



22nd September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Turning Point – Be Great and Serve

Readings and Antiphons:

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 53:3-6,8. R. v.6

The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading: St James 3:16-4:3

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 8:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Communion Antiphon: Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts; may my ways be firm in keeping your

86th Anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's Church (on 22nd September 1938).

Funerals and Deaths:

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

John Perry RIP—Funeral Mass at St Peter's at 12.15pm on Tuesday 1st October.

Teresa Gilham RIP—Funeral Service at St Peter's at 2pm on Friday 11th October.

Thomas Breen RIP

Annie Muir RIP

June Bagley RIP

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

Prayer Corner

Let us pray that as we continue our Year of Prayer, the Holy Spirit will enlighten us to listen to God's call and be open to His word, leading our community closer to Christ in hope and joy.

A Message from Father Mark

Last weekend's Gospel was a **turning point** in the ministry of Jesus. He was near Caesarea Philippi, in the far north, at his furthest distance from Jerusalem, and was now about to head there in order to suffer, to be killed on the cross and to rise again. For his disciples too, it was a **turning point**. Peter, on behalf of the disciples, declared Jesus to be the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed or the Chosen One. From now on, they would have to understand that this did not mean earthly power and victory but the suffering, rejection, shame of the cross before the ultimate victory through the Resurrection. It also meant that there was a cost for them. They had to choose – to remain part of the crowd (Jesus is a prophet); to reject Jesus (he is a blasphemer); or to accept and follow him (by renouncing themselves and picking up their own cross).

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path of righteousness, mentioned in the first and second readings, looks like in action – welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst.

"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all".

As an example, Jesus then put a small child in front of them and identified himself with that child. Some think that Jesus would have spoken of a child using the Aramaic word 'talya', which can also mean 'servant'. If so, Jesus may be saying – this is how I will humble myself to serve you and all humanity.

I've used the example of Saint (Mother) Teresa before. In 1983, the U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar rose from his seat to introduce her to an elite gathering of the representatives of all member countries of the U.N. He needed only one sentence for his introduction: *"I present to you the most powerful woman in the world!"* This incredible woman, a small, elderly nun, always dressed in a blue-bordered white sari, was the living proof that real greatness lies in serving others.

Maybe for some of you, these next few months could be a real **turning point** in your faith journey and relationship with Jesus. Maybe you will fall more deeply in love with him, committing for the first time or the hundredth time to following him as a disciple, and so learn to love as He loves and serve as He Serves. We have countless ways of serving as part of our parish, so just ask if you'd like to know more.

In many ways, it's very simple. Mother Teresa puts it like this: *"Be the living expression of God's kindness through humble service; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile and kindness in your warm greeting."* Here is the motto of the Missionaries of Charity, the order of nuns founded by Mother Teresa:

The fruit of Silence is Prayer.

The fruit of Prayer is Faith.

The fruit of Faith is Love.

The fruit of Love is Service.

And the fruit of Service is Peace.

The Alpha Course – YOU ARE INVITED. YOU ARE WELCOME

Our new season of Alpha starts **Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre. The course will run for 9 weeks. Alpha is a space for conversations about faith, life and God conducted in an informal and relaxed manner. A guest shared, *'I now have a much stronger personal relationship with Jesus and a stronger commitment to prayer. I have allowed the Holy Spirit to lead me, and I am finding ways to be an active part of the worshipping community'*.

Whether you know very little about God, are unsure what you believe, need a spiritual re-boot or simply wish to foster faith-based friendships, Alpha is the place for you! Each session begins with a hot cooked meal. To register, visit www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha or email alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



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Placement Seminarian – Jack Ryan

Please continue to offer prayers and best wishes to Jack, who will be returning to the Venerable English College in Rome in the coming days.

Forthcoming Second Collections:

CAFOD Fast Day is on Friday 11th October,

The Fast Day Appeal and distribution of envelopes will take place on the 5th/6th October at all Masses. Envelopes can be returned in the Second Collection at all Masses on **12th/13th October**.

World Mission Sunday (Missio Collection) is over 19th/20th October.

Please Gift Aid your donations if you can.

A special welcome to all those starting or returning to University this week.

Please introduce yourself to the Clergy or Welcomers at Mass and join us for tea and coffee in the Pastoral Centre after 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

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

Parish Bank Details If you wish to make a payment/donation, please use the following details: 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—Christmas Parcels

During September (SVP Awareness month), we continue to share information about our work around the Parish.

This week we're focussing on our **annual Christmas Parcels distribution**. Over recent years we have provided over 100 food parcels to families and individuals in the local area. We fill the parcels with food items, mainly seasonal items and treats, with a few basics as well. We rely on the generosity of parishioners to fund the purchase of these items and are holding a fund-raising evening in October to help finance this project.

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

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.

Events

St Gregory's Soup & Pud Lunch - Next charity lunch is on **24th September** 12.30pm to 2pm - 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. Donations welcome.

St Anne's Catholic School Years 4, 5 & 6 Open events on **Wednesday 25th September** at 9-11am and 6-8pm. The open morning gives parents the opportunity to see the school on a normal working day and the open evening includes a talk from the Headteacher as well as tours of the school and the opportunity to talk to staff and Year 7 students.

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 the Mass but require transport to get to St Peter's.

St George Catholic College Open Evening is on **Thursday 3rd October** 5pm-8pm.

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/winchcamerata) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/winchcamerata> 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."

Safeguarding Training – 12 October 2024 - The Diocese has agreed to offer us in-person training in the Pastoral Centre with separate sessions for those involved with Children and Adults.

Last week's notice has resulted in only 5 responses from across the Parish. According to the records which have been shared from the Diocese there are 82 parishioners whose training has already expired or is due to expire before the end of this calendar year. It is regrettable that in the absence of a valid DBS and confirmation of having updated Training in place, we could see a number of individuals being suspended from ministry until their training certification is compliant.

There are two initial options available, either in person or alternatively online. It would be very much appreciated if you could let me know via office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk of your intentions. Many Thanks Gerard Dailly (Parish Safeguarding Minister).

Laudato Si Corner—The Season of Creation & Winchester Green Week

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). Winchester Green Week is from 21st to 29th September - visit the website for more information and events this week: [Winchester Green Week | Home](#)

<u>Mass Timetable</u>	21st September 2024- 28th September 2024		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – September 21st – ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, feast.	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		
25th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead & Founders
SUNDAY – September 22nd – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Mayhew-Arnold RIP
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	11.00 AM	Memorial Mass at St Gregory's for Stephen McNamara RIP	
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	
MONDAY – September 23rd – St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	
TUESDAY – September 24th – OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, feast.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	
WEDNESDAY – September 25th – FERIA.	No 8.00 AM Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's		
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
	7.00PM	Mass at St Peter's	In Thanksgiving for the Petercares Ministry
THURSDAY – September 26th – Ss Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs, optional memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	
FRIDAY – September 27th – St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	The McClean Family RIP
SATURDAY – September 28th – St Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs, optional memorial or: St Wenceslaus, Martyr, optional memorial.	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		
	26th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's
<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. No Morning Prayer on Wednesday 25th September.</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>			