

17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

**Readings and antiphons:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 42:1-2.  
*Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a  
nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning  
rescue me,  
For you, O God, are my strength.*

**First reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Ps 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v.12  
A pure heart create for me, O God.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Jn 12:26  
**R. Glory to you, O Christ, you are  
the Word of God!**  
*If a man serves me, says the Lord,  
he must follow me;  
wherever I am, my servant will be  
there too.*  
**R. Glory to you, O Christ, you are  
the Word of God!**

**Gospel:** John 12:20-30

**Communion Antiphon:**  
Jn. 12:24  
*Amen, Amen I say to you:  
Unless a grain of wheat falls to  
the ground and dies, it remains a  
single grain.  
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*



**Funerals and Deaths:**

**Emilia Nahajski 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

**Mary Prosser RIP** - Funeral Mass at  
St Peter's, 23rd March at 2pm

**Margaret Mackey RIP**



**Richard Phirrie 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 Confirmed and/or  
received into the Church this  
Easter.*



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

**Jesus: Freely Loving Obedience**

There is a time-honoured story about an old farmer who was persuaded by his nephew to visit the big city. The young man proudly took the farmer on a tour of the metropolis. At one point, as they walked down the street, the old man suddenly stopped and asked, "Did you hear that?" The young man looked at the pedestrians milling about and all the traffic and he replied, "Hear what?" "A cricket," the old man said as he walked toward a little tuft of grass growing out of a crack next to a tall building. Sure enough, there tucked in the crack, was a cricket. The young man was amazed.



"How could you pick up the sound of a cricket in all this noise?" he asked. The old farmer didn't say a word and just reached into his pocket, pulled out a couple of coins and dropped them on the pavement. Immediately, several people began to reach for their pockets or look down at the pavement. The old man observed, "We hear what our ears are trained to hear." Many people are so preoccupied with their daily tasks that they rarely listen to those around them.

Today's Gospel presents a few Greek visitors who came to the Apostles, eager to meet and listen to Jesus. And Jesus tells them that he must be obedient to his Father, even to the point of death.



Jesus had trained his ears to listen to the heart of his Father. Jesus knows that he will soon die but he chooses quite freely to obey His will, offering his life out of love for his Father and out of love for you and me. Jesus then urges us to do the same. All for the glory of God.

During this season of Lent, many of us have been choosing freely to slow down to listen for and to the voice of God. It's been a wonderful journey that we've shared through our Lectio Divina Groups and daily messages, and in other ways. We've made a conscious decision to set aside the busy-ness, even if only for a short while, and to create space to practise listening to God's heart. It's been a privilege to witness people, normal people like you, discovering that God really does speak to us and that we really can hear him, if we pay attention, if we train our ears.

Wouldn't it be amazing if, not only in Lent but throughout the year, all of us here were listening with trained ears to hear the voice of God? If the agenda of my life was set not by myself, nor by other people, but by God. Slowly but surely, our true self would be revealed, and we could begin dropping those masks we wear and be true to ourselves. Admittedly, it would mean dying like the grain of wheat.

As Thomas Merton put it:  
*"In order to become myself I must  
cease to be what I always wanted to  
be".*  
But in doing so, we would yield a rich harvest of freely-given, obediently-offered, life-transforming, sacrificial love.  
All for the glory of God.

**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** - Last week was Clergy Assistance Fund (4th Sunday of Lent) - This week - Covenant With the Poor (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.

**Courses/Events:**

**Winchester Catholic History Society** - The next meeting of the Winchester Catholic History Society will be held on **Wednesday 20th March at 7.00pm** at **Winchester College** when Professor Gerard Kilroy will be speaking on Cardinal Pole. Visitors most welcome. **£7 on the evening.** All enquiries to [win.cath.history@gmail.com](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com)

**Pies & Puds lunch event Wed 20th March:** Our monthly pie lunch will be on **Wednesday 20th March** 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 local charity Friends of the Family, befriending children in need of support. Everyone is made welcome. There is no booking or commitment necessary, but do contact [moirar@msn.com](mailto:moirar@msn.com) with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

**CWL Meeting:** The next CWL meeting is on **Thursday 21st March** in the Pastoral Centre, arrive for **4pm** to start at **4.30pm.** All ladies welcome.

**Join Night Church on March 22 for a Special Prayer Event**

You are invited to Night Church on Friday, March 22, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Here's what we've got planned: 7:00PM: Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for confession, 8:40PM: Eucharistic healing procession, during which we'll each receive a personal blessing from Jesus in the monstrance. Let's come together for a peaceful evening of prayer, adoration, reconciliation, and healing, in preparation for Holy Week.

**CWL Soup & Pud Lunch at St Peter's.** The next CWL Charity Lunch, in the Pastoral Centre, will be on Friday 5th April and will be in aid of the RNLI. The RNLI is celebrating its centenary this year and we wish to support those volunteering on the Lifeboats around the British Isles. All are very welcome to come along and enjoy delicious home cooked food, 12-1.30pm. Suggested donation £7.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated at St Peter's on **Sunday 7th April at 3pm** with Mass in honour of the Feast of Divine Mercy. The celebration will include the Chaplet of Devine Mercy and Veneration of the Image. In honour of The Feast a Plenary Indulgence will be granted to all who celebrate it, who fulfil the usual conditions of receiving the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion and who offer prayers for the Pope's intentions. There will be refreshments in the Pastoral Centre after the Mass and all are welcome.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection** on Saturday 13 April 2024 from 1pm-4:30 pm at St Mary's RC Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**Key Contacts:**

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

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(deadline for items for next weekend's newsletter is

**Wednesday evening)**

**Holy Water**

Following the blessing of the holy water at the Easter Vigil, parishioners are encouraged to bring their bottles and refill them from the vat by the sacristy door at St Peter's

**Appeals/Giving:****Second Collection this week is for Covenant With the Poor (CWP)**

This Lent, Covenant with the Poor is asking for your support for a school in Andhra Pradesh, India, which is run by the Sisters of St. Lucy (who used to run the nursery school here, when they lived in the White House). There will be speakers at most Masses. Appeal flyer and payment details, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

**Last week's second collection - The Clergy Assistance Fund** - The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for the Clergy Team, responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy. It looks after the junior clergy, the overseas clergy and especially the retired clergy. On-line donations can be made by using this [link](#)

**Easter Sunday Collection** traditionally supports our Parish Priests, in recognition for all the dedication, care and guidance they give across our Parish. There are several ways that you can make an offering: via the **card reader** at the back of church, **loose cash or cheques** in the collection basket (**please make cheques out to "CDP St Peter and Winchester Martyrs"** with "Easter Offering" on the reverse), or via **bank transfer** to the main Parish Account: *Account name: CDP St Peter & Winchester Martyrs Parish, sort code: 30-93-04, Account number: 00890996, Reference: "Easter Offering"*. If you are a UK tax payer and wish to **Gift-Aid** your offering, please use the envelopes available in the pews.

**Diocese launches FREE Will Scheme** To mark national Free Wills Month, the Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to easily write or update a basic simple or mirror Will for free.

To find out more please email: **Alasdair Akass** (Head of Communications and Fundraising): [aakass@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aakass@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Laudato Si Corner**

Beauty for Franciscan theologians and philosophers is the ultimate and most intimate knowing of God. Saint Bonaventure and Blessed John Duns Scotus teach that the beauty and diversity of creation nourish us through suffering and loss. When we've run out of purpose, when memories of war sicken us, when Earth is attacked with unparalleled savagery for coal, gas, oil and profit, when poverty runs rampant and extreme wealth for very few soars, when friends betray us, and everyone we love lives far away ... then, still Beauty endures, and helps us make it through.

**Prayer Corner**

**This Week's Intention:** Let us pray for those suffering from physical, mental or spiritual health issues, that our Mass for Healing and all our ministry to the sick reached out to help them, bringing them closer to Christ through our community.



● Additions during Lent

● Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Church Timetable	16th March - 23rd March 2024		
<b>Saturday</b> <b>16th March - of the 4th week of Lent</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
<b>5th Sunday of Lent - Vigil</b>	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Bernard & Cedric Allen RIP
<b>Sunday</b> <b>17th March</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Kate, Ann & James Kelly RIP & family members
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Dick Robson
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	4:00PM	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Mary Wheble
	5:30PM	Stations of the Cross at St Gregory's	
<b>Monday</b> <b>18th March</b> <b>St Cyril of Jerusalem, Optional memorial</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	In honour of St Joseph
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19th March</b> <b>St Joseph, Solemnity</b>	6:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	In honour of St Joseph
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Joe Kelly
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>20th March</b> <b>Of the fifth week of Lent</b>	<del>8:00AM - 9:00AM</del>	<del>Morning Prayer then Adoration</del>	
	<del>10AM</del> 12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
<b>Thursday</b> <b>21st March</b> <b>Of the fifth week of Lent</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mark Herbich RIP
<b>Friday</b> <b>22nd March</b> <b>Of the fifth week of Lent</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer then Adoration	
	<del>10AM</del>	<del>Mass at St Gregory's</del>	
	11:30AM	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter Warren RIP
<b>Saturday</b> <b>23rd March</b> <b>St Turibius of Mogrovejo, optional memorial</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	William Tobias McCall & Family
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's

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.

# **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES - 2024**

## **ST PETER'S - WINCHESTER**

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

7:00PM - RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

7:30PM - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

9:45AM - FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS  
12:00PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
3:00PM - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY  
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

9:00AM - OFFICE OF READINGS AND MORNING PRAYER  
12:00PM - POLISH BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD  
7:00PM - EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY  
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

8:00AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS  
10:30AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS  
5:30PM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS

## **ST STEPHEN'S - WINCHESTER**

GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

9:45AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY  
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

9:15AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS

## **ST THOMAS MORE'S - STOCKBRIDGE**

GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

5:30PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY  
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

9:00AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS

## **ST GREGORY'S - ALRESFORD**

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

8:00PM - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

3:00PM - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY  
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

8:00PM - EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY  
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

11:00AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS