



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

6th October 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Turning Point – It is not good for you to be alone

Readings and Antiphons:

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Est 4:17
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127. R. v.5
May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Jn 17:17

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Communion Antiphon: Lm 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Funerals and Deaths:

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—Funeral Service at the Chesil Suite at 2.30pm on Wednesday 16th October.

Shelagh O'Donoghue RIP—Requiem Mass at St Peter's on Tuesday 22nd October at 12.15pm.

Anne Vail RIP—Thanksgiving Mass at St Peter's at 2.30pm on Wednesday 30th October.

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

A Message from Father Mark

For the last few weeks, we've been reflecting on the "turning-point" that I'm praying for in our individual lives as followers, disciples of Jesus, and for us as a parish. Following Peter's confession of faith – "You are the Messiah" - Jesus made his way from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem, teaching his followers what it meant to be the Messiah and what it meant to be his disciple. We get to choose, just as they did. Will we, like so many in his day, remain in the crowd, as spectators? Or will we, like the religious leaders, reject Jesus and turn our back on him when he says or does things that make us uncomfortable? Or will we follow him faithfully, dying to ourselves that we may live the new life to which he's calling us?

Along that path, there are many steps to take, each one contributing to the journey. These might not be easy steps to take but each, in its own way, is pretty simple. Each of these STEPS are life style choices, essential to growing in a relationship with Jesus and allowing Him to do what he wants, namely change and transform us for the better, making us more like Him.

One of those steps is recognising that we're not islands, we're not designed to be alone, we need human company.

At the very beginning of the Bible, we read that God made everything good. Everything that is, except one thing:

*"The Lord God said, 'It is **not good** that the man should be alone.'" (Gen 2:18)*

God recognises that there is still something missing and so God said, "I will make him a helpmate." Healthy relationships are key to physical health, mental health, emotional health, even financial health. It shouldn't, therefore, be surprising that what is true for all these areas of your life is also true for your spiritual growth and health.

Until you have friends in faith, you are limiting and inhibiting your spiritual growth. As long as

you remain alone as a follower of Jesus, you will not be all that you could be as a follower of Christ. You are limiting what Jesus can do through you and in you and how he can change and transform you to be the great mum, the amazing dad, the wonderful husband or wife, the incredible boss or business leader, the fantastic student leader you want to be and whom God created you to be.

It is not good that you should be alone in living out your faith, especially in a culture which is hostile to that faith.

God says it is not good for Adam to be alone because God is not alone. God is a communion of three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – continually loving and being loved by one another. Faith is personal but it's not supposed to be private. It needs to be lived out in a community of people. We all need friends in faith who strengthen and support us in our relationship with Christ. We need people around us who can encourage us.

Today, I'd simply like to plant a seed in your minds and hearts about the benefit of what we might call "small groups". I'm fully aware that in a Catholic setting anything beyond the one hour a week deal is either unheard of or just seems impossible but I really believe that they can change your life...

Small groups are where our big church gets small.

Small groups are a delivery system for pastoral care.

Small groups are schools of discipleship

I am convinced that small groups are essential in a parish of our size if we are to grow as a parish and help each other grow as followers of Jesus, as his disciples, one step at a time.

A little bit more today than yesterday.

A little bit more tomorrow than today.

Could these next few months be a turning point as we discover more deeply the even more beautiful and amazing life which God is offering.

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

We had such an exciting start to our Alpha season in the parish. So much joy, life, and laughter already!

A former guest said, *"I have always felt and said there has been something missing in my life when it comes to faith. It took three attempts, or should I say invitations from my neighbour before I agreed to join in September last year. Let me say that the outcome has thus far resulted in quite a significant shift in my life. I cannot claim to have fully found God...yet...but I have found and been enveloped into the warmth, welcome and love of the parish community. The groups are a safe place to ask questions, share views and opinions and "drop hand grenades" as my group leader described my interventions. It was perfectly safe to express doubts and question God and his actions or dare I say inactions. After each evening, I was given much to think and ponder upon, and I found myself looking forward to the next week. I am truly blessed to have found the warm, welcoming fellowship and love that Alpha, my Acorn group and the parish community have given me at a much-needed time in my life. I feel part of something very special and slowly but surely grew to be closer to God".*

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to join us or invite a friend or family member to come along to Alpha. Who knows? The reason they come may not be the reason they stay! To register, visit www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha or email alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

The course runs Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm at St Peter's Church.



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A Message for our African Community

Fr. Benedict Ndikum invites all Africans who attend this Parish to a brief but important meeting immediately following the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday 27th October 2024 in the Pastoral Centre. Please let the Parish Office know if you are able to attend.

Second Collection next weekend.

CAFOD Harvest (Fast) Day is on **Friday 11th October**, but the Fast Day Appeal and distribution of envelopes will take place this weekend (5th/6th October) at all Masses. Envelopes can be returned in the Second Collection at all Masses next weekend.

World Mission Sunday (Missio)

Collection will be **19th/20th October**.

Please Gift Aid your donations if you can.

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.

Prayer Corner: Let us pray for all adults taking part in Journey in Faith. May they find their meetings both inspiring and relevant as they gather to learn about the Catholic faith with God's watchful guidance drawing them closer to Him with hope and joy.

Opportunities:

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).

Singers and Musicians Wanted: Do you enjoy contemporary praise and worship music? Would you like to learn new songs and join a relaxed and friendly group which sings at 5.30pm Mass on a Sunday once a month or so?

Rehearsals will usually be at **1.30pm on Sundays** in the Pastoral Centre or do join us at **4pm on Sunday 6 October** to practice for the 5.30 Mass that evening. You don't have to read music and the only requirement is enthusiasm. Instrumentalists also welcome. Contact aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for more details.

Volunteer Gardeners and Church Cleaners Required: St Peter's Church is asking for help from enthusiastic church cleaners and avid gardeners (for weeding) to assist with the maintenance – just once a week for gardening and once every other month for cleaning. Please respond to the Parish Office.

Events

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](#).

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).

Winchester Catholic History Society. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 16 October** at 6.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. Professor Alice Hunt will be speaking on her new book 'Republic: Britain's Revolutionary Decade, 1649-1660'. New members most welcome, visitors £7 at the door. Enquiries win.cath.history@gmail.com Website www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com

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.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 26th October 10.00-1.00 "Heal the sick – ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit," Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Joe Livingston. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

St. Margaret Clitherow Pilgrimage 26th and 27th October 2024

On 26th and 27th October 2024, there will be a St. Margaret Clitherow themed pilgrimage, we will visit the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, visit her relics at the Bar Convent and visit the place of her execution. There will also be other social and devotional activities/talks. The event is organised by Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History. All ages are welcome. Please come to as much or as little of the pilgrimage as you want. To book onto this FREE pilgrimage go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

| <u>Mass Timetable</u> | 5th October 2024—12th October 2024 | | |
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| Date | Mass Times & Intentions | | |
| SATURDAY – October 5th – St Faustina Kowalska , Religious, optional memorial. | 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 | |
| | 4.30 PM— 5 00 PM —Confession at St Peter's | | |
| 27th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil | 5.30 PM | Mass at St Peter's | |
| SUNDAY – October 6th – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8.00 AM | Mass at St Peter's | Soul of Julia Cave |
| | 9.00 AM | Mass at St Thomas More's | People of the Parish |
| | 9.15 AM | Mass at St Stephen's | Kilroy Whittaker Family |
| | 10.30 AM | Family Mass at St Peter's | Enriqueta Gonzalez RIP |
| | 11.00 AM | Mass at St Gregory's | Peace in the World |
| | 5.30 PM | Mass at St Peter's | |
| MONDAY – October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary memorial. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 12.15 PM | Mass at St Peter's | P I Jose RIP |
| TUESDAY – October 8th – Feria. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 10.00 AM | Mass at St Gregory's | Intentions of Roseann Lynch & Anna Salley & Family |
| | 12.15 PM | Mass at St Peter's | Benefactors |
| WEDNESDAY – October 9th – St JOHN HENRY NEWMAN , Religious, feast. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 10.00 AM | Mass at St Peter's | Soul of William Meader |
| THURSDAY – October 10th – St Paulinus of York , Bishop, optional memorial or St Denis , Bishop, & Companions , Martyrs, optional memorial. | 8.00 AM | Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's | |
| | 10.30 AM | Funeral Mass at St Peter's for Annie Muir RIP | |
| FRIDAY – October 11th – St John XXIII , Pope, optional 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 | Soul of Cruzino |
| | 2.00 PM | Funeral Service at St Peter's for Theresa Gillham RIP | |
| SATURDAY – October 12th – Our Lady on Saturday. | 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 | | |
| 28th 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. 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 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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