

**7th July 2024**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**Readings and antiphons**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice

**First reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 122: R. v.2  
Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us mercy

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 1:14,12**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 33:9  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Funerals and Deaths**

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

**Robert Rigo RIP** - Funeral Service at The Chesil Suite, Chesil House on Thursday 18th July at 6:30pm.

**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.*

**Weddings**

Congratulations to Franziska Weingart-West and Thomas Lincoln, who were married at St Peter's last Saturday, 29th June



**Baptisms**

Welcome to Romeo Ruffell who was baptised at St Peter's last Sunday, 30th June.



**Prayer Corner**

**This Week's Intention:**

Let us pray that, all the work we do in our parish supports the desire that our will becomes aligned to God's will, bringing us closer to Christ in hope and joy.



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

**Stepping Out in Faith**

At the end of this Sunday's Gospel, when Jesus has been in his home town of Nazareth, the evangelist Mark tells us that "Jesus was amazed by their lack of faith".

What was this lack of faith? They were astonished by his teaching and also aware of his power to work miracles but this was somehow not enough. Faith isn't simply about accepting a set of propositions ("I believe that the Earth orbits the sun") but is about putting all my trust in God as my only hope.

Jesus' visit home comes immediately after the healing of the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue official, and of a woman who had been in haemorrhage for twelve years. It was this latter who gives a wonderful example of faith which is commended by Jesus: "My daughter, your faith has restored you to health". Contrast her complete trust with the lack of faith that the people of Nazareth display. Contrast the healing miracle that takes place in this woman and the fact that Jesus "could work no miracle [in Nazareth], though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them".



The central question in Mark's Gospel is, "Who is this?" It's a question we each need to answer for ourselves. Is Jesus someone we admire? A fine teacher? A heroic, honourable man who gave everything for his high ideals? Or is he also something more? Is he someone in whom we can put **all** our trust? Is he my only and ultimate hope? Is Jesus my Saviour? Is he God?

I'd like to return again today to those **STEPS** that I've mentioned before. They're the steps we're all invited to take in following Jesus if we choose to be his disciples.

**Serve.** "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." (Mark 10:45) Jesus calls us to serve others, in our family and our neighbourhood and in our parish.

**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).



**First Holy Communion:**

This weekend we CONGRATULATE the children who will be taking their First Holy Communion tomorrow, Saturday 6th July at St. Peter's. As they receive the blessed sacrament for the first time, please keep them, their parents and catechists in your prayers.

We look forward to welcoming them on Sunday, especially at St Stephen's 9.15am Mass and the Family Mass at St Peter's at 10.30am.



**Trust** - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." (John 14:1) Jesus needs us to trust him, and we can grow in trust by giving generously: our time, our talents and our treasure.

**Engage** with others in small groups - 'We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people.' Pope Francis. Faith is personal but it's not supposed to be private. We all need friends in faith who strengthen and support us in our relationship with Christ. We offer many opportunities in the parish to develop faith-based friendships, especially our Acorn Groups.

**Prayer** and Sacraments - 'Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.' St Teresa of Avila. To grow as a follower of Jesus we need to talk to Him and listen. We need to learn to hear his voice and recognise it. That happens in a daily time of quiet in which we're talking to Him and allowing Him to talk to us. It also happens through regular and frequent prayerful encounters with Jesus in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession).

**Share** Gospel Joy - 'For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?' Pope Francis. God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son. God wants us to share in the fullness of his divine life of unconditional, free, undeserved, infinite Love.

That is not just good news, it's The Good News! When we learn to share the joy of the Gospel, our own faith grows and we allow others to experience God's love. One great way to share the good news is to invite someone to Alpha.

The deeper our faith becomes the more Jesus invites us to step out in faith. Is there anything now preventing you from fully trusting in the power of Jesus? Or maybe you are ready to say these brief but powerful, life-changing words, "Lord, I am completely yours. Use me, Lord".

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**Announcements:**

**Second Collection next Sunday - Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) 14th July**  
Donations can be made either by offertory/ collection basket, envelope or contactless machine.  
**Thank you!**

**Covenant with the Poor Appeal - Tanzanian orphanage water harvesting projects** - Thank you for your very generous response to our recent appeal. A total of **£3,344.61** was raised which will enable water harvesting projects to be completed and provides a small surplus to help with the running costs of the orphanage. Here is how one of the orphanage founders replied when I was able to tell her the good news: *"I want to thank you so much for your wonderful news. God bless you. I was thinking that I would take time tomorrow to write a longer reply but the children in the orphanage have insisted that I go swimming with them tomorrow. It's a once or twice a year affair and I don't think I've been the last 3 times. I'm heading off with a month old baby for an 18 hour day out with 35 others. It will be wonderful. Truly we are so grateful to you all, and we will certainly keep in touch with how the 2 projects go. Please do share our appreciation with all the parish."*  
**It's not too late to donate!**  
If you're interested in finding out more about the Covenant with the Poor, please contact Barry Poffley via the Parish office.  
Our next meeting is on 16th September at 6pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**Fr Mark - Holiday** - We pray that Fr Mark enjoys his well earned rest and summer break. Wishing you a happy Holiday Fr Mark!

**Bookshop**

We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses and books & card for all occasions, particularly **First Holy Communion**. 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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**Newsletter:** [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:**

**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 19th July**. 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)  
In case you missed the session on Monday 1st July, there is another compulsory parent's introductory session with Fr Mark to be held on Monday 16th September 7-8:15pm in the Pastoral Centre Hall at St Peter's Church. (This is different from the info evening)

**Save the Date - Saturday 27th July - Safeguard Training** - If your DBS is due for renewal, we will have more details to follow next week regarding parish training.

**Southern Voices will celebrate 40 years of choral singing on 13 July** - with a very special Gala Concert in St Paul's Church, Winchester starting early at 6pm. A reception follows afterwards, where the fun continues with drinks & canapés. For more information or to book tickets, please visit: [www.southernvoices.co.uk/gala](http://www.southernvoices.co.uk/gala) or phone: 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply). Tickets cost £25.

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

How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC'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/>

**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.

Places are extremely limited and our parish has been offered **FIVE** places. If you wish to attend, please contact Fr. Benedict Ndikum: [bn dikum@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bn dikum@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	6th July - 13th July 2024		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>July 6th – St Maria Goretti</b> , Virgin, Martyr, optional memorial  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	<del>9:30AM – 10:30AM</del>	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	<b>10:00AM &amp; 12:00PM</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Masses at St Peter's</b>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Benefactors
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>July 7th – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	David & Julia O'Connell RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Fr Joe O'Donnell RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Family Mass at St Peter's	Recovery of Cathy Cullen from illness
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Peace in the World
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>July 8th – Feria</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>July 9th – St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, &amp; Companions</b> , Martyrs, optional memorial.	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	Soul of Mary Wheble
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>July 10th – Feria</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Maureen & Alistair Mitchell RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>July 11th – ST BENEDICT</b> , Founder, Patron of Europe, feast	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mass of Thanksgiving for Bamenda Clergy
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>July 12th – Feria</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Holy Hour</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Ann Lowther RIP
	<del>12:15PM</del>	<del>Mass at St Peter's</del>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>July 13th – St Henry</b> , Emperor, optional memorial  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
	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	Intentions of the Neil Family

**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.

**Friday 12th July: No 12:15PM Mass.**

**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.**