

28th July - 10th August '24

SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings & antiphons 28th July

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First reading: Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11,15-18. R. v.16

You open wide your hand O Lord, you grant our desires.

Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Jn 6:63.68

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:

You have the message of eternal life.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Communion Antiphon: Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits

Funerals and Deaths

Brian Nolan RIP – Funeral Mass at St Thomas More's on Monday 29th July at 11am.

Maria Stachurska RIP - Funeral Service at Test Valley Crematorium on Weds 14th August at 11am.

Mary Burner RIP - Funeral Service at St Peter's on Friday 16th August at 1.30pm (corrected time).

Frank Crook RIP

Maureen Capewell RIP

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

Baptisms

Welcome to Edward Simpson, who was baptised at St Peter's on Saturday.

Forthcoming Weddings

17th Aug – Jessica Butler & Karl Epps
23rd Aug – Freya White & Edward Fernandes

24th Aug – Matthew Maynard & Kristie Sheryn

6th Sept – Alex Reidy & Finn McKenzie

7th Sept – Eloise Jordan & Jack Roddan

26th Oct - Lucy Hickey & Lee Cumbers

28th Nov – Jimmy Flynn & Nora O'Driscoll

Prayer Corner

Let us pray that all our work in ministry and mission over the past year has strengthened our roots as a community, bringing us both together in Christ's name and closer to Him in hope and joy.

A Message from Fr Benedict...

The Bread: Divine Care and Communion

There are a few similarities from our First Reading and the Gospel:

1) There is the teaching of the message of the Kingdom of God to a host of hungry people. Both Spiritual and Material hunger need to be satisfied, since man is made up of both body and soul (man cannot live by bread alone either). The fundamental option for the poor must never be overlooked.

2) Both the disciples of Elisha and Jesus express impossibilities in feeding the crowds with the limited resources.

3) The provider of the bread in both readings were of simple background (a poor farmer and a child). Worth noting is that the spirit of giving was stronger and more important than the quality and quantity given but that was the best human contribution at the time. From first glance, the theme of God's Care and our Unity in Faith are difficult to miss out. God feeding His people demands and promotes human solidarity, emphasizes grateful human hearts for all that the Lord has done and still does for us.

The scene narrated in today's First Reading is set during a terrible famine. The situation was so desperate that, to survive, people ate roots, leaves, and herbs, even poisonous ones (cf. 2 Kings 4:38-41). The poor farmer who, with a gesture of generosity, deprives himself of the precious food to give to the prophet. He does not keep the first fruits of his field for himself; he feels the need to share the gift received from God with others. Bread is a gift from the Lord and should be shared with those who do not have: "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives his bread to the poor" (Prov. 22:9). Elisha does not put the bread in his saddlebag to take home but invites his servant to distribute it to the hundred hungry people around him.

Of all the signs performed by Jesus, none is recounted as many times as the multiplication of the loaves.



All Evangelists report it at least once. The central message of the story is more about sharing. The parallelism between the multiplication of the loaves and the event of the exodus is so vital that the evangelist emphasizes it repeatedly: Jesus is the New Moses and fulfils everything Moses did; He feeds His followers and leads them to the Promised Land ["the prophet who is to come"]. Let us analyse the lessons we pick up from the readings.

Trust in God's Care: A hundred people are fed with twenty loaves (1st Reading) while in the Gospel, thousands are fed with five loaves and two fish. These show that **God can provide** even when it seems impossible. The miracle is possible and will happen only when we believe and trust in the Lord. God does not replace man in any solution to human problems.

Generosity and Sharing: The acts were used by God to bless many others. Only when it is shared does bread become a sign of love and fraternity (koinonia). To eat bread with someone is to consider him or her a close friend, a trusted friend, an ally from whom no betrayal is expected (Ps 41:10). Putting others first brings fulfilment to everyone.

Unity in Faith: One body in Christ, sharing one faith and one baptism brings the moral exhortations of unity, collaboration and complementarity in the church (koinonia) not excluding sharing of bread.

Miracles and Abundance: Both the first reading and the Gospel focus on miracles of abundance. These miracles remind us that with God everything is possible and there is always enough.

Foreshadowing of the Eucharist:

Jesus feeding the crowd with bread and fish hints at the Eucharist. It shows how Jesus will later give Himself as the Bread of Life for all. It would be a contradiction to break the Eucharistic bread together and not share the material bread.



Laudato Si' Corner

A Church On the Move!

As the school holidays begin, many of us will be travelling in the UK or abroad.

We might be visiting new churches and staying in different communities, carrying our faith with us as we go. This summer it will be hard to avoid the effects of climate change, from the cool wet weather that we have had here for parts of July or the searing temperatures of the Mediterranean.

It is a time to rest but also a time to enjoy new places and be mindful of the people we meet and the impact we have as we travel. As we travel, let us take with us the words of Pope Francis:

"With the strength of the Spirit, we need to offer an answer here and now to the cries of the world. To hear them we must go out and be a Church-on-the-move that reaches out like the Good Samaritan." ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!



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Readings & antiphons - 4th Aug

Entrance Antiphon: P s 67:2,6
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:3-4,23-25,54. R. v.24
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
R. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Communion Antiphon: Wis 16:20
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste

Important Announcement

SAVE THE 'NEW' DATE!
Safeguarding Training - Sat 12th October
PLEASE NOTE: training planned for 27th July has been postponed and rescheduled for **Saturday 12th Oct.** More details to follow shortly. If you have any queries regarding safeguarding training, please contact Gerard in the Parish Office: Tel: 01962 852804 or by email: safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Safeguarding requires DBS and mandatory training to enable volunteers to participate in their ministries. PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE!

Contacts

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our website: www.catholicwinchester.org.uk or email hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to be directed to the correct person.

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Newsletter:
newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk (deadline for items for the next newsletter - **Wed 7th Aug PM please**)

Opportunities

URGENT - Can you help or host Ukrainian guests in our community? Unfortunately, the host families circumstances mean they are no longer able to support with on-going accommodation for a single woman, and a mother and her 14 year old son. If you can help with URGENT accommodation in the Winchester area, please contact Jo Pellatt - United Church, Winchester by email: mission@ucw.org.uk

Can you help? Do you hold a category D1 licence? If so, could you spare 4-5 hours every 2-3 months volunteering for our Minibus Ministry? We provide transport for those who couldn't otherwise get to Mass - 1st Sunday every month St Peter's 10.30am Mass. To find out more, please email: mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Tea & Coffee Helpers? We are looking for volunteers to assist with refreshments after Sunday's 10.30am Mass. A wonderful opportunity to support and help our parish community. Ideal for families, friends, or those new to the parish! To find out more, please email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Events

Parish Sportsfest - Healthcare Community - A massive THANK YOU for all the help and support given to our community and for everyone who participated in our successful Sportsfest event last Saturday. We all had a great time and even managed to avoid the rain! We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Lord's Flock - Sunday 28th July from 3 - 5pm - Please join us for time of prayer, worship and fellowship in the Pastoral Centre. For enquiries and confirmation kindly message Liza Franco: 07487527640

First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025 - Registration is now closed. In case you missed the session on Monday 1st July, there is another compulsory parents' introductory session with Fr Mark to be held on Monday 16th September 7 - 8:15pm in the Pastoral Centre at St Peter's Church. (This is different from the information evening.) For more information, please email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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

Thank You - The end of yet another school year I would like to thank every member of the St Peter's school family for all they have contributed this year. Thank you to all the teaching team, teachers and TAs who have supported the children pastorally and academically. The children's end of year results are very good, and to our parents who are always so supportive in so many ways. St John Paul II said: "Holidays and vacations can help to balance activity with contemplation, haste with more natural rhythms, noise with the heralding silence of peace."

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer, hoping you too find some balance and peace. God bless. Louise Buxton (Headteacher)

Living Catholicism Today - Summer Course - 1st - 4th August

Part of the Christian Heritage Centre's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

Catholic Women's League (CWL) - Soup & Pud Lunch - Next charity lunch is planned for 6th Sept, 12noon-1.30pm - Pastoral Centre - supporting Prison Advise and Care Trust (PACT) - the families of Prisoners. All very welcome. Suggested donation £7.00. **PLEASE NOTE: NO parking** at church due to a wedding on the same day.

National Eucharistic Congress at St. Mary's College, Oscott - Saturday 14th Sept.

National Eucharistic Congress will take place 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. Limited spaces available! To book asap, please contact Fr. Benedict Ndikum: bandikum@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Gregory's Soup & Pud Lunch - Next charity lunch - 24th September - supporting the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, which costs £17,750 a day to maintain the service and relies solely on contributions from the community. Please come and support. More details available nearer the time.



Bookshop

We have a good selection of Bibles, rosaries, crosses, books and cards for ALL occasions. We are open weekdays during office hours. Thank you for your support, Susan Henry

Divine Mercy Prayers

Please note that a small group of parishioners have begun gathering every Sunday afternoon from 2:30-3:15pm in the Lady Chapel in St. Peter's Church to pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy 3pm prayer and then the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Anyone and everyone is most welcome.



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
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

Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Church Timetable	27th July - 3rd August 2024		
SATURDAY July 27th – Our Lady on Saturday , Bishop, Martyr, optional memorial. Vigil Mass Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Richard Phiri RIP
	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	Eric & Kay Kearney RIP
SUNDAY July 28th – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Elisa Accardo - Repose of the Soul
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peace in the World
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Derek Butler RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Michael Earley RIP, Eddie Willis RIP & Dennis Hannon RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Angelo T Bonus Snr RIP & Thanksgiving for the Bonus Family
MONDAY July 29th – Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus , memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Baron Ventry
TUESDAY July 30th – St Peter Chrysologus , Bishop, Doctor of the Church, 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	Ewa Slinn RIP - Anniversary
WEDNESDAY July 31st – St Ignatius of Loyola Founder, memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Richard Spencer & Concelebrating Local Priests
THURSDAY August 1st – St Alphonsus Liguori , Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Benefactors
FRIDAY August 2nd – St Eusebius of Vercelli , Bishop, 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	Eugene & Kathy Murphy - Health Concerns
SATURDAY August 3rd – Our Lady on Saturday, or St Ethelwold Bishop, memorial Vigil Mass Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mr & Mrs Tony Frewer's Golden Wedding Anniversary
	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	James Murphy's - Health

Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church.
 Morning Prayer every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am.
NO 10:00 AM MASS AT ST GREGORY'S ON 30th JULY OR 2nd AUGUST

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Church Timetable	3rd August - 10th August 2024		
SATURDAY August 3rd – Our Lady on Saturday, or St Ethelwold Bishop, memorial Vigil Mass Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mr & Mrs Tony Frewer's Golden Wedding Anniversary
	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	James Murphy's - Health
SUNDAY August 4th – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	David & Julia O'Connell RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Megan Hutchins - Thanksgiving
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Jan Carlo Nacion
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Peace in the World
5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Grounds Family - Special Intention	
MONDAY August 5th – Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome, optional memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
TUESDAY August 6th – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, Feast	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Intentions of Roseann Lynch & Anna Salley & Family
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY August 7th – St Sixtus II Pope & Companions, Martyrs, optional memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Golden Wedding of Jim & Pauline Howell
THURSDAY August 8th – St Dominic, Founder, memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Fabian Woodley
FRIDAY August 9th – ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein) Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe, feast	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Sadie Redmond RIP
SATURDAY August 10th – ST LAURENCE, Deacon, Martyr, feast Vigil Mass Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Laura & Derek Elliott - Health Concerns
	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	Robert Townsend RIP

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