March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Hania Banyard RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Jack Kilroy RIP
	10:30AM	Family Mass at St Peter's	Eidy Jimenez RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	4:00PM	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter Connelly RIP
	5:30PM	Stations of the Cross at St Gregory's	
Monday 4th March <i>St Casimir - optional memorial</i>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Patrick Campbell RIP
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's	
Tuesday 5th March <i>Of the third week of Lent</i>	6:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Rose Lynch & Anna Salley & Family
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of the Stainer Family
Wednesday 6th March <i>Of the second week of Lent</i>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer (Priest of Winchester) & concelebrating local Priests
Thursday 7th March <i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity - optional memorial</i>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Michal Symanski RIP
Friday 8th March <i>St John of God - optional memorial</i>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	11:30AM	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The soul of Patrick B McCall & Family
	5:30PM	Stations of the Cross at St Thomas More	
Saturday 9th March <i>St Frances of Rome - optional memorial</i> Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent	9AM	Mass at St Peter's	Sindisiwe Mlotshwa Special Intention
	9:30AM - 12:00PM	Extended Confessions at St Peter's	
	2:00PM - 3:00PM	Mass For Healing at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Maggie Prendergast

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.