

**12th May 2024**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B**

**Readings and antiphons**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 26:7-9. O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20-26

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 102:1-2,11-12,19-20. R. v.19 The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Second reading:** 1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Jn 14:18**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 17:11-19

**Communion Antiphon: Cf, Jn 17:22**

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

**Funerals and Deaths**

**Richard Phiri RIP** - Funeral Mass at St Peter's on Friday 17th May at 12:15pm

**Canon Peter Wilkie RIP** - Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge on Friday 17th May at 11:00am

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

**Gillian Barry RIP**

**Claude Roux de Bézieux RIP**

**Verna Bryant RIP**

**John Johnston RIP**

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



**Weddings**

Congratulations to: Abby Dailly and Rob Skarin, who were married at St Peter's last weekend.



**Baptisms**

Welcome to: Konstanty Bejner and Nuala Pentlow, who were baptised at St Peter's last weekend.



**Prayer Corner**

**This Week's Intention:**  
As we wait for Pentecost, let us pray that our Novena to the Holy Spirit, will prompt our heavenly Father for a fresh outpouring of his Spirit upon us so that we may become faithful disciples of Jesus..



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

**Pray like This - Thy Will Be Done**

Every time we pray the Our Father, we ask our Abba that his will be done.

Asking that God's will be done

This means that we are asking God to act. "Abba, carry out your will; do what you want to do." We are trusting God to act well and to do the right thing. He sees the bigger picture, more clearly than we ever could, and he loves us more than we could ever imagine. We know he will do what is best for us, and what is best for our brothers and sisters.

Co-operating with God's will

To ask that God's will be done isn't, though, just a passive act of resignation, or even a deep imploring from the sidelines. Asking God's will to be done means more than merely relinquishing or letting go of my own will, as difficult and as challenging as that can be.

It's good to note and imitate the way in which Mary submitted herself completely to the will of the Father. Eve said 'no' to God in the garden of Eden; Mary said 'yes' to him in Nazareth. Eve didn't trust God but Mary is the mother of all who believe. Mary has provided God with the decisive 'yes' but it was not an easy 'yes'. Mary had no model to follow. Nobody else had been the Mother of God and so she had nobody to copy, no example to learn from. She was, and remains, unique. It was also a risky, dangerous 'yes'.

Mary never said, 'Let it be done to me according to your word.' But that is because she never spoke English! Mary is most likely to have answered, 'Amen!' To say 'Amen' is to give our full and complete consent to God. 'Yes' or 'Sí' or 'Oui' or 'Ja' tends to be a short word in most languages but it's a short word packed with a lot of power because with it we make a decision for our whole life.



Mary said a joyful 'Yes' to God! She felt loved by God and her 'yes' was a 'yes to Love'.



Discerning God's will

In our First Reading this weekend, the Eleven choose the replacement for Judas, so that they may become the Twelve once more (for this is the number of the tribes of Israel, and the Church is the new Israel, the new People of God). One commentator notes that: "The method of choice of the twelfth member is itself significant: the Spirit has not yet come upon the members of the community to fill their minds and hearts and so enable them to select the twelfth member in a way both human and inspired. So in prayer the Lord is called upon to make the choice in a way which does not depend on the still uninspired human agency."

Let us spend these next few days, praying more earnestly to Abba, that his will be done and his kingdom come. But let us also pray more intensely for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, not least that we may hear his voice more clearly and cooperate more wholeheartedly. If we look at Byzantine icons of Pentecost we see 6 apostles either side, with Mary in the middle, in an attitude of prayer. The Apostles are active, but Mary is still, like the mast of a ship, contemplative. Mary has put herself at the service of the Church, so that we can receive the Holy Spirit.

Know that Mary is at our service too, praying for us, so that we can also receive the same Holy Spirit and bear witness to the Risen Christ.



**Thy Kingdom Come - Novena to the Holy Spirit**

Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, which we celebrated on Thursday 9th, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there "for what the Lord had promised" (Acts 1:4)

Please would you consider offering a **Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday 10th May - Saturday 18th May** for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us as individuals, upon our parish, our diocese and upon Winchester and the surrounding towns and villages. Click here: [link to the Novena Prayers](#) which we will use each day.

**Laudato Si Corner**

We face the dual challenges of ecological degradation and economic inequality. The imperative to align our economic systems with principles of sustainability and justice is increasingly clear. This is particularly the case in developing countries suffering from many economic and financial issues.

You can join the Laudato si' Action Platform to learn more about these challenges.

The Platform is an initiative of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and is inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical.



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### Appeals & Campaigns:

**This week's Second Collection** is for Catholic Communications Network on this World Communications Day. Donations can be made in the usual ways - **Thank you!**

### 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. The sessions use the Conversations in the Spirit method of the synodal process, to make sure that everyone is heard, and the best ways forward can be discerned. 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

### Bookshop

We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses, books and cards for all occasions - First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Open week days during office hours. Thank you 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](http://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk) or email [hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) to be directed to the correct person.

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**Newsletter:**

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

### Parish Bank Details

If you wish to make a payment or donation, please use the following:

**Parish Bank Account Name:** CDP St Peter & Winchester Martyrs - (ref or details eg: offertory, SVP, etc).

**Sort Code:** 30-93-04

**Account Number:** 00890996

Or Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website:

[www.catholicwinchester.org.uk](http://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**The Ascension and Thy Kingdom Come for Children** - We hope you and the children love these new videos supporting a global wave of prayer in Catholic schools. The direct link to the video is <https://youtu.be/bexyCdyA4Kw%20I> - a 14 min video briefly telling children what the **Thy Kingdom Come** initiative is and then the Gospel, led time of prayer invoking the Holy Spirit and final song (Father Let Your Kingdom Come).

**Traveller Mass - Saturday 11th May - 1pm** - The Traveller Community will be hosting a Mass at Carousal Park, Micheldever, SO21 3BW. We know many of you enjoyed the last service outside in the glorious weather! **ALL WELCOME to come and join us again.**

**Come, Share, Pray: Week of Prayer** - *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* Romans 12:2

Right now, many believers across the UK are deeply concerned for our friends who are seeking asylum so we want to devote all of next week to praying to the **One** who knows every worried and anxious heart, and how to help.

The details (on Zoom) are: **Mon 13th - Fri 17th May, 7:00-7:30am & 1:00-1:30pm.**

You can [sign up](#) for one or more of these 30 minute prayer events next week. Please share this invite with others, particularly those seeking asylum as well. Remember, our Father specialises in times of need. Take heart. Jonah Mitchell - Welcome Churches

**Join the Jubilee Singers to sing The Lord's Prayer** - at St Stephen's 9.15am Family Mass on Sunday 12th May and afterwards join us for the Parish Party. Please contact [ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) for more information.

**Pies & Puds lunch event - Wednesday 15th May at the Pastoral Centre** - join us 12.45 for 1pm for home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives, and proper puddings with custard. Lunch, social time, and our speaker is the ever-popular Sheila Wade, talking about Iconography in Art and Culture. 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](mailto:moirar@msn.com) for more info.

**Winchester Catholic History Society** - The next meeting of the Winchester Catholic History Society will be on Wednesday 15 May at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Christopher Daniell will be speaking on 'Death and Burial in Medieval Britain'. Visitors most welcome £7 on the evening. Still **a few places available on the Summer Trip** to the Oxford Botanical Garden and Stonor Park, Henley on Thames, on Tuesday 11th June. Ticket price £46 to include return coach, entry to the Oxford Botanical Garden and private guided tours of Stonor Park. All enquiries email - [win.cath.history@gmail.com](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com)

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

Learn more about your spiritual gifts and unique mission in God's plan as you are guided by a trained team. A 3-Stage discernment process that helps you understand your own calling - a process through teaching and discernment in which you discover your own charisms (gifts of the Holy Spirit) which will then help you in your onward journey in faith. **Starting Saturday 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](http://catholicwinchester.org.uk)

**Dementia Action Week - Monday 13th to Sunday 19th May** - an important initiative aimed at raising awareness and supporting individuals affected by dementia. Here's what's happening in Winchester during this campaign week, please click below:

[Dementia-Action-Week-Winchester-Events](#)

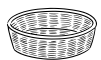
Let's make this place 'Dementia Friendly Winchester'! Please share this information with others and tell them about the special dementia-friendly church service at Winchester Baptist Church on Sunday 19th May.

### CWL 'update' and next Soup and Puds lunch - Friday 7th June 12noon - 1.30pm -

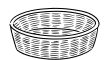
Many thanks from the CWL to all who came and supported the Soup and Pud lunch last Friday (3rd May) in aid of The Samaritans. We raised £250 for the valuable work of this voluntary association. The next lunch on Friday 7th June will be supporting CWL Charities, including PACT (for Prisoners). All very welcome. Suggested donation £7.00.

**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>

Church Timetable	11th May - 18th May		
<b>Saturday</b> <b>11th May - Of the sixth week of Easter after Ascension</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
	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	Deceased Relatives Brookes/Whiteman Families
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12th May</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Gillian Barry RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	Peter McManus RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Martin Tucker RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Repose of the Soul of Mrs Mimmie Taylor
<b>Monday</b> <b>13th May - Our Lady of Fatima, optional memorial</b>  <b>of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	8.00AM-9.00AM	Mass and Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	The Soul of Mary Margaret Robson RIP
	<del>12:15PM</del>	<del>Mass at St Peter's</del>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14th May</b> <b>ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE, FEAST</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	<del>10:00AM</del>	<del>Mass at St Gregory's</del>	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased members of the Dixon, Marland and Walker Families
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15th May</b> <b>of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Albert Bingham
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16th May</b> <b>of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Socorro Fernandes
<b>Friday</b> <b>17th May - St Dunstan, Bishop, optional memorial</b> or <b>of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	<del>10:00AM</del>	<del>Mass at St Gregory's</del>	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Funeral Mass for Richard Phiri RIP
<b>Saturday</b> <b>18th May - St John I, Pope, Martyr, Optional Memorial</b> or <b>of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	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



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Thank you to **Fr Jean Patrice Coulon**, who will celebrate Mass at St Thomas More on Sunday 12th May.

**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.**