THE PARISH

& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS Heart of Hampshire parish with worshipping communities in Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge

20th October 2024

Readings and Antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Isaiah 53:10-11 First reading:

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5,18-20, 22. R. v.2

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jn 4:14-16 **Gospel Acclamation:**

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 10:35-45

Communion Antiphon: Cf Ps 32:18-

Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Funerals and Deaths

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.

Danuta Allen RIP Ken Scott RIP

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

<u>Baptisms</u>

Welcome to Noah Sacree-Newton, who was baptised at St Peter's last Saturday. And to Maria Noviczky, who was baptised at St Peter's last Sunday.

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a Second Collection at all Masses, on behalf of Missio - Foreign Missions.

Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope or contactless machine or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible - thank you.

Prayer Corner

Let us pray that we will all willingly participate in our parish mission, reaching out to invite everyone to take part in the Lord's banquet, so bringing them closer to Christ in hope and joy.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

A Message from Fr Mark...

Dangerous Prayers

What's the difference between dangerous prayers and safe prayers?

Dangerous prayers make very specific requests to God, bringing very clear petitions before Him. So, it is clear if God answered our prayers with a yes or no. When you pray a dangerous prayer and it gets answered you clearly see the hand of God at work.

Safe prayers are vague. We don't really know if God answered them.

Dangerous prayers rely on God's power and presence. When you pray a dangerous prayer you are counting on God to show up. That's a bit risky, a little scary. What if the situation does not work out? Can our faith handle the set back?

With safe prayers nothing is really on the

Dangerous prayers mean you are all in. They are cries from the heart and connect with the deepest desires of our heart. So, when we pray dangerous prayers, we are not afraid to get down on our knees or even lie prostrate before God. Dangerous prayers require us to stretch our faith and trust in God. They take us to places in our relationship with God that we have never been before, out of our comfort zone. We expect to hear from God.

Dangerous prayers are 'moving mountains' kind of prayers.

They open us up to see miracles and an incredible transformation in our families, our community, our Church, our world.

I don't mean that safe prayers are bad. Keep blessing your food before meals, praying for protection when you travel, and continue to recite learnt prayers with your children before bedtime. That's all good.

However, to get to a deeper level of faith we all need to take the risk of praying dangerous prayers. To grow in faith, we need to move from the shallow waters of prayer into the deep, where we are in a bit over our heads, where we can't touch the bottom and need to learn to swim.

In this weekend's Gospel, James and John have a favour to ask of Jesus:



"allow us to sit, one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory." The two brothers are seeking to secure for themselves the top posts in the Messiah's future government. The apostles believed that Jesus was going to defeat the Romans and rule as king of Israel. They didn't understand that Jesus came to defeat sin and death and illness, that his kingdom is not of this world. And they didn't understand that Jesus would not be pronounced king on a throne but on the cross. They didn't understand he would enter into his glory through a military victory but through the cross.

James and John do not realise how dangerous their prayer is. Only on Golgotha will the deep irony of their request become clear: those at the right hand of the Messiah when he enters into his glory through the cross are the two thieves crucified next to him.

Scripture tells us: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:31)

It's a fearful, dangerous thing to know that God answers our prayers and takes them seriously, that our prayers matter.

We are on the edge of a significant breakthrough in our parish. But it will require a courageous type of prayer that will be foreign to many of you.

God is bringing broken hearts back to life. He is already preparing the way, performing miracles and bringing healing. The people that see it are the ones who will take the risk of faith to offer dangerous

My challenge to you is to identify one dangerous prayer for you personally. Make it a dangerous prayer that you will stick with no matter what, until you see God respond.

Maybe it is a prayer asking God to help you get out of debt or bring other resources you need. Maybe your dangerous prayer means praying for physical or emotional healing. Maybe it means forgiveness and reconciliation in your marriage or among members of your family. Your dangerous prayer may be for God to use you to impact a group of people who are in need or don't know him.

Spend a few minutes in silence, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal what He wants you to pray for. Then this week, spend 15 to 20 minutes before God on your knees or prostrate before God, offering your dangerous prayer.

Laudato Si' Corner

Throughout the Season of Creation, which has just ended, we observed communities led by Pope Francis, celebrating God as Creator through prayers, walks, and actions in defence of climate justice. In Winchester we held our own on Conference in the Parish Centre in September.

The Holy Spirit accompanied communities across the globe, and this was reflected in the events and celebrations with Church leaders, beginning with Pope Francis, speaking out in defence of our Common Home. Their voice confirms to us that we are on the right path and fills us with energy to continue on our journey. Do contact us if you would like to join our own parish group.

Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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A Message from Fr Benedict

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

Free Chaplaincy Training - Members of different city centre churches serve as chaplains in the retail sector. We provide a confidential listening ear for whoever wants to talk to us. We also signpost people to other organisations. Interested in joining? To find out more, please contact Alison Dolphin (lead city centre chaplain) on the following email: chaplains@winccc.org.uk

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. Please contact: aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for details.

Parish Bank Details

If you wish to make a payment or 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.

Contacts

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our website:

<u>www.catholicwinchester.org.uk</u> or email <u>hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u> to be directed to the correct person.

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Safeguarding Training

On behalf of the Parish and Diocese we would like to thank all those who attended the in-person-training last weekend, we hope that you found it engaging and have a greater awareness as to what is required in protecting yourself and others. For those of you who have elected to complete the Online Course, can you please let me know when you have done?

If you missed last week and are looking for alternative locations for in person course(s) please contact me and I will endeavour to identity these on your behalf. I probably should not do this, but I am aware that the next course is scheduled for next weekend (26th October) at Immaculate Conception, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. The course will run from 11am to 4pm. If you would like to attend, please let me know and I will share with the Parish Secretary. Gerard Dailly

<u>A Message from Bishop Philip</u>

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

Several weeks ago, 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: Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 461 (mailchi.mp)

News from St Peter's School

Please find a link to this week's school newsletter for all the latest news... https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/topic/news-and-events

Events

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.

Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh are hosting a cultural event on Friday 25th October at 7pm. It will be a music evening with a Catholic pianist playing and explaining how music points to God. www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife

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: www.altonrenewal.com/ww

CWL Soup & Pud Lunch The next Soup and Pud lunch will be on Friday 1st November, in the Pastoral Centre in aid of the BOAZ community.

Mass of Remembrance on Friday 8th November at 7pm. This special Mass of Remembrance provides an opportunity to pray for and light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died. If you would like to come, please email or telephone the Parish Office by Monday 4th November and let us know how many people will be attending with you.

Praying with St Dominic, 1st - 3rd November 2024

This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information and to register, click: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/

Bookshop

We have a good selection of Bibles, rosaries, crosses, books and cards for ALL occasions. We are also awaiting arrival of the new missal. If you'd like to order one, please contact the Parish Office. We are open weekdays during office hours. Thank you, Susan Henry

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). 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

Parish Prayerline

Our team of intercessors are here 24/7 and would like more to pray for! Please email your prayer requests to: <u>prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</u>

May our prayers be filled with faith, compassion, and a genuine desire to see God's will accomplish in the lives of those we intercede for.

Thank you, Fleur Jackson - Parish Prayer Volunteer

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SATURDAY October 19th – Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Religious, Martyrs, optional memorial or St Paul of the Cross, Founder, optional memorial.	9:00AM 9.30AM -	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Margaret Merriman
Jogues & Companions, Religious, Martyrs, optional memorial or St Paul of the Cross,			
	10.30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
Vigil Mass Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Austin
SUNDAY October 20th – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Margaret Guppy RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peace in the World
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Deceased Members of the Ilting & McCartney Families
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Maria Jose Fernandes RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	lan Love RIP
MONDAY October 21st – Feria.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Mayhew-Arnold RIP
TUESDAY October 22nd – St John Paul II, Pope, optional memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Noel McNicholas RIP
	11:30AM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's for Shelagh O'Donoghue RIP	
	2:15PM	School Harvest Mass at St Stephen's	
WEDNESDAY October 23rd – Diocesan Day of Prayer &	d – Diocesan Day of Prayer & 9:00AM Morning Prayer to		owed by Adoration
Reparation for Life. (St John of Capestrano, Religious, optional memorial)	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
THURSDAY October 24th – St Anthony Claret, Founder,	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
Bishop, optional memorial.	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
FRIDAY October 25th – Feria.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Keating
SATURDAY October 26th – Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops, optional memorial. Vigil Mass Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead & Founders
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	2:00PM	Wedding - Cumbers & Hickey at St Peter's	
	4:30PM- 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Michael & Annie Kate Laing RIP

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