



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

15th September
2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Prove Faith With Good Deeds

Readings and Antiphons:

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel

First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps114:1-6,8-9. R. v.9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second reading: The Letter of St James 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6

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: Mark 8:27-35

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Second Collection. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

On this day, the Catholic community in England and Wales celebrates the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witnessing the fullness of life in Christ. Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can use, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities.

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.

Congratulations to:

Alexander Reidy and Finlay McKenzie, who were married at St Peter's last Friday and John Roddan and Eloise Jordan, who were married at St Peter's last Saturday.

A Message from Father Benedict

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is divided into four main parts. Part One: Faith Professed (analysis of the Creed); Part Two: Faith Celebrated (The Liturgy and Sacraments); Part Three: **Faith Lived** (Christian Life); Part Four: Faith Prayed (Life of Prayer). All the parts are proven by Part 3 alone in today's Gospel. In basic Catechesis we were told that "Faith means believing in God." Thus, faith is man's **response** to God, who reveals Himself and gives Himself to man, at the same time bringing man a super abundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life. Given that the topic "Faith" is so wide, our main concern here is to match words with action – faith that is put into work and that works. The Letter to the Hebrews 11 defines faith and gives examples of people who acted in faith. (Please, do read it later on).

St. James was apparently dissatisfied with people who **only talked** or **only listened** but **never acted** (we can call them *theory men*). So in verses 20-22 he gave the example of Abraham who was considered righteous when he offered his son Isaac. You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. Yet in a world where **activism** has gradually taken up even the normal Christian, others drift to the extreme of acting without faith. Faith is the light and foundation to our actions. Working relentlessly to alleviate people's difficulties (corporal works of mercy as St. James gives the two examples) is part and parcel of our faith.

ACT of FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the holy catholic Church teaches, because in revealing them you can neither deceive or be deceived. Amen.

St. James tells us in our Second Reading: "I will prove to you that I have faith by showing my good deeds." The fruits of Faith are good deeds. Faith produces evidence of its living existence by good works (by their actions you shall know them [cf. Mtt. 7:16]). Any living thing should have the capacity to bear fruits. We can now understand St. James when he says: "if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead." Do we have living and active faith or dead faith? Even if you are persecuted (trials) as you try to put your faith into action in various dimensions, remember that faith that is tested has the opportunity to grow stronger, to a place where it "works."

Consider how Jesus made disciples; only those who actually responded experienced discipleship. Secondly, notice the pattern of Jesus' miracles. He often acknowledged or ascertained the presence of faith in the individual before commanding that something essentially human be done. In faith, human effort collaborating with grace ends up with a better result. Faith is a human act wherein the human **intellect** and **will** cooperate with divine grace.

Due to his belief that the fundamental apostolate of the laity was fading away, Pope Paul VI said: "The first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God in a communion that nothing should destroy and at the same time given to one's neighbour with limitless zeal... 'Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than he does to teachers and if he listens to teachers, it's because they are witnesses'" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi* # 41)."

Prayer Corner

Let us pray that our Parish Community will have the courage and confidence to invite others to join Alpha and the groups offered by our Youth Ministry so that they may encounter the Lord, bringing them closer to Him in hope and joy .



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Placement Seminarian – Jack Ryan

We are delighted to have Jack Ryan on parish placement until 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.casoportsmouth.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 or email: hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to be directed to the correct person.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Hogan

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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

During September we continue to share information about our work around the Parish. This week we'd like to highlight the **Mass with Prayer for Healing and Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 5th October at 2pm**. We work with other Parish Ministries organising this service which is held twice a year in St Peter's Church. Anyone who is sick and suffering in any way, emotionally, physically, or spiritually, is invited to attend this mass with family and friends. Light refreshments are provided after the service. (Further details below).

Murder Mystery Evening at Twyford Parish Hall on 19th October at 7pm. Proceeds to SVP Christmas Parcels. Tickets (**which include a Ploughman's Supper**) £25 are available from svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

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

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction On **Sunday 15th 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.

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

Pies & Puds lunch event—Wed 18th September at the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. We'll be serving home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, vegetarian & gluten-free alternatives, and puddings with custard. Lunch, social time, and our speaker is Wayne Fletcher, talking about the work of the Samaritans. Come on your own/with a partner or friend; no booking necessary; contact moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk to be added to our mailing list.

Winchester Catholic History Society - Wednesday 18th September 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. Dr Nicola Tallis will be speaking on 'Young Elizabeth: Princess, Prisoner, Queen'. New members most welcome, visitors £7 at the door. All enquiries to win.cath.history@gmail.com. Website www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 21st September "YOU SHALL PROPHECY" – developing the gift of prophecy. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Geoff Poulter. Live meeting 10.00am-3.00pm at St. Dunstan's Church, Woking GU22 7DT (Directions at st-dunstans.org/about-us); please bring picnic lunch. Or: view livestream 10.00am-1.00pm at bit.ly/ADORESEP2024 (Registration not necessary.) More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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.

SVP Mass with Prayer for Healing and Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is at St Peter's Church at 2pm on Saturday 5th October. All are welcome, whether or not they are weary from physical, emotional or spiritual sickness. Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after the service. Please spread the word and if you can bring someone who wishes to attend, please do so. Please email SVP@stpeterswinchester.org.uk if you would like to attend the Mass but require transport to get to St Peter's.

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 12th October at 7.00 p.m.** Music by-Strauss, Bach, Villa-Lobos, Khachaturian and Tchaikovsky. Tickets available on [ticketsource <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/winccamerata/t-jzpgovn>](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/winccamerata/t-jzpgovn) 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."

Mass Timetable	14th September 2024—21st September 2024		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – September 14 th – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, feast. 24th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9.30 AM—10.30AM - Confession at St Peter's		
	4.30 PM— 5 00 PM—Confession at St Peter's		
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Bruce & Kathleen Cowling
SUNDAY – September 15th – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	John Dobson RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Jimmy Carr RIP
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Veronica Downey RIP
	4.00 PM—5.00 PM—Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction at St Peter's.		
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Tony Smallbone RIP
MONDAY – September 16th – Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Kath Gooch RIP
TUESDAY – September 17th – St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church; or St Robert Bellarmine, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, optional memorials.	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 William Meader
WEDNESDAY – September 18 th – Feria.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jean Moose RIP
THURSDAY – September 19 th – St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; or St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop optional memorials.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Richard Spencer and Concelebrating Local Priests
FRIDAY – September 20 th – St Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs, Mass of the memorial.	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	Special Intention for Fikile Mlotschwa
SATURDAY – September 21 st – ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, feast. 25th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Eva Misqueth's 10th Birthday
	9.30 AM—10.30AM - Confession at St Peter's		
	4.30 PM— 5 00 PM—Confession at St Peter's		
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead & Founders
<p>Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church.</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>To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our YouTube channel</p> <p>ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.</p>			

Parish Safeguarding Training at The Pastoral Centre on Saturday 12 October 2024

Firstly, on the behalf of Fr. Mark and the Diocese we would like to express our gratitude for all that you do ensuring compliance and adherence to the Safeguarding requirements that apply in our Church community, thank you.

In Person Training - St Peter's Pastoral Centre there will be two sessions, and you are welcome to attend both or just the one which is more relevant to your involvement within the Parish.

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 1:00pm following lunch, and we hope to finish by 3:30pm

Every human being has a value and dignity which we as Catholics acknowledge as coming directly from God's creation of all men and women in his own image and likeness. This means we have a duty to value all people and therefore to support them and protect them from harm.

As a Diocese we are committed to ensuring our parishes and church communities are safe spaces for all those who use them. A key part of that commitment is ensuring that safeguarding training is undertaken as part of the safe recruitment process.

It is a requirement of the Bishop, the Trustee Board and the Safeguarding Committee that anyone who in a role (or roles) working with children and/or adults at risk, or those who might otherwise be vulnerable undertake safeguarding awareness training.

We would really encourage you to attend if at all possible, to ensure that you continue to be actively engaged in your role(s) within the Parish.

The Diocese has a requirement for a minimum number of attendees at each session, and it would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know by emailing office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or alternatively by calling the office on 01962 852804.

Many thanks

Gerard Dailly,

Parish Safeguarding Minister