

21st July 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Readings and antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name O Lord, for it is good.

First reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Communion Antiphon: Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Funerals and Deaths

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

Mary Burner RIP - Funeral Service at St Peter's on Friday 16th August at 1.00pm.

David Craze RIP



Frank Crook RIP

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

Baptisms



Welcome to Lara and Lily-Rose Shearer, who were baptised at St Peter's on Saturday 13th July.

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

Prayer Corner



As we enter the holiday season, let us thank God for all our recent joys and successes and pray that we return rested and restored ready for our mission, bringing people closer to Christ in hope and joy.

A Message from Fr Benedict...

Sheep without a Shepherd

Our Gospel pericope today states: "So as He stepped ashore He saw a large crowd; and He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He set Himself to teach them at some length" (Mk. 6:34). This passage makes us imagine how pitiful sheep without a shepherd look like. It further portrays how the survival of a sheep ultimately depends not only on a shepherd but more on the capability, capacity or personality of the shepherd. The best way to understand how sheep without a shepherd look like is to analyze the "declarations" of the "Sheep" in the Psalm one after another. Knowing the details of what a shepherd does to sheep (his presence and duty) makes it easy to figure out how desperate sheep without a shepherd look.

The role of a shepherd is to watch over, feed, protect, guide, comfort, encourage and sustain the flock under his care. Sheep without a shepherd has the following examples: a school without a teacher, a country without a good leader, a plane without a pilot, a Church without a Bishop/Priest, children without a parent and above all, *a people without their God*. Israel was always proud, peaceful and confident since it was a nation that has her God so close to her (cf. Deut. 4:7-8). Spiritual leaders have a Shepherd's responsibility toward the people entrusted to their care. The crowd Jesus met lacked spiritual guidance and pastoral care from their leaders.

Nourishment: Without a shepherd the sheep (or we) will eventually starve and die.

Therefore, a truly good shepherd never leaves his flock unattended. He gives them repose by providing fresh and green pastures.



Imagine the sheep wandering off and eating poisonous pastures. Nourishment cannot be complete without a good source of water [Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit]. Provision of wells, drawing of water from the wells, leading to the river or streams were common things in Israel. In our Gospel, Jesus gave spiritual food (teaching them at length) and the continuation shows Him multiplying bread for the people (physical food).

Right Path: Sheep without a shepherd scatter easily, wander into dangerous territory and become lost. Like sheep, we all need a shepherd to guide us along the right path (Psalm 23:3). But do we follow the leaders (Jesus Christ) where they lead us or do we insist on going our way? And if His sheep goes astray, He will "leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost" (Mtt. 18:12-14). Jesus, the perfect Shepherd, lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:15).



Crook and Staff: (symbolises the mitre and crosier of the Bishop): Dangerous predators were very common in Israel. We can understand why David became so skillful in fighting and in the use of his sling, as he had to protect his sheep. Animals equally fight among themselves and could remain restless for the whole time if a shepherd is not present. The crook and staff made the sheep know that their shepherd was ready to defend them and to adjust from fighting.

Oil: There are so many pests and diseases which affect animals like sheep. That is easily handled nowadays with various available medications for vaccination or washing. In patriarchal time, there was some oil used to anoint their head which deterred the insects entering their heads through the nostrils. The application of oil on the head of the animals also prevented its spread from one sheep to another. It helped reduce the rate of fighting with their heads.

We can now understand the anger of God in the First Reading against the shepherds who did not care for the sheep.

Laudato Si' Corner

His Holiness Pope Francis unveiled a message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation anticipated on 1st September:

"To hope and act with creation, then, means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will."

As we reflect on these words in July, let us carry forward the spirit of unity and dedication that this celebration represents into the Season of Creation in September.

For that season we have arranged a half-day **Conference on Saturday morning 14th September in the Pastoral Centre** covering Laudate Deum, the Pope's recent Apostolic Exhortation and the way forward for us all in saving the planet.



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Announcements

Safeguarding Training – Sat 27th July - St Peter's Pastoral Centre -

We are delighted to be able to offer the Diocesan Training Events in the Pastoral Centre and would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who is interested in attending. The Diocesan Team are committed to ensuring our parishes and church communities are safe spaces for all those who use them. In demonstrating that commitment, we seek to provide face-to-face safeguarding training on an ongoing basis across the Diocese.

For 2024, the training is being made available in each pastoral area in accordance with the national safeguarding standards, **training is mandatory** for all those who hold a role working with children and/or adults at risk, or those who may otherwise be vulnerable and must be refreshed every 2 years.

- Children Training will start at 10:00am till 12 Noon
- We will then break for lunch, where you are invited to bring a packed lunch.
- Adults will start at 13:00 following lunch, where we hope to finish by 15:30

PLEASE NOTE: Safeguarding requires **DBS** and **mandatory** training to enable volunteers to participate in our ministries.

If you have any queries regarding safeguard training, please contact Gerard in the Parish Office: Tel: 01962 852804 or by emailing: safeguarding@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Bookshop

We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses, books and cards 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 or email hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to be directed to the correct person.

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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.

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

URGENT - Can you help? In both situations WCC are aware and trying to help as host families are no longer able to support in accommodating long standing members of the Meet & Greet community. A single woman, and a mother and her 14 year old son are looking for URGENT accommodation in the Winchester area. If you are able to help, please contact Jo Pellatt mission@ucw.org.uk

Events

First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025 - Registration will close 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

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.

Parish Invitation to Sportsfest Event - Healthcare Community - Sat 20th July at 11am

- As 'Welcome and Thanks' to our Filipino International Support Community, we'll be hosting our parish annual event in the grounds of St Peters School next Saturday 20th July. Please bring your own picnic food so we can be together, give thanks and celebrate. Teas, coffees and some soft drinks will be provided. Please bring gazebos (if you have them) so we can provide cover in wet weather - prayers for sunshine please! Help provided in erecting and set up. Please call the Parish Office for more information: 01962 852804 or email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk - **ALL WELCOME!**

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>

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY - In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). To all grandparents:

"Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which You give them."



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

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

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/>

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: bndikum@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

KEEP THE DATE!

CWL Soup & Pud Lunch - Next charity lunch is planned for 6th Sept, 12noon-1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre - supporting PACT and the families of Prisoners. All very welcome. Suggested donation £7.00.

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE - ST PETER'S PARKING! - Whilst parking remains a challenge at St Peter's, please note we **DO NOT** have permission to use the facilities next door at Winton House. Please use nearby car parks - thank you.

Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Church Timetable	20th July - 27th July 2024		
SATURDAY July 20th – St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr, optional memorial. Vigil Mass Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Rev John Martin
	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
SUNDAY July 21st – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Marisa Yu
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Rachel MacDonald RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Peace in the World
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of James Wheble
MONDAY July 22nd – ST MARY MAGDALENE, feast	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Stanley Evans
TUESDAY July 23rd – ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Foundress, Patron of Europe, feast	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Claire Harrison RIP
WEDNESDAY July 24th – St Sharbel Makhuf, Priest, Religious, optional memorial	8:00AM–9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
THURSDAY July 25th – St JAMES, Apostle, feast	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of John Henry King
FRIDAY July 26th – Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Angela McManus RIP
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

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 MORNING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAY 24th JULY

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.



Join & celebrate
with us!



Sunday 28th July 3-5pm
Pastoral Centre

Contact Liza Franco 07487 527640
to confirm attendance for catering purposes

