

**17th November 2024**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**Readings and Antiphons**

**Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29:31,12,14**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place..

**First reading:** Daniel 12:1-3  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5,8-11. R v.1  
Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14,18

**Gospel Acclamation: Mt 24:42,44**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

**Communion Antiphon: Ps 72:28**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**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 2pm.

**Ken Scott RIP**

**Anthony Felice RIP**



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

**Blessing of Graves**

**Sun 17th November at 3pm**  
at Magdalen (Morn) Hill



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

The bill introduced to Parliament by Kim Leadbeater MP to legalise assisted suicide will be **voted on by MPs on 29th November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to vote against the bill. **Please urgently contact your MP** and ask him/her to vote against the bill. You can contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk) or write to him/her at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

More information available on our Parish website:  
<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/latest-news-2/>

**A Message from Fr Mark...**

**Dangerous Prayers – My Thy Will be Done**

In our second reading this weekend, Jesus offers his life back to the Father and prays the most dangerous prayer of all,

**"I have come to do your will, O God."**

It's the prayer Jesus prays in the agony in the Garden, just before his arrest:

*Not my will, but yours be done*  
**Luke 22.42**

That prayer was difficult even for Jesus, as Luke goes on to tell us:

*And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

**Luke 22.44**

It's also the prayer Jesus teaches us in the Our Father:

*Thy will be done, thy kingdom come.*  
**Matthew 6.9**

When we pray thy will be done and surrender our will to God's will, we open ourselves up to see God move powerfully. Jesus laid down his life to take away our sins. He sacrificed his life and surrendered to his Father's will. Then, he rose from the dead. He conquered the grave and now he sits in the place of authority over the world.

When we in our turn surrender our will to God's will, we will ultimately find a place of rest, triumph over the "enemies" that haunt us and the struggles that plague us.

I'm hoping that over the last few weeks, some of you have been joining me in offering "Dangerous Prayers". At this point, I want to briefly acknowledge *three* different ways in which God might have responded.

Firstly, for some of you, your dangerous prayer was answered with a **'no'**. You were praying for something to happen but it *didn't* happen. You prayed and you:

- didn't get the job
- still had to have the surgery you hoped to avoid
- experienced the relationship ending

I think there are at least a couple of possible reasons. Sometimes, for example, dark forces get in the way of our prayer. While ultimately good triumphs over evil, evil does win some battles.

Or maybe you are getting a no because the answer is no. What you want is not what the Father wants and so that's why you are getting a no. Jesus prayed that the cup would pass, that there would be some other way to redeem humanity than having to go to the cross.

So, he kept on praying until he could accept the Father's will.

Sometimes, we're being invited to trust that God has a greater plan or that the Father is teaching us something we can only learn through suffering and setback. Or that God is going to use our suffering and sacrifice for the good of others. God might be redirecting you in the no to what is his will. If God has told you no and you accept that and do his will, that is incredibly powerful.

Secondly, some of you will not have received a 'no' but have not yet received a 'yes' either. The answer seems to be **"not yet"** or **"wait"**. For you I would say, persevere. Keep on praying. Keep on praying. Jesus told a few different parables about the importance of praying and not giving up.

As you pray, God might be redirecting you to pray for something just a little different, or a broader perspective. Another tactic would be to consecrate whatever you are praying for to God. To consecrate simply means to give it over to God. It is the fresh act of dedicating yourself or where you want to see God's power and grace back to him. It is offering back to God your body, your home, your marriage, your family, your job, your finances - whatever needs God's grace - deliberately and intentionally to Jesus, bringing it fully into his kingdom and under his rule.

For example, for peace in your family, name every person in your family and hand them over to God. When you consecrate something to God, you plug it into his power and put it under his authority. The blessings of the kingdom of God cannot flow until we first bring things under the rule and jurisdiction of Jesus Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Thirdly, there may be some of you who have experienced the answer to their prayer as a **"yes"**. You have seen God move. If that is you, praise God! And I don't mean that just as an expression of happiness, but literally praise God. Praise him not only because he deserves it but because it will reinforce the gain you have received. It will reinforce the healing, the provision, the sense of purpose.

In fact, ask God for the grace to praise Him, no matter what the answer to your dangerous prayer may have been or if you are struggling to hear any kind of answer at all: praise Him when you feel it and praise Him when you don't! Keep on praising and praying and seek out the prayerful support of others, which can be very powerful and effective.

Dangerous prayers are bold, risky prayers. They lead us to accept God's will, to persevere when nothing seems to be happening and to praise God for his goodness in all things.

**Prayer Corner**

Let us pray that our petitions and entreaties made in opposition to the Assisted Dying Bill are listened to and that they will make a difference to the outcome of the debate



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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 [lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more information OR visit the website: <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/late-st-news-2/>

**Bookshop**



Further deliveries of the the **new Missals** are pending - only the Presentation and annual Missals, and copies of the **new Encyclical** are available NOW.

**Advent** and **Christmas** items are also available. To place an order, please 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](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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**Newsletter:** [newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](http://newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) (deadline for items for the next newsletter - **Weds PM please**)

**Events & News**

**Sunday 17 November 2024 is the eighth World Day of the Poor**, with the theme from the Book of Sirach, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sir 21:5).

The poor hold a privileged place on God's heart. He knows the suffering of his children because he is an attentive father and as a father, God is "impatient" until he has rendered justice to them. This Sunday challenges us to listen to the prayer of the poor and become aware of their presence and needs. For more information visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

**Pies & Puds lunch event Wed 20th November.** It's time for our monthly pie lunch event, on Wednesday 20th November 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 Christopher Corcoran, who will be talking about Water Meadows. 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 our mailing list.

**Winchester Rotary event at the Winchester Muslim Community Centre** in Hyde Street, Winchester—raising funds for one of our Ugandan Schools Projects. It is a social evening with buffet and refreshments on 20 November 2024 at 6:30pm. More details and booking: <https://tinyurl.com/z9upen8f>

**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](https://bit.ly/ADORENOV2024). More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://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**. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Retreat from 29th Nov -1st December** (Fri. evening to Sunday Lunchtime)  
**New Year Retreat from 28th Dec- 1st Jan.** Organised by the Verbum Dei Community. For more information, please, contact us: [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com)

**Individually Guided Retreat in Daily Life for Advent**

In the season of Advent, take a little time out of the rush and complexity of life and make space for your relationship with God. The London Jesuit Centre is running a **1-week online retreat starting on December 1st at 7pm**. Book here <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/sazebyvjf> It includes daily prayer and a daily conversation with a spiritual guide.

**Father Mark will celebrate a Special Mass for the feast of St Francis Xavier at 6pm** on Tuesday **3rd December** at St Peter's Church. All are welcome.

**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.



**CWL Charity Soup & Pud Lunch** - 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.

**Fr Mark's Ultimate Guide to Confession** - Which sins do I need to confess? Why do I struggle to forgive myself after God has forgiven me? How do I make a good confession as an adult? If these or similar questions are puzzling you, why not **join Fr Mark for a brief talk and Q&A** about the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation, **Sun 15th December 4-5pm, Pastoral Centre.**

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**Winchester Street Pastors -**

Winchester Street Pastors are Recruiting New School Pastors for Secondary & Primary Schools across Winchester and district **Volunteers are required at Lunchtimes** - once or twice a week and will receive relevant online **training in either Feb/Mar or Jun/Jul 25.**



To find out more about being a School Pastor or supporting us in prayer, contact Mark Hibbert-Hingston, by email: [winchester@schoolpastors.org.uk](mailto:winchester@schoolpastors.org.uk). Or tel:07740 288654

**Peterpost Announcement**

The weekly newsletter distribution from the 1st Sunday of Advent will be sent via Churchsuite. If you do not receive the newsletter, please contact us by email: [newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Flocknote Announcement - Advent**

If you are not already set up to receive **Fr Mark's Advent Flocknotes**, there will be more information on 'how to sign up' next week.



**Contemporary Music Group**

Contact Alastair if you would like to sing at the next Praise and Worship Mass on 1st December at 5.30pm. All welcome



Contact for more details: [aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:aross@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Read Easy Winchester**

Read Easy Winchester is a charity run by volunteers and affiliated to Read Easy UK. **We teach adults over the age of 18 to read** and improve their literacy skills using a phonics-based reading scheme, called Turning Pages, developed by The Shannon Trust.



It is very successful and often life changing. You may have seen a recent documentary in which TV presenter **Jay Blades describes the positive impact Read Easy has had on his life.** We would like to offer your parishioners, and the people you work with in Winchester and the surrounding district, the opportunity to improve their reading skills, free of charge.

Our reading coaches are all trained volunteers. The sessions are confidential, one to one, usually twice a week for half an hour at a mutually convenient time and place, although not in anyone's home. Contact [Pat@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:Pat@readeasy.org.uk) for more information.

**Events & News - Continued...**

**Christmas with Southern Voices** Bringing their ruby anniversary season to a close on **21 December in the Chapel of St Cross, Winchester at 7.30pm**, SOUTHERN VOICES look forward to celebrating in style with their traditional, festive feast of Christmas carols. To make it really special, this year they are thrilled to welcome former royal harpist **Alis Huws who had the honour of playing at the Coronation.** She will accompany them in **Benjamin Britten's iconic A Ceremony of Carols.** This will be a real treat and the perfect way to round off a superb year of music-making for the choir. Booking is essential and tickets are now on sale. Tickets: £19 (Age 21 & under, £10) from: [southernvoices.co.uk/christmas](http://southernvoices.co.uk/christmas) or telephone 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply). There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

**CONSULTATION St Anne's Catholic School Admissions Policy.** St Anne's Catholic School are consulting on their admission arrangements for 2026/27 to raise their Published Admission Number (PAN) to 210, from 200. The consultations will run to **23rd December 2024.** The school welcomes views from any interested parties. Please see the school's website for the consultation and information on response: [CONSULTATION: Admissions Policy 2026-2027 | St Anne's Catholic School & Sixth Form College](http://CONSULTATION:AdmissionsPolicy2026-2027|StAnne'sCatholicSchool&SixthFormCollege)

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**Save the Date: Baptism Celebratory Mass Invitation.** All families who have had their children baptised over the course of the last year in the Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs are warmly invited to the annual Thanksgiving Mass. The Mass will be held on **Sat 11th January 2025** at 10:30am in St. Peter's Church, Winchester, celebrated by Fr Mark Hogan. A finger buffet will be provided afterwards. If you would like to join us, **please email [baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) by Sat 4th January**, indicating the number of adults and the number of children (over 2) for catering purposes.

**Mens' Retreat at Stonyhurst: Men's Spiritual Exercises, 31 March – 5 April 2025**— A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

**St Stephen's Travelling Nativity**



This Advent, Mary and Joseph are travelling with the little donkey to Bethlehem. On their way they are hoping to find a different inn to stay at every night. Could they come to stay at your house?

The Travelling Nativity will come to you for a night and then you are expected to pass them on to the next family. This is a lovely opportunity to explore the Advent story with your family and even meet other families to have a cup of tea/glass of wine, and pray together during Advent (although we know that people are busy so a get together is not always possible).

Please let me know if you would like any further information or to participate and I will add your family to the rota. If you would like to be added please send your name, email address, home address and a contact number by the 25 November. Your details will be shared with others participating in the travelling nativity, let us know if you have any concerns.

You can contact me via the Parish Office. Thank you. Lidia Otero

**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](mailto:prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Laudato Si' Corner**

Pope Francis' fourth encyclical "Dilexit Nos" (In English, "He Loved Us") reminds us of God's precious gift of creation that we must care for, as Laudato Si' teaches us.



COP29 has started and the UN chief António Guterres told the conference that the "clean energy revolution" had arrived and that no government could stop it. Separately, UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer pledged further reductions on emissions, saying the UK will now aim for an 81% decrease by 2035.

● Amendments/additions to regular timetable

Mass Timetable	16th November 2024 —23rd November 2024		
<b>SATURDAY – November 16th – ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON</b> , Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, solemnity.	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Shonhiwa Family
	9.30AM - 10.30AM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil</b>	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's
<b>SUNDAY – November 17th – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Peace in the World
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Barry Smith (of Inniskillen) RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>Blessing of Graves at Magdalen (Morn) Hill, Winchester</b>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Mayhew-Arnold RIP
<b>MONDAY – November 18th – Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter &amp; St Paul, Rome</b> , optional memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at St Peter's</i>	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Margaret Gardiner RIP
<b>TUESDAY – November 19th – Feria.</b>	<b>8:00AM-9:00AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer followed by Mass at St Peter's</b>	<b>Benefactors</b>
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	<del>12:15PM</del>	<del>Mass at St Peter's</del>	
<b>WEDNESDAY November 20th – Feria.</b>	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at St Peter's</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Patti Forrester RIP
<b>THURSDAY November 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> , memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at St Peter's</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
<b>FRIDAY – November 22nd – St Cecilia</b> , Virgin, Martyr, memorial.	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<i>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at St Peter's</i>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Angela Mary Thompson RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Liyanda Mlotshwa (Special Intention)
<b>SATURDAY – November 23rd – St Clement I</b> , Pope, Martyr, optional memorial. Or <b>St Columbanus</b> , Religious, optional memorial.  <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Vigil</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	James Heward RIP
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	4:30PM-5:00PM	<i>Confessions at St Peter's</i>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Burrell & O'Donoghue 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.**