

19th January 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C**

**Readings and Antiphons**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 65:4  
All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**First reading:** the Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 96(95): 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10a, c. R.3  
Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Cf. 2Th 2:14 R. Alleluia, alleluia!

God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Guest Speaker - Christian Unity Week -**

This Sunday at St Peter's, we are delighted to welcome Revd Dr Jonathan Rowe, who will be speaking at 10.30am Mass as part of **Christian Unity Week**. Jonathan has been Rector of St Matthew with St Paul since 2022. Prior to coming to Winchester, he trained church leaders in Cornwall and Spain.

**Let us pray our communities continue to grow together, bringing us closer to Christ in friendship and faith.**

**PAX CHRISTI - 19th January PEACE SUNDAY**

Every year, with the support of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, England and Wales, we promote Peace Sunday on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time as a way of observing the **World Day of Peace** and promoting the Pope's message for that year. **Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace has been published and his theme is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'.**

The message speaks of how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth 'and' move forward to achieve the goal of peace'.

Click [HERE](#) for Pax Christi details.



**"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU."**

**Fr Benedict writes:**

After celebrating the Baptism of Jesus last Sunday, which concluded the season of Christmas, we enter His public ministry. Our mission too begins at baptism, as I said in my homily last week. Today we celebrate the sweet yoke of harmony and love in God's plan shown through marriage covenant. After the exilic sufferings of Israel, the Prophet Isaiah gave a message of hope, assuring the people of God's new abiding presence as we get from the First Reading: "for the Lord takes delight in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you" (Isaiah 62:4-5). This new covenant would bring liberation and joy.

I often make a joke with those getting married, asking who they invite for their wedding. If we don't invite Jesus, Mary and His Disciples (Saints) in our marriages and family life, so many things may go unhandled. This wedding has entered historical and faith records simply because of the presence of Jesus, Mary and the Apostles. We all know our Gospel Text of today popularly known as "The Wedding Feast at Cana" where Jesus manifested Himself in His first miracle to enable His Disciples to believe in Him.

Mary's intervention proves to us her intercessory role in the desperate situations of mankind. We are not told she was one of the organizers but she was sensitive to the urgent needs of this special union (Marriage) just as she is sensitive to our needs who are her children. How many of us do turn to her in our needs like family (or marital) crisis and the wars in the world? Secondly, without many people having understood Jesus yet as the Son of God, she trusts and believes strongly in what her Son could do. She ignores Jesus' objection and simply tells the waiters: "Do whatever He tells you."



Obeying without doubting, questioning, objecting, complaining or arguing how reasonable the instructions were, the servers filled the water jars with water. Our present generation would ask for more explanations. Some could even tell Jesus off in words such as, "you have been given the complaint that there is no wine." Divine intervention and our full or total cooperation will always result in the miraculous and best results. Our generation characterised by indifference, subjectivism, doubt or total denial would have asked Jesus what He had done before instructing us to draw it out for sharing. Can we trust totally in Jesus and in God? (cf. John 14:1-8).

There are two subtle reasons why Jesus performed this miracle. He did it because His Mother asked Him to. Can children really obey their parents completely so as to bring out the miracles in their own lives? For all of us, the Church is our Holy Mother. Do we practice all that the Church believes and teaches us? The second is that Jesus did this to help the bride and groom on their wedding day sparing them from embarrassment. Those who do God's will are never put to shame.

Dear friends, do not choose what you feel like doing, or what you want or like to do, or just what you can do (God gives you just what is within your capacity), or what you are comfortable doing, or what is enjoyable doing. In this way some of the miracles God wants to bring out in our lives will never be performed. Instead, "Do whatever He tells you." This is what we are called to do – what Jesus tells us to do.

God wants just the simple obedience. Beginning from the individual, family, group, church, diocese, country and the whole world, "Do whatever He tells you."

**Spe Non Confundit - Hope Does Not Disappoint - What is the Pope's Hope for the Jubilee Year?**

Please join Fr Mark as he aims to unpack the Pope's "Papal Bull Indiction", Spe Non Confundit – the official decree which outlines the purpose and spirit of the Jubilee Year 2025. Fr Mark will give a brief introduction and then open up to Q&A on **Sunday 26th Jan, 4-5pm in the Pastoral Centre**. Please read the document before the meeting. You can find it [here](#).



**Prayer Corner**

Let us pray that in recognition of the week for **Christian Unity** and our shared love of Jesus Christ, our whole community will join together with our fellow Christians to work and **pray for unity of the faith.**



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**Kingdom Seekers - 9-14 yrs -  
New Formation Programme**

A new formation and service programme for our **young people aged 9- 14 years** who have made their First Holy Communion, starting Saturday 1st February from 10:30 - 12noon Milner Hall. **The information meeting is this Saturday 18th January at 10am, Milner Hall.** Come along & see...

**News from St Peter's School**

Please find attached this week's newsletter and link to the latest school news:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-/>

**Special request:** We are looking for participants to take part in a Hampshire County Council study into food insecurity - cost of living crisis and its impact. **Please find more information in the school newsletter** - thank you.

**Introducing Grace Notes...**

The contemporary music group has been rebranded as Grace Notes for 2025. **If you enjoy singing in the praise and worship style, do join us.** Enthusiasm is the only requirement! Keyboard players & instrumentalists We will continue to play at 5.30pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. **Next Mass is on 2nd February 2025.** For more details contact: [joanna@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:joanna@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

**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

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**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.

**IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St Peter's Restricted Access - Building Works - Starting 20th Jan 2025**

I am pleased to confirm that the Building Works (Phase 1) will start on Monday 20th January and will continue through until Friday 11th April at the latest (just in time for the start of Holy Week). The works expected to be completed during Phase 1 primarily relate to repairs to the Plasterworks and Cracks on the walls.

During this time **St Peter's Church will be closed Monday to Friday** each week and all **weekday services relocated to the Milner Hall**. The plans are such that the Sunday Masses (including the Saturday Vigil) will all take place in St Peter's as normal. It is also anticipated that there will be **no Live Streaming available**, as we need to protect the Camera and Recording Equipment.



We will be moving some items from the Main Church allowing for the Celebration of Mass and other services to the Milner Hall. Acknowledging that some people would like to the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we would ask that you contact the Parish Office in the first instance, and we will see what alternatives may be available either at St Stephen's or St Gregory's churches.

Whilst this work is being carried out, we would ask for your continued patience and support if things do not appear quite as you would expect them to be and would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. We would also ask that you take care moving around the Church and do not move any of the barriers or other equipment that may be in place.

Some of the preparatory work which will be noticeable immediately will include the removal of the Seats alongside the Windows on the Organ Side, the Reredos will be covered to protect the Stonework and the Tabernacle which will be emptied; the Stations of the Cross will be covered.

**The Contractor will return the Church back to the Parish each Friday, and prior to Mass on Saturday afternoon (evening) we may need to clean on Saturday Mornings.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above, please contact Gerard in the Parish Office in the first instance.

**Polite Request to Parents - St Peter's Pastoral Centre**

Dear Parent(s) and Guardians,

**Your assistance and support is requested and needed in the Pastoral Centre primarily for the safety and protection of the children as they move around the Pastoral Centre.**

There have been a few issues raised regarding the safety and behaviour of the children who appear to be allowed to move around the building unsupervised.

Could we please ask for your cooperation ensuring that your children are always supervised within your sight and are encouraged not to be running around inside and playing on the stairs or in the rooms upstairs. Also, in the back room of the Pastoral Centre Hall there are concerns that children are using the Chair Rack as a Climbing Frame and squeezing themselves into places where they really shouldn't. Concern here relates to the risks of falling and or trapping wandering fingers (hands).

I am sorry if this comes across as being too strong or disrespectful, I am one of the first to encourage and support families and children, but their safety and well-being is equally important.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above, please contact Gerard in the Parish Office in the first instance.

**Parish Office Vacancies – Restructuring**

We are actively seeking to recruit two new employees to work in the Parish Office, on a part-time basis (25 Hours per week):

- Parish Administrator - to read job spec, please click [here](#)
- Finance Administrator - to read job spec, please click [here](#)



We have been extremely blessed over the last twelve months with support and professionalism from Sarah, Alison and Isabelle who stepped into help cover the roles on a temporary basis. We are now looking to appoint on a permanent basis.

If either of these roles are of interest please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) in the first instance and they will share more details with you.

If you would like to have an informal chat, please contact Gerard in the Parish Office.

**NEW - Prayer Group: Mothers' Prayers (January to Easter)**

To help launch the Year of Hope, **we are starting a Mothers Prayers group** in the parish for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren, in a relaxed and informal setting, closing each meeting with chats and refreshments.



**To attend please contact Isabelle at: [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) (Please note the "mothersprayers" email does not work at present). Starts Tues, 28th Jan 2025 (1pm – 3pm) - Pastoral Centre. Visit [www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org) for more information.**

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**THIS WEEKEND'S APPEAL**

**Winchester Basics Bank needs your support...**

Last year, WBB helped 1140 families or 3000 people - a 20% increase over 2023. In addition, we gave out 350 parcels for school children over the Christmas holidays. **You can help by donating food at all churches next weekend or perhaps sponsor a child's meal for the Easter holiday scheme - each costs £10 - 15** - use the contactless machines in church or for more details visit our website: [Winchester Basics Bank - Donate.](#)



Other ways of helping can be found in the **flyers at the back of the churches** along with a list of foods. FINALLY don't forget the blue tokens at Tesco stores - please support us over the next 6 weeks!

**Keys for Accompaniment - Short Taster Sessions**

We are offering stand alone online sessions to introduce some key principles of accompaniment. These short tasters will gently introduce you to the disposition you can develop to accompany others. We started on 13th Jan but it's not too late to join us: -



- **January 27th** 7 - 8.15pm on Zoom - Know Your Own Journey to Accompany Others
  - **February 10th** 7 - 8.15pm on Zoom - Good Conversations to Accompany Others.
- Please click **HERE** to find out more and book your place.

**The Great Story of Jesus Retreat Day - St Peter's Pastoral Centre 25th January** - Start 2025 with this retreat led by Sr Margarida Mondral of the Verbum Dei Community and others in the Accompaniment team.

**Refresh your appreciation of the core of our faith:** the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life we can have in the Holy Spirit. (this may also be helpful for newly received Catholics) Please apply **here** for a place.

**Baptisms**



Welcome to **Teniola & Kolade Tokede and to Eloise Webb**, who were baptised at St Peter's last weekend.

**Alpha - New Season - Starting 4th Feb 2025**

The new Alpha course will start **Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre** at St Peter's.

For the next 3 weeks, we invite you to join us in praying daily for the course:

- **For us as a parish**, that God will give us the courage to invite others into this journey of discovering faith.
- **For the team** as they serve and walk alongside people.
- **For the guests**, that they may be open to the voice of God speaking into their hearts and restoring hope.

There will be a basket near the sanctuary at St Peter's church where you can add the names of all those you would like to invite to partake in Alpha so that we can pray for them each day. Alternatively, text ALPHA PRAYER + name of person to 07825494715 and we'll add their name to the basket.

To register to join the Alpha course, visit [www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha](http://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha) For more information, email [alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)



**Events for 2025**

**Catholic Women's League (CWL) Soup & Pud Lunch** - The next Charity Lunch will be held in the **Pastoral Centre on Friday 7th February from 12:15 - 1.30pm**. In aid of Naomi House and Jackspace - Respite, end of life care and bereavement support for seriously ill children, young adults and their families. Suggested donation £7. All are very Welcome.

**Bishop Robert Barron Bible Event - Excel, London on 22nd February -**

Fr Mark highly recommends joining Bishop Robert Barron, Professor Tracey Rowland, Professor N.T. Wright and others in London this February for the first-ever Word of Fire conference on the Bible on Sat 22nd Feb at the Excel, London (with an optional evening opening session on Fri 21st). You can get tickets **here** - and if you'd like to travel up with others, please let the parish know so we can put you in touch with each other.



**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** with 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

**Mens' Retreat at Stonyhurst: Men's Spiritual Exercises, 31st March - 5th April '25** - 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/>

**Pilgrimage to Lisieux (Friday 23rd - Mon 26th May 2025)** - The pilgrimage to Lisieux, France will be led by Fr Raffaele Cossa & Fr Mario Toma. They will visit the place where St Therese lived and the surrounding area. Cost: approx £500 per person depending on numbers. Price includes: Coach travel from St Swithun Wells parish, Ferry crossing - Portsmouth to Caen, 3 Nights half board - at Ermitage, Lisieux & Visit to Alencon - birth place of St Therese. The Pilgrimage is organised with Tangney Tours. Further information & booking form available from: St Swithun Wells Parish Office 023 80273882 or Clare Barkaway at Tangney Tours 01732 886666.

**Bookshop**

Thank You so much for your continued support especially over the Advent and Christmas Season. New Missals and Bibles are and will continue to be available. We are refreshing our display and invite you to come and look.



**Laudato Si Corner - 2024 was the hottest year on record**

We have now reached the **highest global temperature increase since the Industrial Revolution** of 1.5 degrees Centigrade. The danger of an irreversible increase destroying the lives of millions of the world's population, as warned by Pope Francis, is real. **We face a global climate crisis if we do not take action NOW!** More details on the website: <https://laudatosimovement.org>







Amendments to location of Mass - due to St Peter's Church Building Works (more details in newsletter)

Mass Timetable	18th January - 25th January 2025			
<b>SATURDAY – January 18th – Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Founders	
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's		
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's		
<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil</b>	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory	
	<b>SUNDAY – January 19th – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Mgr Canon Nicholas France
		9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Al Patel Private Intentions
		9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Eldora Ramsawak RIP
10:30AM		Mass at St Peter's	Mary Mayhew-Arnold RIP	
11:00AM		Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish	
<b>MONDAY – January 20th – St Fabian, Pope Martyr, optional memorial or St Sebastian, Martyr, optional memorial</b>	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Corcoran & Way Family	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at St Peter's		
<b>TUESDAY – January 21st – St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, memorial</b>	12:15PM	<b>Mass at Milner Hall</b>	Mary & Peter Pawlowski RIP	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<b>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at Milner Hall</b>		
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Eileen Raeburn RIP	
<b>WEDNESDAY – January 22nd – St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr, optional memorial</b>	12:15PM	<b>Mass at Milner Hall</b>	The Soul of William Meader	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<b>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at Milner Hall</b>		
<b>THURSDAY – January 23rd – Feria</b>	10:00AM	<b>Mass at Milner Hall</b>	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<b>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at Milner Hall</b>		
<b>FRIDAY – January 24th – St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial</b>	10:00AM	<b>Mass at Milner Hall</b>	Deceased Members of the Blessed Sacrament Guild	
	8:00AM - 9:00AM	<b>Morning Prayer followed by Adoration at Milner Hall</b>		
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Blessings for Alessandro P	
<b>SATURDAY – January 25th – THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, feast</b>	12:15PM	<b>Mass at Milner Hall</b>	Souls of the Bristol Family	
	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Vigil</b>	9:00AM	<b>Mass at Milner Hall</b>	The Soul of Jacob Cook
		9:30AM - 10:30AM	<b>Confession in St Thomas More Room, Pastoral Centre (Upstairs)</b>	
		4:30PM - 5:00PM	<b>Confession in St Thomas More Room, Pastoral Centre (Upstairs)</b>	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP	

**Confession** - Due to Building Works (starting 20th Jan), and until further notice, **confession will take place in St Thomas More Room, Pastoral Centre (Upstairs)** every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - YouTube channel**

Your Patience is requested as we are **unable to Stream Services from St Peter's whilst Building Works are on-going in the Church.** We will reinstate this as soon as we can. Thank you.