

**30th June 2024**

**Ss PETER & PAUL**

**Readings and antiphons**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

**First reading:** Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 33:2-9 R. v.5. Alt R. v.8  
From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

**Second reading:** Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel Acclamation: Mt 16 :18**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. **R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19:

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 17:3  
Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied, You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

**Funerals and Deaths**

**Esther Gordon RIP** – Funeral Mass at St Peter’s on Monday 1st July at 10am.

**Fiona Fallon RIP** – Funeral Mass at St Peter’s on Thursday 4th July at 2pm.

**Monica Gordon RIP** - Funeral Service at St Peter’s on Monday 15th July at 11am.

**Margaret Samways RIP**

**Sadie Redmond RIP**

**Mary Burner RIP**

**David Craze RIP**



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



**Baptisms**



Welcome to Kody Amali, Julia Velasco and Philippa Wallis who were baptised at St Peter’s last weekend.

**Prayer Corner**



**This Week’s Intention:**

Let us pray that, as a parish we may emulate St Peter and St Paul in our mission to reach out to everyone, bringing them closer to Christ in hope and joy.

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

**From Fear to Hope with Peter and Paul**

I love this Solemnity, one of our parish Patronal Feasts. Peter and Paul are incredible people, very human, often getting things wrong, but with a great passion and energy and zeal. And I love this Feast because it means it’s almost summer holidays!



Have you ever hoped for something and later received it? It’s an amazing feeling. But then, maybe, there is something you’ve hoped for in your life that didn’t happen. Maybe you hoped England would finally win a football tournament. Maybe you hoped you would pass the maths test. Maybe you hoped that your parents would get back together. And then, maybe there are some of you that don’t like that word ‘hope’ because it seems impractical and too idealistic. All hoping does is set you up for disappointment. Maybe you don’t hope the summer holidays will be a restful time because they never have been. Why should it be any different this year?

For us as Catholics, hope is important because it’s a supernatural virtue; it’s directly related to God and is a way for us to reach God directly.

Hope is the power by which we firmly and constantly long for what we were placed on earth to do: to praise God and to serve him; and for our true happiness which is finding our fulfilment in God; and for our final home: in God. (1817-1821, 1843 Catechism)

The reason you and I need hope is not for dreaming, or to be optimistic and cheery. Hope is what we need to endure and enjoy a full life here so that we can enjoy what God promises us in a life full of eternity.

Hoping can feel dangerous because it could bring disappointment. Or you’ve set the bar of expectation low so low that you’ve no hope of things possibly being better than your limited horizon will let you see. I’d like to encourage you to make a perspective adjustment and learn how to hope for what God wants instead of what we or anyone else wants.

In our first reading today, St. Peter is in jail. One of his best mates has just been decapitated and Herod wanted to do the same to him. He had four groups of four soldiers guarding him on a rota system. I’m not sure about Peter but if I were in that situation I’m not sure I would have much hope. At least not naturally. No hope of escaping, no hope of surviving.

Are there any situations where you have given up hope? Where you think there’s no point? Where you feel like you are trapped, imprisoned, in chains? What might those chains be? Family rows? You’ve become addicted to certain ways of behaving? Struggling with mental health issues? Maybe you feel alone and isolated – no one understands you? Perhaps there’s something else..?

But, it appears, that God didn’t want Peter to die – or at least not yet – and he sent an angel to free him from his chains. Peter felt it was a dream until he saw that the angel had left him. The word ‘angel’ means messenger. Sometimes God wants to send us messengers, heavenly or earthly, to help free us from our chains.

“All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly” – in other words, without stopping, without giving up hope. We are not in this alone – we need each other. No man or woman is an island and we cannot fix ourselves. We need the love, the care, the support and the prayers of others – as well as those angels God sends into our lives.

As we get closer to the summer holidays, I want you to think of one person in your life that needs your support. I want you to pray for them, just as the early Church prayed for Peter. Pray that God will free them from whatever chains they are wearing, from whatever difficult situation they are in. Every prayer, even a simple little one, is an act of hope.

**The Gospel of Mark:**

The whole series is now available on our parish YouTube site (episodes 1-20) Deacon Martin has re-published the videos of the presentations he made during the formation series on Mark’s Gospel, which ran in the spring and summer of 2021. You can now access the videos for all 20 episodes (each with an accompanying PDF document with the presentation material, with links to every Scripture text) from **our parish YouTube site**. Please do use these videos and PDFs, to reflect on this wonderful gospel. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Martin by email: [mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**Laudato Si’ Corner**

Still thinking about how to use your vote in the General Election? The Caritas Social Network has produced a statement about the election which invites us to think about the ‘Common Good’ when placing our vote:

[Caritas-Social-Network/guidance/statement](https://www.caritas-social-network.org.uk/guidance/statement)

And CAFOD have produced their own manifesto which covers issues like the climate, food systems, migration and human rights: [CAFOD-General-Election-Manifesto-PDF](https://www.cafod.org.uk/General-Election-Manifesto-PDF)  
Lots of food for thought in these documents!



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**Announcements:**

**Second Collection - Peter's Pence (Holy See)** Please support the Universal Church for the relief of those most in need. Donations can be made either by offertory/ collection basket, envelope or contactless machine. **Thank you!**

**Parish Annual Report 2022 - 23**  
Fr Mark would like to express his sincere gratitude for the continued spiritual and financial support from the whole parish. We are now in a position to share our latest Parish Annual Report which includes details of our parish finances but also a full and lively description of what has been going on in the parish over the past 12 months. Please do take a look by clicking: [Parish-Annual-Report-2022-23](#)  
Please contact the parish office if you would like a hard copy.

**Parking Challenges at St Peter's**  
Your assistance is sought please when using the Car Parking spaces at St Peter's. Spaces are reserved for Blue Badge Holders who require access to Disabled Parking Spaces - if you do not have a Blue Badge, can you please refrain from using these spaces. Additionally, we are also conscious that some of our more elderly parishioners whose mobility makes it difficult for them also need to park closer to the Church. Please only use parking spaces available. Parking is becoming a bigger challenge for the community, and is becoming both frustrating and challenging for the Welcoming Team who are having to appease and pacify more & more complaints on a Sunday. Currently Parking is FREE at River Park on Sunday. Charges at Jewry Street, Tower Street and St Peter's car parks are up to £3.30 for 2 hours. You might also think about using the Park & Ride services which is £3.50 for the day.

**Bookshop**

We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses and books & card for **all occasions**. we are open weekdays during office hours. Thank you for your support, Susan Henry

**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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[newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) (deadline for items for the next newsletter is **Wednesday PM please**)

**Opportunities:**

**New Lectionaries** - The Church in England and Wales is bringing out a new set of Lectionaries - new translation! They will be beautifully published but there is a cost. **We need four sets**, one for St. Peter's, St Stephen's, St Gregory's and St Thomas More's churches. Each set will cost around £1,000. Donors are welcome to sponsor a set of books - special occasion, anniversary, etc. If anyone would like to sponsor the set for one of our churches, please contact our Parish Office or speak to one of our Priests.

**Position at St Peter's School - Administration and Finance Officer (26 hours)**  
Contract/Hours: Permanent, term time only, 26 Hours (over 4 days) starting in July 2024.  
**Closing date: Midday, Wednesday 15th July 2024.** For more information or to apply, please click: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/administration-finance-officer/>

**Events:**

**Outreach Ministry Fayre - St Thomas More - Sunday 30th June after 9am Mass** - We complete our parish roadshow this Sunday at St Thomas More's in Stockbridge. Do come along, meet and chat to our volunteers and find out about their work.

**PARISH PARTY - after 10.30am Mass - Sunday 30th June - St Peter's Pastoral Centre** - We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday as we celebrate our patronal feast St Peter and also St Paul this weekend. Our annual PARISH PARTY will take place at midday, after mass! Please know you are all welcome to join us as we celebrate another God blessed year in our beautiful parish.

**CWL Charity Soup and Pud lunch - Friday 5th July from 12 noon until 1.30pm** - Come and join us for our monthly lunch in the Pastoral Centre. We will be supporting the Hygiene Bank. All very welcome. Suggested donation £7.00.

**Bamenda & Portsmouth Golden Jubilee Celebrations - Saturday 6th July at 11am**  
Bishop Philip invites you to join him at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11am to mark the 50th anniversary of the link between Archdiocese of Bamenda and the Diocese of Portsmouth. He will be joined by Archbishop Andrew Nkea of Bamenda and Fr Bernardine Nsome. **Please join us for this joyous celebration Mass.**

**First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025** - Registration is now open for the FHC programme 2024-2025, and the deadline to send back completed forms is **Friday July 19th**. Any questions or if you need an information letter & enrolment form sent to you, please email Rosanne at [fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)  
The compulsory parents' introductory sessions with Fr Mark will be held on from 7-8.15pm on **Monday July 1st and Monday Sept 16th** - Pastoral Centre Hall at St Peter's Church. Please choose **one** to attend. (This is different from the information evening.)

**St Peter's Church celebrating 100 years in 2026** - Our Parish Centenary is only 18 months away! We have formed a committee with Patrick Cahill, Claudine Keighler, Moira Redmond, Liz Wald, Lisa Justice and Fr Mark and always happy to discuss any ideas in person. If you're interested in joining us, our next meeting is **Wednesday 4th September at 7pm**. We want to hear from you on how we should celebrate the centenary year across the whole parish: [centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). We also want to share as much of the history of the parish since 1926, so please email any photos or interesting stories you have to: [chronicle@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:chronicle@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). As it is the **centenary celebration of a faith community**, we want to record '100 Faith Stories' or 'Journeys in Faith' as experienced by parishioners of all ages. To get in touch and share your faith story, please email: [100stories@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:100stories@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?** If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2pm**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form to complete and return.

**National Eucharistic Congress at St. Mary's College, Oscott - Saturday 14th Sept.**  
Following the 40 hours (Quarant' ore) Adoration in our Parish from Thursday 30th May leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus, we have more exciting news in this Year of Prayer: There shall be a National Eucharistic Congress at St Mary's College, Oscott - Sat 14th Sept 2024 - scheduled to coincide with the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador from 8 - 15 September 2024. This enables us to unite at Oscott, with the universal Catholic Church as we come before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Each diocese is expected to send pilgrims, approximately a coach-load, as well as Catholics representing the Bishporic of the Forces, the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, and the Syro-Malabar and Ukrainian Eparchies.  
Places are extremely limited and our parish has been offered **FIVE** places. If you wish to attend, please contact Fr. Benedict Ndikum: [bndikum@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bndikum@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) asap.

**Parish Prayerline** - Our team of intercessors are here 24/7 and would like more to pray for! Please email your prayer requests to: [prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)  
*May our prayers be filled with faith, compassion, and a genuine desire to see God's will accomplish in the lives of those we intercede for.*  
Thank you, Fleur Jackson - Parish Prayer Volunteer



Church Timetable	29th June - 6th July 2024		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>June 29th – Our Lady On Saturday</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles, solemnity</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Jo Phelan
	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
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>June 30th – Ss PETER &amp; PAUL, Apostles, solemnity (transferred)</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Margaret & Viv Guppy RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Moire Houghton RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Marisa Yu
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Health of Maureen Capewell
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>July 1st – St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Lady Mannock
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>July 2nd – Feria.</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Charles Allen RIP (25th Anniversary)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>July 3rd – ST THOMAS, Apostle, feast</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer & concelebrating local priests
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>July 4th – St Elizabeth of Portugal, optional memorial</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Marie Therese Nicholas RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>July 5th – St Anthony Zaccaria, Founder, optional memorial</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	9:30AM	Year 6 Leavers School Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Intentions of Roseann Lynch & Anna Salley and family
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	CWL
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>July 6th – St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr, optional memorial</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<del>9:00AM</del>	<del>Mass at St Peter's</del>	
	<del>9:30AM - 10:30AM</del>	<del>Confessions at St Peter's</del>	
	<b>10:00AM &amp; 12:00PM</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Masses at St Peter's</b>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Benefactors

**Saturday 6th July: No 9:00AM Mass or Morning Confession at St Peter's - there will be First Holy Communion Masses at 10.00am and 12 noon.**

Afternoon confession will take place, as usual, 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required.  
 Morning Prayer every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am.

**To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our YouTube channel. go to our YouTube channel**  
**ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.**