



THE PARISH OF ST PETER
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

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

29th September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Turning Point – Be Alert for the Holy Spirit in Unexpected Places

Readings and Antiphons:

Entrance Antiphon: Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8,10,12-14. R. v.9
The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second reading: St James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Jn 17:17

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 118:49-50
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Welcome to: Aoife Clarke, who was baptized at St Peter's last weekend.

Funerals and Deaths:

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

Thomas Breen RIP—Funeral Service at Chesil Suite at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2nd October.

Annie Muir RIP—Requiem Mass at St Peter's at 10.30am on Thursday 10th October.

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

June Bagley RIP

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

Journey in Faith begins this Thursday (3rd October) in the Pastoral Centre. Contact the Office to join office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Prayer Corner: Let us pray for everyone taking part in the new season of Alpha starting next Tuesday, that their experience may fulfil them and revitalise their faith in the Lord, leading them closer to Him in hope and joy.

A Message from Father Mark

According to a traditional Hebrew story, Abraham was sitting outside his tent one evening when he saw an old man, weary from age and the journey, coming toward him. Abraham rushed out, greeted him, and then invited him into his tent. There he washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink. The old man immediately began eating without saying any prayer or blessing. So, Abraham asked him, "Don't you worship God?" The old traveller replied, "I worship fire only and reverence no other god." When Abraham heard this, he became incensed, grabbed the old man by the shoulders, and threw him out of his tent into the cold night air.

When the old man had departed, God called to his friend Abraham and asked where the stranger was. Abraham replied, "I forced him out because he did not worship You." God answered, "I have suffered him these eighty years although he dishonours me. Could you not endure him one night?"

Our Gospel two weeks ago was a **turning point** in the ministry of Jesus and for his disciples. Now, as he led them towards Jerusalem and his suffering, death and Resurrection, he would try to teach them what it really means to be the disciple of this Messiah. And they would have 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 last weekend's Gospel, Jesus begins his teaching:
"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all".

One of the real blessings of our parish is the genuine diversity we find. We find people from so many different nations; aged from a few weeks old to 100 years old; from the city and from the rural areas; of varying political persuasions; with a wide range of jobs and professions. We have many different natural gifts and talents and charisms. When we gather on a Sunday, we celebrate that beautiful diversity in unity, brought about by the Holy Spirit, and we focus on the One True God, and offer Him worship.

But how well do we really know each other? How many of us know the names, the stories, the joys and the struggles of the person who sits two or three rows behind us at Mass? What they might need prayer for this week? In a large community like ours, we need to be intentional in taking time to offer a cup of water to, share bread with, and listen to those others who help form our Catholic Christian community. Especially those who are not like us. Our small groups – Alpha, Journey in Faith, Acorn Groups, etc. help us to do this and it's why they're so important.

Who knows in what unexpected place the Holy Spirit might be trying to talk to you this week... And what a turning-point it might be for us when we become alert to His presence...

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the **Filipino community** for leading us in celebration at **10.30 Mass** and also for their hospitality, to which we are all invited in the Pastoral Centre after the Mass.

The Alpha Course – YOU ARE INVITED. YOU ARE WELCOME...

A chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal setting. A guest said, 'We touched on topics I had never been able to explore before, and the nicest part was being able to ask questions in a safe space without feeling judged. In one of the sessions, we discussed the theme of forgiveness. I cannot forget the joy I felt in realising the freedom there is in forgiving others or ourselves! And this probably wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been on Alpha'. Starts Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre for 9 weeks. Each evening begins with a hot cooked meal. To register, visit www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha or email alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Laudato Si Corner—Winchester Green Week continues until Sunday. This weekend you can take part in activities at the City Museum, sign up to visit a green open home, see a light exhibition at the United Church in Jewry Street or attend the Green Week choral evensong at the Cathedral (3.30pm Sunday). For full details see <https://www.winchestergreenweek.org.uk/events>.



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New Altar Servers Training

Fr Mark would like to invite all those who made their First Holy Communion in 2023 to an information and training session in St. Peter's Church on **Sat 5th October, 11am-12noon**. Please click on [this link](#) to fill in the brief consent form.

NB: This is not for those who made their First Holy Communion this year (2024). There will be a separate session for them in December.

St Gregory's Soup & Pud Lunch £300.00 was raised at the Soup and Pud lunch in aid of Hampshire And Isle of Wight Air Ambulance at St Gregory's last Tuesday. Many thanks to all who came and supported.

Messa in Italiano / Mass in Italian

Fr Mark would like to invite you to a celebration of the Holy Mass in Italian on Fri 4th October (The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) at 7pm in St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a typical dish from your country for us to share in the Milner Hall after the Mass.

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, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 00890996 & Reference details (eg offertory, SVP, etc). You can also use the Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

SVP Awareness Month—Other Outreach work

This week we're focussing on two areas where we work alongside other parish ministries:- the weekly Wednesday Sanctuary Welcome Hub and support in Winchester prison.

In May 2022 the Weekly Hub opened its doors, initially to welcome Ukrainians who were seeking sanctuary in Winchester and the neighbouring area. Our aim is to provide a safe and comfortable space where people can meet, share feelings and experiences, and offer mutual support. We are also able to signpost guests to relevant organisations and resources, as well as help with English conversation practice. The Hub could not operate without the help of volunteers, including many SVP members. The SVP also contributes financially with the Hub's running costs.

For over a year SVP members have been supporting prison chaplain Fr Jean-Patrice Coulon and visiting chaplains to HMP Winchester, for an invaluable weekly Saturday morning Mass. There is important and enjoyable social time before and after Mass when we, as chaplaincy volunteers, chat with, pray with and above all, listen to the men. During this social time there is also the opportunity to distribute the essential reading glasses, stress balls and picture prayer cards which are funded by the SVP. Each recipient is immensely grateful and appreciative, for having such needs met helps their mental health and helps them to feel human. We often use this opportunity to let the men know that whilst here in prison, they are a part of our parish and that we are praying for them.

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

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.**

Catholic Women's League (CWL) - Soup & Pud Lunch - Next charity lunch is planned for **4th Oct, 12noon-1.30pm** - Pastoral Centre - supporting Winchester Hospice. All very welcome. Suggested donation £7.00.

A new **Catholic Reading Group** starting with *Christianity* by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). 1st meeting **Monday 7th October at 7pm** in the Pastoral Centre. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Diocesan Renewal Evening on Zoom, **Thursday 10th October 2024, starting at 7:30pm.** This evening is a follow up to the wonderful Life in The Spirit Seminar Series, held for Portsmouth Diocese and hosted by the CHARIS team, but anyone is welcome to attend! Ros Powell is the guest speaker and it will be a wonderful evening of praise, prayer and blessing. To participate please click on this Zoom Registration Link [Zoom Registration Link](#).

Safeguarding Training on Sat 12th Oct 24. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance and /or replied to the email invitation, could you please do so at your earliest convenience. Many Thanks Gerard (Parish Safeguarding Minister).

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).

Murder Mystery Evening at Twyford Parish Hall on 19th October at 7pm. Proceeds to SVP Christmas Parcels. Tickets £25(**including a Ploughman's Supper**) are available from svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. Don't miss out—only a few tickets left.

Talk by Archbishop Matti Warda, of Erbil, Iraq. We are blessed that the Archbishop will be offering a talk to us in the **Milner Hall** here at St. Peter's in Winchester, from **11am – 12:30pm on Saturday 19th October.** The Archbishop is a Chaldean Catholic and has a privileged insight into the life of the diminishing Christian population in this part of the Middle East. (In 2003, Iraqi Christians numbered about 2 million; today they stand at about 250,000). **Numbers are limited** and will be on a **first come, first served basis.** If you are able to come, please click on [this link](#) and fill in the very brief form to give us your contact details.

| Mass Timetable | 28th September 2024 - 5th October 2024 | | |
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| Date | Mass Times & Intentions | | |
| SATURDAY – September 28th – St Laurence Ruiz & Companions , Martyrs, 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 | Holy Souls |
| SUNDAY – September 29th – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8.00 AM | Mass at St Peter's | Lee-Anne Richardson RIP |
| | 9.00 AM | Mass at St Thomas More's | |
| | 9.15 AM | Mass at St Stephen's | Peace in the World |
| | 10.30 AM | Filipino Mass at St Peter's | St Laurence Ruiz & Companions |
| | 11.00 AM | Mass at St Gregory's | Alex & Margaret RIP |
| | 5.30 PM | Mass at St Peter's | People of the Parish |
| MONDAY – September 30th – St Jerome , Priest, Doctor of the Church, memorial. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 12.15 PM | Mass at St Peter's | Intentions of the Neil Family |
| TUESDAY – October 1st – St Teresa of the Child Jesus , Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 10.00 AM | Mass at St Gregory's | |
| | 12.15 PM | Funeral Mass at St Peter's for John Perry RIP | |
| WEDNESDAY – October 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels , memorial. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer immediately followed by Mass at St Peter's | Patricia Smith RIP |
| THURSDAY – October 3rd – Feria. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 10.00 AM | Mass at St Peter's | The Soul of John Joseph Voller |
| FRIDAY – October 4th – St Francis of Assisi , 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 | CWL—Peace in the World |
| | 7.00 PM | Messa in Italiano at St Peter's | |
| SATURDAY – October 5th – St Faustina Kowalska , Religious, optional memorial or St Wenceslaus , Martyr, optional memorial. 27th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil | 9.00AM | Mass at St Peter's | The Soul of Valerie Bell |
| | 9.30 AM—10.30AM - Confession at St Peter's | | |
| | 2.00 PM | SVP Mass for Healing in St Peter's | |
| | 4.30 PM— 5 00 PM —Confession at St Peter's | | |
| | 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. 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> | | | |

Year of Prayer - Rosary in October.

October is the month of the Rosary and in this Year of Prayer we are inviting the parish to pray together. The rosary is a prayer of meditation and repetition as we go ever deeper into the unfathomable mysteries of the Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection and the promise of our life with God lived out already in the person of Mary. Come and listen or join in as we pray in October at St Peter's Church:

Sundays at 2.30pm before the Divine Mercy prayers at 3pm.

Weekdays about half an hour before Mass (currently on Wednesday and Thursday, with plans to extend)

Saturdays Children are especially welcome after 9am mass.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY: 7th October at 5.30pm to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, with prayers in English, Tagalog, Konkani, Lingala, Portuguese, Polish and Italian. If you would like to lead a decade in your language please contact Allegra at allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and she will let the group know.

If you are unsure how to pray the rosary come along and be with us as we pray together.

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