



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

13th October 2024

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## Readings and Antiphons:

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 129:3-4  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand? But with you is  
found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**First reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 89:12-17.  
R. v.14  
Fill us with your love that we may  
rejoice.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Cf. Mt 11:25

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth, for revealing the mysteries  
of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Ps 33:11  
The rich suffer want and go hungry, but  
those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing.

## Funerals and Deaths:

**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  
11.30am.

**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.*

Thank you for giving to **CAFOD's Family  
Fast Day appeal** this Harvest season. Your  
donation in the Second Collection today  
and your prayers are helping young people  
in the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
with training, so they can carve their way to  
a better future.

There will also be an Update by speakers at  
all Masses this weekend, on behalf of **CWP  
(Covenant With the Poor)**.

**Prayer Corner:** Let us pray that  
through our CAFOD Family Fast Day  
and the Covenant with the Poor  
awareness appeal, we are all  
persuaded to share generously from  
our abundance of material goods to  
help all those in need.

## Do you possess your possessions or do your possessions possess you?

### A Message from Father Mark

How can you trap a monkey?  
With a coconut, some roasted peanuts or rice and a  
string. Tribal people living in the border of forests in  
Africa, Sri Lanka, and India have been trapping  
monkeys for centuries. At one end of the coconut,  
they open a hole that is big enough to allow a  
monkey's hand to push inside. However, the hole is  
too small for a monkey to remove his hand when he  
makes a fist. On the other end of the coconut, a string  
is firmly attached and tied to a tree trunk.  
The coconut trap, with roasted peanuts or roasted rice  
inside, is placed along a monkey's trail, and the trap-  
per hides behind bushes with a net. The monkey  
smells the peanuts and is attracted to them. He puts  
his hand through the hole and grabs a handful of  
peanuts, after which it is impossible for him to  
remove his hand since he is unwilling to let go of the  
peanuts. Suddenly the trapper casts the net over the  
monkey and traps it.

"Would you say that this monkey had his peanuts, or  
that his peanuts had him?"

We too are attracted by different "peanuts" that can  
be detrimental to our spiritual and physical pursuits.  
Today's Gospel presents a rich young man who wants  
eternal life but will not relinquish "the peanuts" of  
riches.

Why do riches prevent man from reaching God?  
Firstly, riches encourage a false sense of  
independence. Wealth tempts us to think that we can  
buy our way to happiness and buy our way out of  
sorrow and, therefore, that we don't need God.  
Secondly, a person's heart lies where his treasure lies.  
If someone's interests are all earth-bound, s/he never  
thinks of the hereafter. Instead of having security and  
tranquillity, s/he is an eternal hostage of their money.  
Thirdly, riches have the potential to make a person  
selfish.

Fourthly, avarice, the greed for money, in addition to  
being idolatry, is also the source of unhappiness. The  
avaricious person is an unhappy one. Distrusting every-  
one else, the miser isolates himself. But we need to  
understand that Jesus is not against riches as such, nor  
against the rich. Zacchaeus, Joseph of Arimathea,  
and Nicodemus were Jesus' close friends, and they  
were rich. Jesus never condemned wealth or earthly  
goods in themselves. What Jesus condemns is that

disordered attachment to money and property  
and objects which views acquiring, possessing,  
and hoarding them for oneself alone, as  
absolutely essential to maintain one's life  
(c.f. Lk 12:13-21).

In other words, Jesus is talking about our attitude  
towards wealth. The Bible doesn't say that  
money is the root of all evil. Rather, it says that  
the love of money is the root of all evil. Jesus also  
challenges the Jewish belief that material wealth  
and prosperity are signs of God's blessings, while  
poverty is the sign of His displeasure. Jesus here  
condemns a value system that makes "things"  
more valuable than people.

Finally, Jesus asserts that those who have made  
the kingdom of God their priority, will be well  
compensated both in this life with earthly  
blessings (accompanied by pains and suffering –  
this is the fallen world!), and in the next life with  
everlasting life.

Jesus never asks what he is unwilling to give  
himself and Jesus gives us everything. His  
generosity led to the free gift of His very self to  
save our lives eternally. The crucifix, we might  
say, is "Exhibit A." To follow Jesus, we must have  
the same kind of generosity, and be willing to  
give our money, time, talents, and even our life,  
away to serve the needs of others. In the heart of  
every Christian there should be a desire to give.  
"Would you say that you possess your money, or  
that your money possesses you?"

Let me finish with the end of the first rule and  
foundation of St. Ignatius and Loyola, a wonderful  
teacher in the ways of discernment:

*In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in  
balance before all of these created gifts insofar as  
we have a choice and are not bound by some  
obligation. We should not fix our desires on  
health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or  
failure, a long life or a short one. For everything  
has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper  
response to our life in God.*

*Our only desire and our one choice should be this:  
I want and I choose what better leads to God's  
deepening his life in me.*

**Laudato Si Corner**—Our climate is changing, and it's time to remind ourselves of the key goals of the Pope's encyclical "Laudato Si" advising us how we can respond to climate change as Christians. He urges us to: Respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor; To plan the adoption of simpler lifestyles and To consider: Ecological education/Ecological spirituality/Community involvement and participation. In his encyclical "On Care for our Common Home", he writes, "Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us".

Check out the Diocesan website for their ideas on "greening parish buildings and grounds" and think about what you might be interested in doing to help achieve this in St Peter's Parish. Check out the Parish website for our Laudato Si Group notices, advice and ideas.



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This Sunday is **Prisoners' Sunday**. Please pray for all prisoners and those affected by the Criminal Justice System.

### 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.

### Opportunities:

#### **Volunteer Gardeners and Church Cleaners**

**Required:** St Peter's Church would like support from enthusiastic church cleaners and avid gardeners to assist the maintenance team.— Just an hour a week or so for gardening and once every other month (with others) for cleaning. Please respond to Sue Hume, via the Parish Office.

#### **Contemporary Praise and Worship Music**

There is a desire to enhance the celebration of liturgy with praise and worship music. Interested? If so, please join us for rehearsals at **1.30pm on Sunday** in the Pastoral Centre. An ability to read music is not essential. Instrumentalists also welcome. Contact [gross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:gross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) for details.

### 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 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.

**Volunteer Champions** Richard White and Lesley Sheldon-Browning are the new Volunteer Champions for the Parish. These are volunteer roles, the purpose of which is to attract, develop and support volunteers for the wide range of both internal and external ministries that make our Parish so vibrant. We are each called to serve and to follow the way of 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" (A simple path - Mother Teresa, cited by World Vision, 2013).

Today, we have approximately 25% of Parishioners engaged in volunteering activities and when asked *why*, the response is almost always, "because I love it and I get so much out of it" It is our ambition that everyone feels the benefit of prayer, faith, love, service and peace by having the opportunity to engage in some form of voluntary service whether small or large and that people rotate amongst the ministries. Currently, we have about 50 ministries and so there is much choice for your skills, talents, hobbies. To serve is love in action, it brings the love of Christ to those in need (Mother Teresa) and it is such a wonderful thing to do.

Richard & Lesley will be engaging with you over the next few months but in the meantime, please contact Lesley on [lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) if you would like to know more and where you could fit in. They look forward very much to hearing from you.

### A Note on the Assisted Dying Bill from Bishop Philip—6 Plain Reasons Why This is Gravely WRONG:

Last week, Kim Leadbeater MP confirmed that she would introduce a bill giving the terminally ill the right to so-called "assisted dying" – aka "assisted suicide," helping another person end their life. Over the next weeks, we will no doubt be subjected to a barrage of emotional pressure from the media and from euthanasia campaigners such as Exit International to persuade us to support a change in the law. In plain language I give you here six reasons why bringing in assisted suicide and euthanasia is gravely immoral and a danger to our society: [portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/news/issue-461](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/news/issue-461) ([mailchi.mp](mailto:mailchi.mp))

### Events

**Murder Mystery Evening at Twyford Parish Hall on 19th October at 7pm.** Last few tickets available from [svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). Tickets £25 (including a Ploughman's Supper) Proceeds to SVP Christmas Parcels.

**Pies & Puds lunch event Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October.** It's time for our monthly pie lunch... at the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. We'll be serving home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives, and proper puddings with custard. Lunch, social time, and our speaker is Gavin Edgerley-Harris, who will be talking about Myths and misconceptions about the Zulu wars. Come on your own or with a partner or friend. There is no booking or commitment necessary, but do contact [moirar@msn.com](mailto:moirar@msn.com) with any questions or to be added to the mailing list.

**Winchester Catholic History Society.** The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th October** at 6.30pm 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](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com). Website [www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com](http://www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com)

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 provide your contact details to the Parish Office ([Office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)) **by Thursday**.

**Our Lady of Holy Souls Mass** (from Deacon Kim Cabatana). You are invited to join the launch of the devotion to Our Lady of Holy Souls on the **22nd October 2024 at 7.00pm, Sacred Heart Church, Bordon**. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass together with the Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon.

**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](http://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**CWL Soup & Pud Lunch** over £200 was raised for the Winchester Hospice at the recent Soup and Pud lunch. Many thanks to all who supported. The next soup and Pud lunch will be on Friday 1st November, in the Pastoral Centre in aid of the BOAZ community.

<a href="#">Mass Timetable</a>	12th October 2024—19th October 2024		
Date	Mass Times & Intentions		
SATURDAY – October 12 <sup>th</sup> – 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		
28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time - Vigil	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Federico Morales Mendez RIP
SUNDAY – October 13 <sup>th</sup> – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Prisoners (Prisoner Sunday)
	9.15 AM	School/Family Mass at St Stephen's	Prisoners (Prisoner Sunday)
	10.30 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Prisoners (Prisoner Sunday)
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Prisoners (Prisoner Sunday)
	5.30 PM	Mass at St Peter's	John Johnston RIP
MONDAY – October 14 <sup>th</sup> – St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr, optional memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Cecelia Misquith
TUESDAY – October 15 <sup>th</sup> – St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church, memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Austin
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
WEDNESDAY – October 16 <sup>th</sup> – St Hedwig, Religious, optional memorial, or St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious, optional memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Lady Mannock
THURSDAY – October 17 <sup>th</sup> – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, memorial.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Beatrice Hew Tompson
FRIDAY – October 18 <sup>th</sup> – ST LUKE, Evangelist, feast.	8.00 AM	Morning Prayer and Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Soul of Austin
	12.15 PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Peter Louth & Benefactors
SATURDAY – October 19 <sup>th</sup> – Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Religious, Martyrs, optional memorial or St Paul of the Cross, Founder, optional memorial.	9.00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Margaret Merriman
	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	Soul of Austin
<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 &amp; Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our <a href="#">YouTube channel</a></p> <p><b>ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.</b></p>			

**Nan McNamara and family** were overwhelmed by the love and care shown by the St Gregory's community at Stephen's Memorial Mass on Sunday 22 September. Heartfelt thanks to everyone.

### 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.

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

<https://www.osv.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/howtorosary.pdf>