

19th May 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year B

Readings and antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: Ws 1:7.
The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading:
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34. R. Cf. v.30
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel Acclamation:
R. Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Communion Antiphon: Ac 2:4,11
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Funerals and Deaths

Alan Barlow RIP - Funeral Mass at St Peter's on Friday 24th May at 10:00am

Verna Bryant RIP - Funeral Service at St Peter's, Winchester on Friday 31st May at 2.30pm.

Gillian Barry RIP
Claude Roux de Bézieux RIP
John Johnston RIP
Dennis Mabika RIP
Patti Forrester RIP



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

Weddings

Congratulations to: Natasha Lytton-Cobbold and Matthew Wigley, who were married at St Peter's last weekend.



Baptisms

Welcome to: Ashley Pretty, who was baptised at St Stephen's last weekend.

Prayer Corner

This Week's Intention:
Let us pray that our Pentecost celebrations this weekend will open us up to a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit - so that we may be equipped to cooperate fully with the coming of the Kingdom of God.

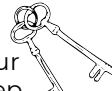


A Message from Fr Mark...

Pray Like This - Thy Kingdom Come!

In the early Church, the bishop would offer "mystagogical catechesis" to those who had been baptised at the Easter Vigil. It was often seven days of teaching, introducing the people to an understanding of the mysteries of the faith, revealing the profound significance of the rites and mysteries they'd just received. It was like being invited into the "treasure-house" of the Church, as most of these things had been kept secret and hidden until the Vigil and this solemn instruction. One of the mysteries to be explained was the anointing, now known as 'confirmation'.

"Baptised in Christ and clothed in Christ, you have assumed a nature similar to that of the Son of God. Having become partakers in Christ, you are properly called 'christs', that is, consecrated, St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem.



Most of us have never received our mystagogical instruction, our deep initiation into the mysteries of our faith. We've been given the key to the "treasure-house" but have never gone inside and been shown around. I'd like to reflect, just briefly, on this anointing and what it means for those of us who've been confirmed.

In the Old Testament, those who were anointed were priests, prophets or kings. Then, we discover Jesus to be the true Consecrated One, the fulfilment of all these Old Testament anointings. In fact the title, "Messiah" (Hebrew) or "Christ" (Greek), means just that - "Anointed One". Already filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of his conception, Jesus was then anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power at his baptism, ready for his baptism.



"It was for our sake that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the Jordan. It was for our sanctification so that we might share in His anointing and so that it might be said of us, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?" St. Athanasius.

During his passion, when the 'alabaster vase' of Jesus's humanity was broken, Jesus gave up his last breath to pour out the Holy Spirit as the first breath of the Church. Jesus tore down the walls of separation between the Holy Spirit and us: nature, by his incarnation; sin, by his death; death, by his Resurrection. Nothing now can stop this oil of anointing.

This means that Christians become the anointed ones: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim His mighty deeds" (1 Peter 2:9). We are called Christians, not because we follow the teachings of Christ but "because we have been anointed with the oil of God" (Theophilus), with the Holy Spirit. We have the same Spirit who was in Jesus of Nazareth and have become "the aroma of Christ" (c.f. 2 Cor 2:14-16).

"What a joy to think that the same Spirit who was in Jesus during his days on earth is in me, and that He whom St. Basil called his inseparable companion is now also my inseparable companion, the sweet guest of my soul! When we sense an inspiration, it is the voice of Jesus who speaks to us (who exhorts and counsels us) through His Spirit." (Cardinal Cantalamessa).

Among other things, this means that you have been anointed as a king! The Old Testament kings were anointed to fight battles against visible enemies: Canaanites, Philistines, Amorites, etc. Jesus was first of all anointed at his baptism as king to fight spiritual battles against satan and the invisible enemies of sin and death, and to establish the kingdom of God. You too, who are Christian, have been anointed to take up this spiritual battle.

Let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for the coming of God's kingdom, and that we may step up and take our place as kings called to cooperate with our heavenly Father in bringing about the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

Abba, Father, send your Spirit, that your kingdom may come!

QUARANT'ORE: Forty-Hours Devotion

From **7pm Thursday 30th May until 11am Saturday 1st June 2024** - St Peter's Church The "Forty Hours Devotion," or "Quarant'ore" is all about spending time in prayer, adoration and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, and St Peter's church will be open day and night for you to join in, especially as we journey through this Year of Prayer. Starting with a 'Mass of Exposition' at 7pm on Thursday 30th May and finishing with a 'Mass of Reposition' at 10am on Saturday 1st June at Winchester Cathedral (parish quarterly Mass). For full details, how it will work, and to sign up for a 'watcher' slot, click **here**. We'll need as many Watchers (prayers) as possible ready to commit for an hour to 'watch' before the Blessed Sacrament.



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Appeals and Campaigns

Appeal - 'St Peter's Welcome Team': If you have been to Mass recently, you have been Welcomed at the door by our wonderful volunteers. We hope the greeting was as warm as the smile that sealed it, and that you felt you were coming to a church that cared about you and wanted you to feel at home. If you're able to say 'yes' to any of the above, then we're so pleased, as that is our aim. So knowing how good it feels to be on the receiving end of that Welcome, would you please consider joining our friendly team of Welcomers at ANY of the masses at St.Peter's and passing on that smile to more of our parishioners. We are particularly in need of more Welcomers at the Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday 8am and Sunday evening Mass. There is no pressure to give any more of your time than you feel able to. Our aim is simple: to bring people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy and you could be the person opening the door to them... If you would like to know more, please contact the office (details below) With warmest thanks, **Andrea and the team**

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

Parish Finance Details

Parish Bank Account Name:
CDP St Peter & Winchester Martyrs - (ref or details eg: offertory, SVP, etc).
Sort Code: 30-93-04
Account Number: 00890996

For regular giving, please visit our website:
<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/donate/>

We have **card readers** at the back of our churches for contactless giving.

Events & Courses:

May is a month for devotion to OUR LADY - Please think about saying some special prayer to her and asking for her maternal help. One good way of doing this would be to come to Mass (including weekday Mass) about 30 minutes early and pray the Rosary (in St. Peter's church a good place to do this would be in the Lady Chapel). If there are others there too you could pray it aloud together and take turns to lead.

"Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Queen of the World, pray for us"

Rosary Chain (May) - We are delighted to have two statues of Our Lady touring the parish in a chain of prayer this year. Please be aware that you will need to collect the statue from another person's house. You can join the register by emailing: lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on **Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Do Justice Campaign - Caritas Social Action Network just launched! You can find out more at: <https://dojustice.co.uk/>
The aim of the campaign is to encourage Catholic parishes and schools to discern the needs of their local communities in the light of the Gospel and to act with the skills and resources they have at their disposal to bring about a more just society.

If you would like to set up a Do Justice group to discern and act on the needs of our community, **book a call with our team here**. Thank you, Caritas Social Action Network

Caritas Portsmouth is hosting Sue Carter from the Alzheimer's Society, to run a Dementia Friends Information Session for anyone interested in hosting a Dementia Café, looking to make their parish more Dementia Friendly or just want to know more to support people in their family or community. Everyone welcome. The session will be held **online on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm**. Please register in advance [HERE](#). For more information please contact us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>



Lord's Flock - Saturday 25th May at 3pm - Pastoral Centre

Please join us for a time of prayer, worship and fellowship. ALL WELCOME!
For inquiries and confirmation kindly message Liza Franco: 07487527640

First Holy Communion 2024-25 - Information Evening on Monday 3rd June 7-8pm - St Peter's Pastoral Centre

Please come along if you are the parent/guardian of a child currently in Year 3 wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year. What age? Most children are in Year 4 during the programme; however, if your child is presently in Year 2 but you feel they would be ready next year and you attend Sunday Mass regularly, please do get in touch with Rosanne via the Office.

No need to register - just turn up, but if you'd like to find out more please email: fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Called and Gifted - What is God calling me to do in my Life?

Called and Gifted is a 3-Stage discernment process that helps you understand your own calling. It's a process of teaching and discernment with a trained team in which you discover your own charisms (gifts of the Holy Spirit) which will then help you in your onward journey in faith. **Starts Sat 22nd June 9am - 5pm** at St Peter's Pastoral Centre. There is a small charge of £50 to cover the cost of all three stages (the full cost is £120 but the parish is subsidising this cost). To register, please click on the link below: <https://stpeterswinchester.churchsuite.com/forms/vk5d4leg> or for more info visit: catholicwinchester.org.uk

CWL next Soup and Puds lunch - Friday 7th June 12noon - 1.30pm - The next lunch on Friday 7th June will be supporting CWL Charities, including PACT (for Prisoners). All very welcome. Suggested donation £7.

St Peter's School Summer Fete - request for 'Raffle Prizes' please! - our school Fete will take place on **15th June** and we are kindly asking for any donations for raffle prizes. If you have any unwanted gifts or able to make a donation, please contact Naomi Salisbury on 07828 106450 or email: pta.events.stpeters@gmail.com. Thank you!

News from St Peter's School - Please find attached this week's newsletter and link for all the latest news... <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/topic/news-and-events>

Laudato Si Corner

This week's reflection comes from Maria Arpa, the founder of the Centre for Peaceful Solutions, a charity that works to reduce violence in schools, prisons and communities everywhere and promote peaceful resolution. *'The world could be a much better place if we were able to consider life this way: 'I have the amazing gift of living on this beautiful planet for a period of time from birth to death and, in parallel with the gift of life I have a joyful obligation to honour the resources available to me in such a way that everyone, present and future, has an equal opportunity to share in the resources and how they are utilised'*. <https://centreforpeacefulsolutions.org/who-we-are/>



Church Timetable	18th May - 25th May		
Saturday 18th May - St John I, Pope, Martyr, optional Memorial Vigil Mass PENTECOST SUNDAY	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Lady Mannock
	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	Keith Jennings RIP
Sunday 19th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Thanking Heavenly Father for Blessings & Love to Varghese Family
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Patrick & Mary Josephine Geoghegan
Monday 20th May - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, obligatory memorial	8.00AM-9.00AM	Mass and Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 21st May - St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Priests, Martyrs, optional memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Austin's Health
Wednesday 22nd May - St Rita of Cascia, Religious, optional memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Eleanor Neil
Thursday 23rd May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, feast.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
Friday 24th May - Feria	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	10:00AM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's - Alan Barlow RIP	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
	1:30PM	Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at St Peter's School	
Saturday 25th May - St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial Vigil Mass THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Austin's Health
	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	Holy Souls

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.