

27th October 2024

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Readings and Antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

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 10:46-52

Communion Antiphon: Cf Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Funerals and Deaths

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.

Baptisms



Welcome to: **Lucia Muskus-Pirrone** and **Hazel Fennell**, who were baptised at St Peter's last Sunday

Month of November - Masses

The month of November is traditionally dedicated by the Church to offer suffrages for all the faithful departed and holy souls in purgatory. **Please see the Mass timetable for additional Masses.** More details to follow next week.



Next Weekend - Collection

Next weekend is **Bamenda Sunday** and there will be a **Second Collection** at all Masses. This year we mark its **Golden Jubilee - 50 years!** Please Gift Aid your donations if you can.

REMINDER - CLOCKS!

Don't forget the clocks go back an hour this weekend!



Prayer Corner

Let us pray that those who have taken part in the parish Called and Gifted process have been helped by the Holy Spirit to discern their charisms so that they may use them with love and compassion, to bring others closer to Christ in hope and joy.



A Message from Fr Mark...

Dangerous Prayer II – Begging for the Healing Love of God

Dangerous prayers search your soul, break your habits and change your path. They're the kind of prayers that *move mountains, work wonders, expect miracles.* We read about a prayer like that in our Gospel this weekend.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road.

Mark 10:46

A crowd of people were following Jesus. He attracted crowds wherever he went, and they tended to be loud, and chaotic with people vying for Jesus' attention. All the commotion would have likely drowned out a poor man begging on the side of the road. So Bartimaeus, a blind man dependent upon the charity of others, has to shout very loudly. *When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.'*

Mark 10:47

"Son of David" is a title given to the Messiah. Blind Bartimaeus, it seems, is the only one in this whole crowd, who recognizes Jesus as Lord and king.

Effective prayer first of all does that: it recognizes and acknowledges who God is. Bartimaeus names Jesus as Christ and King, the one with power and authority. And this established the whole context for his prayer and what comes next, which is the most basic of prayers.

"Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me."

Mark 10:47

He begs for mercy, the healing love of God. Then look what happens next:

And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, **'Son of David, have pity on me.'**

Mark 10:48

Bartimaeus is *persevering* in prayer. And he doesn't let the apparent lack of an answer, nor the discouraging voice of others, stop him or slow him down. In fact, he cries out "all the more."

Above all, dangerous prayer is *persistent prayer*, prayer that keeps going despite disappointment and that will not be silenced by resistance or discouragement.

When you meet resistance to prayer and go ahead and do it anyway, you will become better at it, you will become stronger through it, and the prayer will become easier.

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here."

Mark 10:49a

Amid the chaos and confusion of this scene Jesus hears Bartimaeus. Whenever you are tempted to think that God doesn't hear us, God isn't listening, God has better things to do, remind yourself of Bartimaeus.

*So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So **throwing off his cloak**, he jumped up and went to Jesus.*

Mark 10:49-50

Dangerous prayer requires something else too, something we don't want to do. It requires *sacrifice, personal sacrifice.* We've got to have "skin in the game".

That's what's happening here. Bartimaeus doesn't just come to Jesus, he threw his cloak aside. His cloak was his livelihood. Passers-by would toss coins into it. It was how he collected money.

Tossing it aside meant he was casting aside that day's wages, and risked not eating that day. But he also risked losing his cloak entirely, which could have been a catastrophe for him.

Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

Mark 10:51a

This sounds like a strange question from Jesus. The man is blind and Jesus has the power to heal people. So why does he ask him what he wants? Before we can see God move, it is very important to have clarity for what, *specifically*, we want.

Dangerous prayers are specific prayers. Jesus asks Bartimaeus what specifically he wants, and Bartimaeus tells him:

"Master, let me see again."

Mark 10:51b

And we know the end of the story. Jesus told him, **"Go, your faith has saved you."** **And immediately his sight returned and he followed him on the way.**

Mark 10:52

It's a lovely account but, we might ask, so what...what's it got to do with us? Well, the same Jesus who healed Bartimaeus back in Jericho still heals today. The point of these stories is not just to tell us who Jesus was, but who he is; not just what he did, but what he does.

Healing happens. Not everywhere for everyone. But it happened for Bartimaeus back in Jericho that day and it could happen for you right here in Winchester. Our faith tells us that *healing* happens. It's true, it doesn't happen everywhere for everyone. And that certainly doesn't seem fair. But it doesn't in the least negate the fact that healing happens.

Why don't you have a look here...

<https://calledandgifted.org.uk/charisms/healing/>

Blessed Winchester Martyrs

This **Wednesday, 30th October**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs, **one of our parish Patronal Feast Days.** **Please consider joining Fr Benedict for the 10am Mass or Fr Mark for the 7pm Mass** on this day, as we pray for the continued intercession and inspiration of those from our parish who have gone before us and are now in heaven watching over us and cheering us on. **After the 7pm Mass, there will be some light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre and Fr Mark will share a few brief words about his hopes for the year ahead.**

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Pastoral Letter from the Bishop on Assisted Dying

'Thou Shall Not Kill' - A letter will follow under separate cover this weekend.

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. 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:

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

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A New Dip-in Sessions on Accompaniment

The Accompaniment team invites you to join some new standalone dip-in Sessions on Accompaniment via Zoom, **beginning on Monday 4th November.**

Three standalone sessions will introduce some key principles of accompaniment. You can come to one or more sessions on **Monday evenings from 7 - 8.15pm:**

Monday 4th November: The Lay Mission to Accompany Others

An introduction to the importance of how we can aid the growth in faith of another and the power of listening in this. Tickets [here](#).

Monday 18th November: Know Your Own Journey to Accompany Others

Humility in serving others comes through knowing the mercy of God in our own lives. Reflect on your response to God up to this point in your life and that each of us has a unique journey. Tickets [here](#).

Monday 2nd December: Good Conversations to Accompany Others

God is a God of relationships. We explore how listening conversations that can help others to grow closer to Jesus Christ. Tickets [here](#).

You can visit our webpage or email lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Events

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

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.

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/>

Covenant with the Poor (CWP) Meeting on Monday 4th November at 6.00pm in the St Peter Room upstairs in the Pastoral Centre to discuss future appeals and projects to support. All welcome to attend.

Celebratory Cuppa and Cake in aid of local charity Winchester Radio! Fri 8th Nov Winchester Radio marks 40 years of its volunteer-led charity supporting patients at the RHCH, the NHS and the wider Winchester community this autumn! The charity is holding a fundraising coffee morning at Rick Stein Winchester from 9:15am to 11:15am on Fri 8 Nov. Tickets £7. Book here: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/5NWQRF3SXA67A> Or buy tickets on the door on the day. Bring cash for the raffle too!

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.

Be Still and Know that I am God, 21st – 24th November 2024

Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more information and to register:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

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>

Laudato Si' Corner

Emmaus Hampshire celebrated its 15th anniversary at a special service in Winchester Cathedral last week. The centre in Bar End now provides accommodation and support for 37 homeless people, but also has a significant environmental, sustainable and social impact. The charity calculates that their retail store selling pre-loved clothes and recycled furniture prevents over 400,000 tonnes of carbon being released. They have a great cafe too! Why not call in? More information at www.emmaus.org.uk.

Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Mass Timetable	26th October 2024 - 2nd November 2024		
SATURDAY October 26th – Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops, optional memorial. Vigil Mass Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead and 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
SUNDAY October 27th – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Sunniva Cowling-Kelly RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Jack Kilroy RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased members of the Winiarski Family
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Peace in the World
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People in the Parish
MONDAY October 28th – Ss SIMON & JUDE, Apostles, feast.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY October 29th – Feria.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Richard Wheble
WEDNESDAY October 30th – Blessed Winchester Martyrs, Solemnity.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Agnes Mary Robinson
	2:30PM	Thanksgiving Mass for Anne Vail RIP	
	7:00PM	Blessed Winchester Martyrs Mass	
THURSDAY October 31st – Feria.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of John McKendry
	7:00PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's - ALL SAINTS	
FRIDAY November 1st – ALL SAINTS - Solemnity.	7:00AM	Mass at St Peter's - ALL SAINTS	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased members of the CWL (Catholic Womens League)
	7:00PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's - ALL SAINTS	
SATURDAY November 2nd – Commemoration of ALL SOULS. Vigil Mass Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's - ALL SOULS	Leslie Gonsalves RIP
	9.30AM - 10.30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM- 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of David Tutton

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

YouTube channel

ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.