



THE PARISH OF ST PETER  
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Heart of Hampshire Parish with worshipping communities in Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester

8th September  
2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## Readings and Antiphons:

### Entrance Antiphon:

**Cf. Ps 118:137,124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;

treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps145:7-10. R. v.1

My soul give praise to the Lord.

**Second reading:** The Letter of St James 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation: 1 S 3:9, Jn 6:68**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41:2-3**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Our Second collection** is for the **Catholic 'Education Service'**. Catholic Schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools in England and Wales, educating over 850,000 pupils. In our own diocese, almost 32,000 pupils are educated in 71 schools. For more information, please click here: [www.catholiceducation.org.uk](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk)

## Funerals and Deaths:

**Stephen McNamara RIP**— Memorial Mass at St Gregory's at 11am on Sunday 22nd September.

**Maureen Capewell RIP**

**Kate Smith RIP**

**Eddie Sanyang RIP**

**John Perry RIP**

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

**Prayer Corner** Let us pray for our parish school, and all our students and those who nurture and guide them, at this start of another academic year, that God will watch over them on their journeys and bring them closer to Him through His divine wisdom.

## Curing Our Deafness

### A Message from Father Mark:

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!"), and (immediately) the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly" (Mark 7:32-35).

Jesus did not perform miracles as someone waving a magic wand or clicking his fingers. That sigh that escaped from him at the moment of touching the ears of the deaf man tells us that he identified with the people's sufferings; he participated intensely in their misfortune, made it his burden.

Christ's miracles were never an end in themselves; they were signs. What Jesus once did for a person on the physical plane indicates what he wants to do every day for every person on the spiritual plane.

The man cured by Jesus was deaf and dumb; he could not communicate with others, hear his voice and express his feelings and needs. If deafness and dumbness consist in the inability to communicate plainly with one's neighbour, to have good and beautiful relationships, then we must acknowledge immediately that we are all more or less deaf and dumb, and this is why Jesus addressed to all that cry of his: Ephphatha, Be opened!

The difference is that physical deafness does not depend on the individual and he is altogether blameless, whereas moral deafness is blameworthy.

We are deaf, to give an example, when we do not hear the cry for help raised to us and we prefer to put between ourselves and our neighbour the "double glaze" of indifference. Parents are deaf when they do not understand

that certain strange and disordered attitudes of their children hide a cry for attention and love.

A husband is deaf when he cannot see in his wife's nervousness the sign of exhaustion or the need for a clarification. And the same applies to the wife. We are deaf when we shut ourselves in, out of pride, in an aloof and resentful silence, while perhaps with just one word of excuse or forgiveness we could return peace and serenity to the home.

What decides the quality of communication, however, is not simply to speak or not to speak, but to do so or not to do so out of love. St. Augustine said to people in an address: It is impossible to know in every circumstance exactly what should be done: to speak or to be silent, to correct or to let things go.

Here is a rule that is valid for all cases: "Love and do what you will. Be concerned to have love in your heart then, if you speak, it will be out of love, if you are silent it will be out of love, and everything will be alright because only good comes from love.

The Bible helps us to understand where the rupture of communication begins, where our difficulty originates to relate in a healthy and beautiful way to one another. As soon as [Adam and Eve's] relationship with God was interrupted, through disobedience, the mutual accusations began: "It was he, it was she ..."

It is from there that one must begin again. Jesus came to "reconcile us with God" and thus to reconcile us with one another. He does so above all through the sacraments. The Church has always seen in the seemingly strange gestures that Jesus did with the deaf-mute (he put his fingers into his ears and touched his tongue) a symbol of the sacraments thanks to which he continues "touching" us physically to heal us spiritually.. Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap,

**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, 4 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 Church Hall.** 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!



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## Placement Seminarian – Jack Ryan

We are delighted to welcome Jack Ryan to the parish on placement 2nd - 23rd September. Jack is in his fifth year of formation at the Venerable English College in Rome and third year of theological studies. Please continue to keep him in your prayers during his time with us.

## St Peter's 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. More information is available on the Portsmouth Catholic Academies and Schools website: <https://www.casopportsmouth.org.uk/recruiting-governors-2/>, and St Peter's School website, or See the parish website for the full advert

**Monday Movers Dance and Exercise** have started back for the Autumn Term. There are a few places available for older adult newcomers in both classes, but especially in the mainly seated 11.15am class. Please call 07964 361598 for details/booking.

## 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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(deadline for items **Wednesday please**).

**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 –our Work Overseas

During September (SVP Awareness month) we are sharing information about the SVP's work. This week we're focussing on what we do to help **the SVP in parishes overseas**.

Our SVP Conference is twinned with five SVP Conferences in India. We make regular financial contributions, which ensures vital funding reaches the poorest communities in countries where the SVP exists. We have also been able to respond to special appeals, for example, we contributed to a Special appeal to help set up feeding centres for children in South Sudan. We also continue to sponsor a student in Higher Education through the annual Indian Scholarship Appeal: *"This programme enables SVP India to really help children and young people complete their education. The students are those from difficult backgrounds where parent(s) have lost ability to earn through sickness or worse. The scheme is life transforming"*.

We couldn't respond to these appeals without the generosity of our fellow parishioners.

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](mailto:svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

**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](mailto:svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

## Events

**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).

## Annual Mass for the Tichborne Family

On **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm** Fr Anthony Fyk (Bishop's Secretary) will be celebrating mass at St. Andrew's Church, Tichborne, one of only three Anglican churches in the country which incorporates a Catholic Chapel. During the mass we remember the deceased members of the Tichborne Family, many of whom worked diligently, and at great personal risk, to keep the Catholic faith during the reformation. All are very welcome!

**Winchester Catholic History Society** - the next talk is on **Wednesday 18 September** when Dr Nicola Tallis will be speaking on 'Young Elizabeth: Princess, Prisoner, Queen'. 6.30pm in the Parish Centre, new members most welcome, visitors £7 at the door. All enquiries to [win.cath.history@gmail.com](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com). Website [www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com](http://www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com)

## Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, to coincide with the Eucharistic Congress, Bishop Philip is inviting all parishes of the Diocese to hold a **Holy Hour**. Please do join us from 4-5pm in St. Peter's Church for a beautiful time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Not sure what a "Holy Hour" is or why it might be beneficial? Try looking [here](#).

**Invocation - at Adoremus.** Last Chance to join us at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham—**Sunday 15th September 10am-5.30pm**

The Bishops Conference are hosting a national youth and discernment event called 'Invocation at Adoremus'. This day presents an opportunity for youth and discerners to gather with seminarians and meet others from right across the country. Please get in touch if you'd like to attend this free event: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). (Transport will be co-ordinated where possible)

**Covenant With the Poor (CWP)** meeting on **Monday 16th September at 6.30pm** in the St Peter room of the parish centre to discuss future appeals. All welcome to attend and suggest projects to support.

**The Winchester Camerata**, conducted by Fr Andrew Moore, will be giving a concert at St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill, SO22 5AB on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.** Music by Strauss, Bach, Villa-Lobos, Khachaturian and Tchaikovsky. Tickets available on [ticketsource https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/winchcamerata/t-jzpgoy](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/winchcamerata/t-jzpgoy) or at the door. The concert is in support of Winchester Go LD - a local charity which "enables adults with learning disabilities to live life to the full with the choices and independence that they want."

**Parish Safeguarding Training** at St Peter's Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 12th October 2024**. More details to follow.

<u>Mass Timetable</u>	7th September 2024—14th September 2024		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – September 7 <sup>th</sup> – Our Lady on Saturday.  23rd Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	10.00 AM	Mass at Winchester Cathedral	Peter RIP
	11.00 AM – 12.00 noon	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
SUNDAY – September 8th – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	CWL
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Kate Smith RIP
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter RIP
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	
	6.00 PM	Annual Mass at St Andrew's Tichborne, for deceased members of the Tichborne Family	
MONDAY – September 9th – St Peter Claver, Religious, optional memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY – September 10th – Feria.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	No 10.00 AM Mass at St Gregory's		
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rose Margaret Fletcher
WEDNESDAY – September 11 <sup>th</sup> – Feria.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Irene Turner's 90th Birthday (on Saturday)
THURSDAY – September 12 <sup>th</sup> – The Most Holy Name of Mary, optional memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
FRIDAY – September 13 <sup>th</sup> – St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial.	No 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 14 <sup>th</sup> – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Feast.  24th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	No 9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	No Morning Confession at St Peter's		
	4.30 – 5 00 PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Bruce & Kathleen Cowling
<p>Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church. <b>Morning Confession on Saturday 7th September is from 11am to 12noon &amp; No Morning Confession on Saturday 14th September..</b> Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public), every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration 'till 9.00am. <b>No Morning Prayer on Friday 13th September.</b></p> <p><i>To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer &amp; Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our <a href="#">YouTube channel</a></i></p> <p><b>ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.</b></p>			