

7th April 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (of Divine Mercy) - Year B

**Readings and antiphons:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** 1 P 2:2.  
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading:**  
Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v.1  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Second reading:**  
1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 20:29**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**  
John 20:19-31

**Communion Antiphon:**  
**Cf. Jn 20:27**  
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**Funerals and Deaths:**

**Mrs Vernon Bruce RIP** - Requiem Mass at St Peter's on Tuesday 30th April at 2:30PM

**Margaret Mackey RIP**

**Richard Phirrie RIP**

**Janett Finn RIP**

**Canon Peter Wilkie RIP**

**Yvonne Morris RIP**

**Patricia Ross RIP**



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

**Baptisms:**

Welcome to Joseph O'Brien who was baptised on Easter Sunday at St Peter's. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.



**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.

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

**Lord Teach Us to Pray  
Forgive Us Our Trespasses as We  
Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us**

God longs to heal the wounds in our hearts and souls that have been caused not only by our own sins, but also those that have been caused by the sins of others. When our hearts get hurt and broken, we have a Father who longs to heal us and to bring us hope and to mend us up again.

Forgiveness is essential to our inner healing and freedom. We need Divine Mercy, the Healing Love of God. This is not just us asking God to forgive us (of course, that's essential and that's why our Penitential Rite at Mass and the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation, as well as our own frequent pleas for mercy, are so important). We are also asking God's grace to help us forgive others.

Forgiveness is a BIG topic. I'm going to share 5 different lies about forgiveness, things that the enemy wants us to believe about forgiveness. A lot of people who don't forgive choose not to because they don't understand what forgiveness is or because they've bought into various lies about forgiveness. It's not an exhaustive list but I'm hoping this will help you better to understand and seek forgiveness.

**5 Lies of Unforgiveness**

**Forgiveness means lowering my defences so that I will be hurt again**

This lie tries to convince me that if I forgive then I'm going to be hurt again. But this is a lie. While forgiveness does involve the vulnerability of sometimes feeling the pain, forgiveness does not mean putting yourself in the position to be hurt by someone else again.

Forgiveness is a release of someone from the debt owed to you or someone that you love.

**Forgiveness means condoning what happened**

This lie says, "If I forgive them, then they're just going to get away with it. They can pretend it was OK and therefore they can go and do it again". But in truth, forgiveness presupposes that what they did is wrong.

**Forgiveness means I need to be reconciled with the offender**

Forgiveness is not two-sided. Your forgiveness does not require the other person to do anything and it does not require reconciliation or friendship. Trust needs to be earned. There might be someone that is not safe to be reconciled with, or someone that doesn't want to be reconciled with us.

**I need to feel like forgiving in order to forgive**

Of course, if you've been really hurt, and you have a false understanding what forgiveness is, then it's unlikely you're going to feel like forgiving. The most important part about forgiveness, and the part that's liberating for us, is to recognise that forgiveness is a decision of the will. It's not about feeling at all.

**Forgiveness presupposes I must have hard feelings toward the one who hurt me**

We can sometimes minimise the need to forgive because we don't recognise how much we've been hurt. Sometimes we simply need to say to someone who's been hurt, "What happened to you was wrong. That should never have happened to you". It's not that we're trying to judge the person that did it or get them to hate the person. But helping someone to forgive often means helping them to discover that this particular thing that happened to them was wrong in the first place.



**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 Divine 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.

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**Vacancies/Volunteering:**

**Vacancy for a Deputy Headteacher at St Peter's School**

- We currently have a vacancy for a Deputy Headteacher.

Please see our website for further details:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

Please note: the closing date is 15th April 2024.

**Diocesan Vacancies**

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

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



**Key Contacts:**

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our **website**:

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**Prayer Corner**

**This Week's Intention:**

Let us pray for those taking part in the Alpha Holy Spirit Day, that they will be open to the experience and the presence of the Holy Spirit at work as they open their hearts to his gifts.



**Courses/Events:**

**Cake sale & chocolate tombola at St Gregory's - Sunday 7th April after the 11am Mass.**

Contributions of cakes on the day would be very welcome. If any parishioners have too much chocolate left over from Easter; please could you donate it for the tombola. A box of will be left in the porch for contributions.

Many thanks, Imelda Simons.

**St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub** - takes place every Wednesday from 10.00 - 12.00 in the Pastoral Centre and has been welcoming people from overseas for nearly two years. We would like to extend our hospitality to all in the Parish that would like to come in for a chat and refreshments. There is no need to let us know you are coming, we will be ready to welcome you.

**The Warm Hub** - runs before the Welcome Hub, we serve light breakfast at 9AM. We look forward to seeing you - please spread the word...

**Soup & Pud Lunch at St Gregory's (St George's Day)**

A Date for your diaries! For the Soup and Pud Lunch at St Gregory's on Tuesday 23rd April, 2024, from 1200 noon until 2.00pm, in aid of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Homemade food. Dietary requirements catered for. Please come and support.

**CWL Soup & Pud Lunch at St Peter's**

A Date for your diaries! The next Soup and Pud Lunch at St Peter's on Friday 3rd May 2024 from 12 noon until 1.30pm, in aid of **Samaritans**. Homemade food. Dietary requirements catered for. Please come and support. Suggested donation £7.

**ANDOVER CHAMBER CHOIR - EASTER CONCERT 13 APRIL 2024 at ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ANDOVER AT 7.30 pm.**

Musical Director, Andrew Wyndham said "We will be singing Faure's beautiful and ever popular Requiem. Completed in 1890, Faure's setting has been a favourite with choirs and audiences ever since." The first half of the concert is a 'Patchwork Mass' which will be made up of contrasting settings from different composers including Byrd, Palestrina and Bruckner.

Proceeds from this event will be going to the Andover charity 'Finding Freedom from Abuse' a charity committed to supporting women, men, children and young people who have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and abuse. Tickets at £10 (in advance) include interval refreshments and are available from The Lights, Andover (online and in person), Newbury Building Society, Andover and choir members. They will be £12 at the door. Under-16s will be admitted free. Further information: Veronica Bacon, 01264 771285, [www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk).

**Alton Day of Renewal ADoRE retreat invitation 27 April 2024**

On April 27th there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat that will explain in more depth how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are made available to all baptised people and it is our privilege and responsibility to use them ("to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." - 1 Cor. 12:7).

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 27th April "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Kristina Cooper. Please register for the 9.30-1.00 Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024](http://bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024) or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com).

**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 [jbonavia@stgcc.co.uk](mailto:jbonavia@stgcc.co.uk) or call 023 8067 0104 to book a place by Friday, 26th April, so we know the numbers attending. All welcome.

**Southern Voices - Come & Sing!**

Southern Voices are inviting local singers to come and sing with them in a choral workshop as part of their 40th Anniversary Season on Saturday 4th May, St. Paul's Church, Winchester, SO22 5AB

The workshop costs £20 (£10 for those 21 and under) including music; please buy your tickets at <https://www.southernvoices.co.uk/ComeAndSing> Car parking is limited at the church; please use nearby Winchester car parks and allow time to walk to the church.

Don't be shy, come and sing with us - we really look forward to seeing you there!

**Laudato Si Corner**

After the Easter services and celebrations, and amidst the signs of spring emerging, the Laudato Si Group have been working on their actions in the coming months.

- Look out for: Walk to School week:-
- 20th to 24th May;
  - Clean Air Day on 20th June;
  - Talk on Laudato Deum and COP 28 at the Parish Centre (date tbc)
  - Winchester Green week from 23rd to 27th September.

Lord,

Strengthen our Faith, and let us never lose hope So that together we may rise up, responding to the urgent call Of your people and all of creation, **Amen.**



Church Timetable	6th April - 13th April 2024		
<b>Saturday</b> <b>6th April</b> <b>Within Octave of Easter</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Jack and Teresa Laisley
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
<b>Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) - Vigil</b>	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Rachael Ward RIP
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7th April</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Laura Elliott's 80th Birthday
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Josephine Rae RIP
	3:00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Mass at St Peter's</b>	In Thanksgiving for & in honour of the Feast of Divine Mercy
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Anne Wheble
<b>Monday</b> <b>8th April</b> <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity</b> (transferred)	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Peter & Kathleen Cook
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9th April - of 2nd Week of Easter</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Intentions of Maria
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Deceased Members of the FUMANI family
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>10th April - of 2nd Week of Easter</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Tim & Helen Casey
<b>Thursday</b> <b>11th April - St Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr, memorial</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Repose of the Soul of Mary Agnes Flynn
<b>Friday</b> <b>12th April - of 2nd Week of East</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b> <b>13th April - St Martin, Pope &amp; Martyr, optional memorial</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter - Vigil</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Esther Campbell
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Zawa & Lyanda's Thanksgiving Mass

**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.**