

14th April 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

Readings and antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 65:1-2.
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading:
Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 4:2,4,7,9. R. v.7
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.

Second reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Cf, Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Communion Antiphon: Lk 24:35
The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Funerals and Deaths

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

Yvonne Morris RIP - Funeral Service at The Chesil Suite, Chesil House on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 2:15pm

Richard Phirrie RIP

Janett Finn RIP

Canon Peter Wilkie RIP

Patricia Ross RIP

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



Prayer Corner

This Week's Intention:
Let us pray that we will make room in our lives to be the kind of people who can pray simply, at any time and in any place, so that we may become closer to Christ in hope and joy.



A Message from Fr Mark...

Pray Like This – Our Father, Encounter with the Risen Jesus and Receiving the Spirit

Our Father
The disciples of Jesus wanted to know how to pray, and so they asked Him: "Lord, teach us to pray". And Jesus said, "Pray like this..." and he gave them as their model what we call the 'Lord's Prayer', or the 'Our Father'. Pope Francis is very strong on this need for us to say "Father":

"Let us take heed: if I am not able to say "Father" to God, I am not capable of prayer. We must learn to say "Father", that is, to place ourselves in his presence with filial trust. But to be able to learn, we must humbly recognize that we need to be taught, and to say with simplicity: 'Lord, teach me to pray'."

We need to recognise that this can be difficult for those who have earthy fathers or parents who have treated them badly or neglected or abandoned them. Much healing is often needed.

"Human fathers and mothers often distort the image of a kind, fatherly God. Our Father in heaven, however, is not the same as our experience of earthly parents. We must purify our image of God from all inadequate ideas so as to be able to encounter him with unconditional trust". (C.f. Catechism, 2779)

So, in prayer, which is a turning of the heart toward God, entering into a living relationship with God, we need first to be humble, to recognise ourselves as children, to rest in the Father, to trust in him, to have confidence in him.



Encounter with the Risen Jesus

Secondly, we need to allow ourselves, as children do, to be surprised.

"Do we allow ourselves to be surprised by God who is always the God of surprises? Because the encounter with the Lord is always a living encounter; it is not a museum encounter. It is a living encounter, and we go to Mass, not to a museum. We go to a living encounter with the Lord." (Pope Francis)

In the Mass, we join our prayer to the Father with that of Jesus, we participate in the sacrifice of the One whose life we share through our baptism.

"Mass is prayer; rather, it is prayer par excellence, the loftiest, the most sublime, and at the same time the most "concrete". In fact it is the loving encounter with God through his Word and the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is an encounter with the Lord." (Pope Francis)

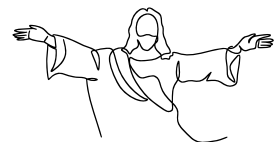
When we participate in Mass as the Church asks us – fully, consciously, actively – then we encounter the same Risen Jesus that the disciples met in our Gospel this Sunday. Even in their frailty, they listened to him, saw him, touched him, and ate with him. This was no ghost or hallucination but the very same Jesus, Risen from the dead.

"Can I say that when I receive communion during Mass, the Lord encounters my frailty? Yes! We can say so because this is true! The Lord encounters our frailty so as to lead us back to our first call: that of being in the image and likeness of God. This is the environment of the Eucharist. This is prayer". (Pope Francis)

We listen to him, see him, touch him. We also eat, not just with him but we eat him, his very body and blood, and so enter into deep and intimate communion with him.

Receiving the Spirit

Through this encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, he breathes his Spirit upon us once more and bestows upon us what the world cannot give: Resurrection Peace. "Peace be with you"



Laudato Si Corner

For this week's message, and during the Easter season, we can do no better than quote from Pope Francis' message to the world in Urbi et Orbi:

'May the risen Christ open a path of hope to all those who in other parts of the world are suffering from violence, conflict, food insecurity and the effects of climate change'

We pray that this Easter we can be renewed in our hope for a better world and continue our efforts to share the love of God with our brothers and sisters everywhere.



14th April 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

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:

www.catholicwinchester.org.uk or email hello@stpeterswinchester to be directed to the correct person.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Hogan

Assistant Priest: Fr Benedict Ndikum

Deacons: Tony Darlison & Martin McElroy

Parish Office:

office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Finance:

accounts@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Tel. 01962852804

Newsletter:

newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk (deadline for items for next weekend's newsletter is **Weds 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.



Courses/Events

Pies & Puds lunch event Wed 17th April

It's time for our monthly pie lunch... on Wednesday 17th April 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 we have a speaker from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. Everyone is made welcome, and you can come on your own or with a partner or friend. There is no booking or commitment necessary, but do contact moirar@msn.com with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

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 **12:00 noon until 2.00pm**, in aid of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Homemade food. Dietary requirements catered for. Please come and support.

Life in the Spirit Sessions for Children Age 8 – 11 (Years 4 - 6)

Fridays 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Arrival up to 3:45pm) - 5 weekly sessions beginning Friday 26th April in St Stephen's Church (next to St Peter's School)

An offering for children in our Parish to grow in faith and love of God, and to welcome the Holy Spirit into your life in a new way!

We will start with a time of transition from the school day with (nut/dairy free) refreshments and games/ice breakers. Each week, following a time of singing praise to God, the children will discover in interactive ways how we can live a life of joy in the Holy Spirit, how we can really know that God loves us and is with us, how God speaks to us through the Bible and in our day to day lives, and how He has a special plan for each of us...and more!

In the final session on Friday May 24th (just after Pentecost Sunday) the children will be individually prayed with by Fr Mark and the team, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Sign up for those at St Peter's school will be through the school, and those from other schools will be able to fill in a quick form at the first session.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact rosanne@stpeterswinchester.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 or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. More information at www.altonrenewal.com.

CWL Soup & Pud Lunch at St Peter's

A Date for your diaries! The next Soup and Pud Lunch at St Peter's is 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.

Year of Prayer - 'Retreat Days' - Our Father in Heaven - Fri 3rd May (evening) & Sat 4th May (all day) – FREE

Pope Francis has asked that this year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father. We pray this prayer so often and there's always the risk of it becoming dry or remaining superficial.

Why not come and join us on **Fri 3rd and Sat 4th May** in the Pastoral Centre at St Peters, as Allegra Mutanda leads us in a time of prayer and recollection, helping us to explore what it means to pray 'Our Father in heaven'? All our missionary efforts are dependent upon this intimate relationship between us and 'Abba', who wishes to bless and heal all His beloved sons and daughters. All are welcome. Once you have registered, you will receive further details nearer to the date of the event. Please confirm your attendance by Monday 29th April latest by registering here: [Year-of-Prayer-Event](#)

Please note: NO parking available at St Peter's on Saturday 4th May due to a wedding!

Fusion Choir (Winchester and Eastleigh)

Under the direction of Marie O'Brien and Winchester Go LD's 'Sign with Steve' Makaton Choir for a fabulous evening of entertainment on **Saturday 4th May, 7-9pm at Winchester Rugby Club, North Walls Park, SO23 7EF**. There will also be a bar, cake sale and raffle. In aid of Winchester Go LD (a local charity enabling adults with learning disabilities to live as independently as possible) and St. Bartholomew's Church, Hyde (for conservation, repair and access improvements). The concert will feature Songs from the Musicals and other great songs. Tickets **£12.50** available from <https://winchestergold.org.uk/supporting-us/shop/> (reduced ticket price of £7.50 for children under 12 years and Winchester Go LD members).

Church Timetable	13th April - 20th April 2024		
Saturday 13th April - St Martin I, Pope & Martyr, optional memorial Of the Second week of Easter Vigil Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Esther Campbell
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Zawa & Lyanda's Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peace in the World
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	Gail Benson RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Debbie Dean & her family
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Ted Pollard RIP
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Patricia & Jos Winfield
Monday 15th April Of the Third Week of Easter	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Gladys Mary Taylor
Tuesday 16th April Of the Third Week of Easter	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
Wednesday 17th April Of the Third Week of Easter	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Christopher Brown on his Birthday
Thursday 18th April Of the Third Week of Easter	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Elizabeth Smith
Friday 19th April St Alphege, Bishop, Martyr, memorial.	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Terry Bohle RIP
Saturday 20th April of the Third Week of Easter Vigil Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Avril Vera Dury
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM- 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Anne Ponsonby RIP

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.