

10th November 2024

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Readings and Antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 87:3-23

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.2

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: Rv 2:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Communion Antiphon: Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Funerals and Deaths

Laurence Tucker RIP - Funeral is on Thurs 21st November in Thatcham.

William Greig RIP - Funeral Service at St Peter's on Mon 25th November at 10am.

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: Sophia Benson & Raphael McKee-Smith, who were baptised at St Peter's last Sunday.



New Lectionary

The Diocese is offering an online session about the new lectionary, which contains the **readings at Mass and will be introduced in Advent.**

The session, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us, as well as an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

If you wish to pose a question, please submit this in writing in advance to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

The session is Tuesday 19th November from 7 to 8 pm. Sign up below:

- 19th Nov: [Click HERE!](#)

Blessing of Graves

Sun 10th Nov at 3pm – Alresford
& **3pm** - St. James' Cemetery
Sun 17th Nov at 3pm - Morn Hill



A Message from Fr Mark...

Dangerous Prayers IV – God's Blessing in Us and Through Us, at a Cost

You and I are almost constantly being reminded of our need for money, in nearly every area of our lives. And, while we have this constant need for money, how often do we think of bringing these needs before God? Many Catholics, in particular, seem reticent about turning to God in a meaningful way when it comes to their financial needs. It seems unworthy of prayer, not 'spiritual enough'. So, instead of turning to God we carry on all on our own to try and meet our own needs.

But God actually encourages us to invite him into our finances. Over and over again, the Bible tells stories of people who act in tandem with God when it comes to financial provision.

In our First Reading this weekend, God sends a drought over the land and tells Elijah to leave his hiding place, and what little security he had found, and go to a place called Zarephath, where an unnamed widow would be providing for him.

At face value, this is a strange instruction. Widows were almost always poor in that culture, as they couldn't hold jobs or own property. They were reduced to relying on the charity of others. Turning to a widow for charity, especially under the extreme circumstances of a drought, didn't sound like much of a plan. However, Elijah does what we all should do. He simply obeys God and heads off.

When he finds the widow, Elijah asks her for water. It is no small ask in a time of drought. And the fact that she complies without question suggests great generosity on her part. But then he follows it up with an even bigger ask.

She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.'

1 Kings 17:12-13

I always find this one of the most moving lines in the whole of the Bible. The drought and famine have devastated her livelihood. She is resigned to die, her and her son together.

But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied,



before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'"

1 Kings 17:14-15

The widow has next to nothing and no hope of more. And Elijah tells her to give to him the little she's got...all of it. And in return she'll receive all she'll need.

This is completely counter-intuitive. Just like God's request to Elijah himself. God's ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. To work with God we have to be willing to think differently. So, the widow has a decision to make and she decided to trust in Elijah and God and

"The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah."

God, as promised, provides for her immediate need. But he also provided more, much more. God is never outdone in generosity.

There are two times where it can be tough to trust God with money: when we've got it and when we haven't. When I'm struggling financially, it can be very difficult to believe that giving will open me up to God's provision. Even though my way isn't working, letting go of money could seem crazy.

Ironically, it can be even more difficult to trust God when I've amassed wealth or have financial margin. Statistics show that the more wealth someone has, the less likely they are to give to God in any kind of meaningful way. We forget that all we have comes from God and that when we give we're simply returning to him what he has given to us.

Prayer can reveal the next step to take when we want to cooperate with God. Often, he'll require something from you. Not something impossible. Just something out of the ordinary. Maybe something counter-intuitive to your way of doing things. Sometimes it is so simple we can barely believe it will make any difference at all.

And when it comes to provision, often God will tell us to release resources that we have before we will see his blessing. Money and wealth can be a blessing but only if we choose to cooperate with God in the way we use it.

God's ultimate goal with respect to any material provision is to lead us to *spiritual provision.*

Spiritual wealth comes in two ways. *Firstly*, it comes in the form of an ever-deepening *understanding* of God's love. *Secondly*, it comes in an ever-deepening *knowledge* that we can be a source of blessing to others.

Dangerous prayer comes at a cost. And, one way or another, it always pays off.

Prayer Corner

Let us pray for all those participating in the Acorn retreat this weekend, that through prayer and support they may discover the gifts that they naturally possess, allowing them to deepen further their relationship with Christ.



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New Dip-in Sessions on Accompaniment

The Accompaniment team invites you to join some new standalone dip-in Sessions on Accompaniment via Zoom, You can join **one or more sessions** as follows:

Monday 18th November: Know Your Own Journey to Accompany Others Tickets [here](#).

Monday 2nd December: Good Conversations to Accompany Tickets [here](#).

Please email Inahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information OR visit the website: <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/latest-news-2/>

Announcements

Contemporary Praise and Worship

Music: There is **NO practice this Sunday 10th November** but contact Alastair if you would like to sign at the next Praise and Worship Mass on 1st December at 5.30pm. aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Bookshop



New Missals and copies of the **new Encyclical** are available NOW in the bookshop as are **Advent** and **Christmas** items. To place an order, please call in or contact Susan Henry via the Parish Office. Thank you

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.

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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The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill ("Assisted Suicide")

A significant change to the law that would legalise giving assistance to people wishing to end their life is **being discussed in parliament ahead of a vote on 29th November**. Bishop Philip has provided some clear guidance on the harmful effects should this very serious development, including prayer, fasting, and writing to our MP [see link below ...]. <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/oppose-assisted-suicide/> or visit our Parish website <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/latest-news-2/>

Book Review by Deacon Martin McElroy



Looking for additional stimulus to your prayer life? Deacon Martin has written a review of a lovely little book that you can buy from our parish bookshop, which could help. **Our Father: A Biblical Meditation on the Lord's Prayer, by Sr. Claire Waddilove OSB** walks you through the Our Father, line by line. Deacon Martin recommends you buy a copy for yourself, and another copy for someone you love - see why he thinks so, in the attached document. [Book-Review-Link](#)

Events & News

THANK YOU from the CWL to all who supported their November Charity Soup & Pud Lunch, which raised **£325 for the BOAZ Project**, a farm based charity for people with learning disabilities. The next Charity Lunch will be on Friday 13th December (note change of date), in aid of the Salvation Army. Suggested donation £7. All are Welcome.

Holy Hour praying for the Dignity of Human Life - 13th Nov - 5.30pm until 6.30pm
Join Bishop Philip and all Catholic Bishops of England & Wales as they pause in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour of prayer, lifting up the dignity of human life and taking action in light of the bill passing through Parliament that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. All are invited to join in prayer from churches or homes, uniting in a call to cherish life. **Please join us in prayer in St Peter's.**

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 23rd November 10.00-1.00 "YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES – giving your testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and **inspiring guest speaker Allegra Mutanda**. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORENOV2024. More information at www.altonrenewal.com



Advent Lectio Divina - Discover more about the Gospel in Advent - Deacon Tony Darlison invites you to join him for a series of **four evening sessions**. As we prepare to welcome into our hearts the holy mystery of God, coming down to earth at Christmas, by reflecting prayerfully on the Sunday Gospels of Advent. We hope to help one another listen to God speaking to us through his sacred scripture.

Mondays: 25 November, 2 December, 9 December, 16 December from 8:00pm to 9:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Tony directly by emailing: tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Winchester Catholic History Society - The next meeting of the Winchester Catholic History Society will take place on **Wednesday 27th November at New Hall Winchester College**. Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch will be speaking on Thomas Cromwell post Wolf Hall. Please note this is a **Pre Booked Ticket only Event** for both Members and Visitors (£7.00). Winchester College need to know who is on site for safeguarding purposes. All enquiries and tickets from win.cath.history@gmail.com.

'A Season of Hope': two retreat opportunities to live the time of Advent and Christmas exploring the gift of our Christian Hope. Make time in an atmosphere of silence, with scripture inputs, to deepen your relationship with God, in beautiful surroundings.

Advent 29th Nov -1st December (Fri. evening to Sunday Lunchtime) **28th Dec- 1st Jan**, New Year retreat. Organised by the Verbum Dei Community. For more information, please, contact us: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS 'Thank You' Tea Party - Sunday 8th December 2.30-4.30pm



Do YOU volunteer in the Parish of St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs? Then please come along to **Fr Mark's Thank-you tea party in St Peter's Pastoral Centre on Sunday 8th December at 2.30pm**. Everyone who serves in the Parish is invited for tea and cakes, as a small measure of appreciation and recognition for all you do. Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to come.


Parish Prayerline

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

Laudato Si' Corner

COP29 TAKES PLACE FROM 11 TO 22 NOVEMBER IN AZERBAIJAN. Here is an extract from a prayer for the success of the conference prepared by CAFOD: 'Inspire world leaders at COP29, with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely, so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. Amen'



Mass Timetable	9th November 2024 —16th November 2024		
SATURDAY – November 9th – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday) - Vigil	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Albert Edward Nott & Suzanne Marie Nott
	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	Janice Coker RIP
SUNDAY – November 10th – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY) 	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Brian John Morris RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peace in the World
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Kathleen & Martin Gilligan RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	3:00PM	Blessing of Graves at St James Cemetery	
	3:00PM	Blessing of Graves at St John's Cemetery, Alresford	
5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead & Founders	
MONDAY – November 11th – St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop, memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
TUESDAY – November 12th – St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Deceased family & friends of the Lydon & Fisher Families
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY November 13th – Feria.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Helen Farrington RIP
THURSDAY November 14th –Feria.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Julia Cave
FRIDAY – November 15th – St Albert the Great, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, optional memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Eric Fry RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Steve Burke's Treatment
SATURDAY – November 16th – ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop, Joint- Principal Patron of the Diocese, solemnity. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	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	Deceased Members of the Kearney & Coote Families.

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.