



1st September
2024

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Readings and Antiphons:

Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Responsorial Psalm: 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading: The Letter of St James 1:17-18,21-22,27

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: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Communion Antiphon: Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Welcome to: Isla Levine, Rory Mahony and Alexander Laird, who were baptized at St Peter's last weekend.

Funerals and Deaths:

Betty McConville RIP-Funeral Mass at St Peter's on Tuesday 3rd September at 12.15pm.

Mary Burner RIP - Funeral Service at St Peter's on Wednesday 4th September at 1pm.

Stephen McNamara RIP—Funeral Service at Basingstoke Crematorium on Friday 6th September at 2pm and Memorial Mass at St Gregory's at 11am on Sunday 22nd September.

Maureen Capewell RIP

Kate Smith RIP

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

The Pharisee in Me?

A Message from Deacon Martin:

I'll make a confession: I feel sorry for the Pharisees. Although the Gospels make them look bad, really they had a good side – committed to their faith, trying to put it into practice. They believed they were faithful to the tradition handed down to them. The Apostle Paul himself had been a Pharisee ([Phil 3:5](#)).

If we think about it this way, maybe there's a Pharisee in each of us: I know there's a Pharisee in me. Why not try this [brief examination of conscience](#) (click the [link](#) to load the document)? It has 9 questions to ask ourselves, to help us discern whether we are keeping sight of the Lord's key commandments, among the various detailed traditions and observances that we hold dear.

What were the Pharisees doing wrong? Jesus tells them in today's Gospel: their heart was far from God ([Mk 7:6](#)). They'd lost sight of why the rules mattered; about Who had given them the rules, and why.

Have **we** lost sight of why God gave us commandments? Do we think of God as a taskmaster, marking us on whether we follow His rules? Or perhaps we see God like some difficult elderly relative, needing to keep Him happy, so we don't lose the inheritance that He controls?

Our first reading tells us why God gave the commandments: so that Israel can be "near to [God], whenever we call on him" ([Deut 4:7](#)) – and that means not just Israel, but us too. In our Psalm, "the just will live in the presence of the Lord" - literally, in His tent ([Ps 14 \(15\):1](#)).

God constantly wants to draw us close to Him ([Catechism, 1](#)). The commandments are a teacher to us: by following them, we can become more like Him, and so remain close to Him.

Our readings give examples to inspire us how to act like God:

- The Psalm ([Ps 14 \(15\):2](#)) describes those who "walk without fault" and "speak the truth", using the same Hebrew words, *sedeq* (righteousness) and *emet* (truth), that appear over and over in the Old Testament (OT) to describe God.

- Those who "act with justice" are following the commandments by doing so (since the word *mispat* is the same word used for the commandments in our first reading).

- Our second reading mentions yet another way: "pure unspoiled religion is coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it" ([Jas 1:27](#)). That's another common OT phrase, describing God: "the Lord protects the widow and orphan".

We have an opportunity to put this into practice today: at Mass, members of our SVP team will talk about their work, and ask for your help. The SVP is one key way in which we look after not only the widow and orphan, but anyone in need. Why not join them? If you can't help practically, please consider donating. In any case, please pray for their work.

If there is a Pharisee in you and me, let's pray that we see things the right way round – and follow the advice of the prophet Micah ([Mic 6:8](#)):

"This is what the Lord requires of you:

to act justly (i.e. like Him: there's that word *mispat* again),

to love faithfully (like Him: the Hebrew word *hesed* refers to God's faithfulness to His covenant with us),

and to walk humbly with your God."

If we start by walking close to God, and desire to love Him faithfully, He will show us how, through His commandments, and through His grace (rather than by our weak efforts), to become more like Him.

Laudato si. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our Common Home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. Portsmouth Caritas is holding a **To Hope and Act**

Conference in the morning (10am-1pm) of Saturday September 14th in our St Peter's Pastoral Centre. Join us at 10am for tea and coffee prior to the Conference starting. Our main speaker is John Paul de Quay, an expert in the field from Oxford, and he will be supported by two speakers from Caritas. This will be your opportunity to help identify how our parish can move forward to avoid a climate catastrophe!

Congratulations to: Freya White and Edward Fernandes & Kristie Sheryn and Matthew Maynard, who were married at St Peter's last week.

Prayer Corner Let us pray that as we come together as a community we make welcome everyone who comes to our "house" so that they feel at home with us and thus closer to Christ in hope and joy .



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School Governor Volunteers

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Winchester, seeks a practising Catholic for the role of Foundation Governor. Please consider joining this important ministry, no educational knowledge is required and full training is provided. Find out more from Fr Mark or any of the current governors. Much more information is available on the Portsmouth Catholic Academies and Schools website: <https://www.casopostmouth.org.uk/recruiting-governors-2/>, and the school website [Governors | St Peter's Catholic Primary School & Little Fishes Pre-School \(stpetershants.co.uk\)](http://Governors | St Peter's Catholic Primary School & Little Fishes Pre-School (stpetershants.co.uk)).

See the parish website for the full advert: www.catholicwinchester.org.uk

Next weekend's second collection - Catholic 'Education Sunday'. As the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. For more information, please click here: [Education Sunday \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](http://Education Sunday (catholiceducation.org.uk)).

Contacts

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our website:

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Parish Bank Details If you wish to make a payment/donation, please use the following: Parish Bank Account Name: CDP St Peter & Winchester Martyrs, Ref details (eg offertory, SVP, etc). Sort Code: 30-93-04 & Account Number: 00890996
You can also use the Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

SVP Awareness Month –Friendship and support in our Parish

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (the SVP) celebrates SVP awareness month each September. Each week we will be sharing information about our work around the Parish in Peterpost and other Parish media.

This week we're focussing on the core of our work- **providing friendship and support to those in need**. We visit people in their own homes and nursing homes offering a friendly chat and a listening ear. Typically, during any month, we visit around 16 people, usually fortnightly, amounting to over 400 visits a year. The people we visit may be young or old and can be of any faith or none. Sometimes we're there just to help through a period of ill health, sometimes for longer. Occasionally, we may provide some simple practical support, such as helping to source a walking aid.

We work in the background, keeping details of those we visit confidential.

Often a friend or relative may ask us to become involved or we may hear of people who would welcome a visit through the Parish clergy or other Parish ministries.

SVP members will attend each mass this weekend and be around at the end of mass to answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in finding out more about our work, becoming a member, or donating to the SVP, please email svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Events

Murder Mystery Evening at Twyford Parish Hall on 19th October at 7pm. Proceeds to SVP Christmas Parcels. Tickets £25, available from svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

"Life in Truth" Theology and Spirituality Courses – online "Open Evening". There will be an online opening evening this Weds 4th Sept, 8pm, to explore all the various courses that "Life in Truth" (a joint venture of "Light in Darkness" and "Claritas Spiritual Theology" based here in the diocese) will be running for the academic year 2024-2025.

Please find more details and sign up at www.lifeintruth.org

Centenary Planning Meeting on Wednesday 4th Sept at 7pm at the Pastoral Centre. All invited to come and help us prepare for our Centenary Celebrations in 2026. Please email centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for further details or just come along.

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

Winchester Cathedral Mass on Saturday 7th September at 10am - join us for our quarterly Mass and afterwards, our parish get together in the Cathedral Cafe! (please note confessions at St Peter's will be at 11am-12noon).

Winchester Catholic History Society next event is on Wednesday 18th Sept. "Young Elizabeth—Princess, Prisoner & Queen, by Dr Nicola Tallis. Bookings please to win.cath.history@gmail.com.

BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL 2025 (22nd - 24th August 2025). You Are Invited!

Father Mark is going to the Big Church Festival next year and would love you to join him and fellow parishioners, with over 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond - to worship together in the beautiful Wiston Estate in West Sussex in the company of some of the best Christian worship artists in the world including Brandon Lake, Phil Wickham and Martin Smith. There really is something for everyone, of all ages and all tastes (well most tastes!) You can attend for the whole 3 days or just dip in for a day, as you prefer. There are also kids and youth morning streams available. There will be Mass on the Sunday morning. Check out the website for more info at: <https://www.bigchurchfestival.com/> If you decide you want to come, the booking link is: <https://tickets.bigchurchfestival.com/south/join-us/individual>. Not sure whether to sign up yet? Don't worry! The cheaper way to attend is as a group and we are hoping to form either a parish group or book with another existing group. The price will keep dropping as the group grows. Look out for more details and unique group booking link later in the year. We look forward to having a wonderful there together!

<u>Mass Timetable</u>	31st August 2024 – 7th September 2024		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – August 31st – St Aidan, Bishop, & All Saints of Lindisfarne, optional memorial. 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	A Homeless Man who died on the Street
	9.30 – 10.30 AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4.30 – 5.00 PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls
SUNDAY – September 1st – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Margaret Guppy
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Soul of Marisa Yu
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of James Wheble
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Kathleen McNicholas RIP
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Thomas, Mary & Dreda Rudd
MONDAY – September 2nd – Feria.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Founders
TUESDAY – September 3rd – ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope, Doctor of the Church, feast. (Solemnity in Alresford)	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	No 10.00 AM Mass at St Gregory's		
	12.15 PM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's for Betty McConville RIP	
WEDNESDAY – September 4th – St Cuthbert, Bishop, optional memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Rev J Martin
	1.00PM	Funeral Service for Mary Thompson-Burner RIP	
THURSDAY – September 5th – Feria.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Perry RIP
FRIDAY – September 6th – Feria..	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	No 10.00 AM Mass at St Gregory's		
	No 12.15 PM Mass at St Peter's		
SATURDAY – September 7th – Our Lady on Saturday. 23rd Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	10.00 AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Peter RIP
	9.30 – 10.30 AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4.30 – 5.00 PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Breda Breslin RIP
	<p>Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church. Morning Confession on Saturday 7th September is from 11am to 12noon.</p> <p>Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public), every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration 'till 9.00am.</p> <p><i>To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our YouTube channel</i></p> <p>ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.</p>		