

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

11th August, 2019

Kindling and Nurturing and Fanning the Flame

The week before last was spent, mostly, running round football pitches, praying, singing, sliding down flumes, eating, cheering, laughing, eating and lying down in a Berkshire field gazing up into the starlit night. The week before last I spent on our diocesan Don Bosco boys' camp, and it was indeed a wonderful week, one of the highlights of my year. Every night, before teeth are brushed and ghost stories told, we sit still around the camp fire, mesmerised by the glowing embers as we listen to a traditional "good night" – a thought or two to help us reflect on our lives and the journey which we're on together.

A crucial member of the team, therefore, is the one charged with lighting the fire. Not only lighting the fire, though, but keeping it alight – nurturing that small flame so that it grows and the fire comes to life. It's a position of great trust and responsibility. No fanning of that flame and there's no fire around which to warm ourselves as we sing, no embers later to glow and draw us into our final reflections of the day.

The "steward" of a household is also given a key position of trust. The relationship between the master and the steward is crucial. The steward knows that the food and the wine which he serves do not belong to him but have been entrusted to him to be used and distributed wisely for the benefit of the guests. The master must trust the steward to do his job well but similarly the steward must trust the master that he has been given sufficient resources to complete his task.

It's no wonder, then, that our Lord chooses the image of the faithful and wise steward as the model disciple. For this is the one who recognises that all he or she has been given comes from God as creator – there is no talent or gift, no treasure or resource, no aspect of creation, not even a single breath which does not first come from the Creator's loving hand. There is no such thing as mere possession for so-called possessions are in fact invitations into relationships with creation and Creator. The faithful and wise steward gives thanks to God for the position of trust in which he or she has been placed and is sure to use all those gifts at his or her disposal. He or she does so not for selfish means but for the building up of the Kingdom. The wise and faithful steward kindles and nurtures all these gifts and fans the flame of faith in their hearts so that they may bring warmth and life, hope and joy to others. *Fr Mark Hogan*

On Thursday we celebrate the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** who, "preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 966)



As it is a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be Masses at 7:30am, 12:15pm and 7:30pm in St. Peter's, as well as at 10:00am in St. Gregory's.

FR. STEPHEN VOOGHT

"I am delighted to announce that Fr Stephen Vooght will be joining us here in the parish on pastoral placement from the weekend of 7/8th September. The plan is for Fr Stephen to be with us for 1-2 years. Fr Stephen is a priest who has been out of active ministry for some time and will be combining his placement here with studies at the seminary in Womersley. Fr Stephen does not yet have faculties to celebrate the sacraments but hopes to receive them when everything is complete. Please keep Fr Stephen in your prayers and make him feel very welcome when he arrives."

Fr Mark

Have you ever considered a vocation as a Deacon?

Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate. This consists of three sessions (Friday-Saturday) and commences on 8th/9th November. The other dates for this academic year are 24th/25th January and 27th/28th March. Its aim is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions. Wives of prospective candidates will also be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation programme, but is part of the overall selection process. For further information, please email Fr Peter Hart as soon as possible pghart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Over the last year, I've been communicating my vision of what I hope the parish can become, a place where we are "bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy". We cannot achieve this without the Lord's help, and without praying for it. That's why I'd like everyone in the parish to pray regularly for the parish and its mission. To help us do this, in Peterpost, over the coming weeks, we're going to publish a Weekly Prayer Intention for the parish, in "Prayer Corner". We'll start by taking a line per week from the Parish Prayer, and as time progresses, we'll have specific intentions for particular activities, or meetings, or groups.

I know that many of you have your own prayer intentions, and many of you already pray for things happening in the parish. But I hope everyone will be willing to join in this initiative, because having the same intention, across the whole parish, will not only bring our common need before the Lord, but also, I hope, bind us together in unity as we pray in common.

Fr Mark

PRAYER CORNER

Each week, this section will contain an intercession which I hope every parishioner will pray for, during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour" (Ps 127:1).

Fr Mark

This week's intention:

"Pour out your Holy Spirit upon each of us here."

We pray that the Lord will pour out his Holy Spirit on us all, as He did on the first Pentecost, so that we continue to receive His Sevenfold gifts.

We acknowledge with thanks, collections for 4th August:	
Average weekly Planned Giving	£3,651.59
Gift Aid envelopes (Actual)	£266.70
Non Gift Aided cash/cheques (Actual)	£950.27
Average offering for the week	£4,868.56

As usual, as it is now the summer period, there will be no cantors in St. Peter's throughout August.

Journey in Faith: Do **you** know someone (perhaps yourself) who might want to know more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps they are just waiting to be asked? Please tell them about the Journey in Faith programme. It is for those seeking answers. For those wanting to know what Catholics believe. Perhaps for parents of children coming to St Peter's School who would like to learn more in order to support them. Or for those who have been coming to mass for years, but have never gone up for communion. The Journey in Faith will try and show you more about what we within the Catholic Church believe and do. We will try and answer any and all questions you might have about our faith, about the Church, about the Journey. Absolutely no commitment is requested or required – we are happy always, to share our journey with you for however long or short a period you choose. Our programme starts on 24 September at 8pm in the Parish Centre, and if you're interested, or just want to know more, please speak to Nick Kelly on 07960 797963, email at nick.kelly@sky.com or just turn up!

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CAFÉ: Both St Peter's and St Stephen's churches have been issued with certificates from Dementia Friendly Winchester in recognition of amendments to their buildings. It is proposed to open a Dementia-friendly Café in the Milner Hall on Tuesday 24th September at 2pm. If you are living with or caring for someone with dementia, you are both invited to drop in for tea, cake and a chat in a safe and relaxed environment. Please contact dementia@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by 31st August, leaving your telephone number and someone will contact you.

THE WHITE HOUSE/CONVENT

We are in the process of emptying the Convent. We would like to offer 2 opportunities for parishioners to browse the items that are left which include cutlery, crockery, glassware, small items of furniture. There are a couple of larger pieces that we will take sealed bids on. Proceeds will be split between the Convent at Medstead and the parish. The dates and times for viewing are:

- Wed. 21st Aug. between 12 and 2pm
- Thurs. 22nd Aug. between 4 and 6pm

Please call at the Pastoral Centre if you find the White House front door locked.

Saturday 14th September - The annual 'Ride and Stride' As usual, St. Gregory's will participate. For more information, contact Rosemary Chambers chambers.rosemary@btinternet

The August cake sale at Gregory's raised £46.65. Many thanks as always to all those who support this fund-raising activity. The next cake sale at St. Gregory's will be on Sunday 1st September.

TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal *or* Feria
Tuesday: Pope St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus *or* Feria
Wednesday: St. Maximillian Maria Kolbe
Thursday: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Friday: St. Stephen *or* Feria
Saturday: Our Lady on Saturday *or* Feria

CONGRATULATIONS TO Ross Howard and Johanna Robinson who were married in St. Peter's on Saturday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Denise Critchley-Salmonson, whose Funeral Mass is at 12:15pm in St. Peter's on Monday 12th August.

Derek Butler, whose Funeral Mass is at 12:15pm in St. Peter's on Monday 19th August. May they rest in peace.

We would like to welcome Father Luca Speziale who has very kindly offered to say Mass at St. Stephen's and St. Gregory's this Sunday, while Father Tom is on holiday.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form is at at 12:15pm this Sunday in St. Peter's. All welcome.

Mass on Friday 16th will be at 10am, rather than the usual time of 12:15.

ST PETER'S CHURCH CLEANING:

Volunteers desperately needed to join the church cleaning teams please. This only involves sweeping or vacuuming for just one hour every nine weeks, (Six hours a YEAR !!) Please do try to find time .

Please phone Pam Freeborn

01962864391

Txt 07912178934

Email, pam.freeborn@btinternet.com

ANNUAL FIRE DRILL:

We are required by legislation to hold an annual fire drill at all churches. Therefore, please be prepared for an evacuation to be called at any of the Sunday Masses this week, inc. Saturday 6pm. Please co-operate fully with the fire marshals who will be ushering the congregations to the exits. Thank you.

EVENTS

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: A Different View makes its UK premiere in Winchester this summer (until September 29th):

The exhibition will be on show at three venues across the city: City Space and The Gallery in Winchester Discovery Centre and the Great Hall. The exhibition comes to Winchester after touring major European cities including Copenhagen and, most recently, Amsterdam. Officially licensed by the Vatican Museums, the exhibition will allow unprecedented closeness to the magnificent works which adorn the chapel ceiling, normally 22 metres above visitors' heads. Working in partnership with the Vatican Museums, the frescoes have been photographed, reproduced at high resolution and transferred onto special fabric webs to create highly detailed display panels. This technique allows a true-to-life reproduction of the ceiling and gives visitors a unique opportunity for an otherwise impossible close-up view of his brushwork.

Entry fee is £5 online, £6 on the door.

St Peter's, Jewry St Winchester will be showing a short film by Bishop Robert Barron on Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel through the lens of faith during the summer.

We hope you enjoy the exhibition and can come to the Parish Centre on Friday afternoons (3pm) to see the short film or on 22nd August and 12th September at 7.30 to see a longer version.

Entry is free. All welcome.

ORGAN RECITAL by DAVID OLDFIELD: Friday 16th August 2019 at 7pm: All Parishioners and Friends of The Bournemouth Oratory, Sacred Heart Church, 1 Albert Rd. Bournemouth, BH1 1BZ, are warmly invited to our Monthly Concert.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

"... for he has prepared a city for them." Are you called to lead the Lord's people to the eternal city that He has prepared for them? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

or call 01329 318 869



CARITAS KIDS HOLIDAY CLUBS this summer.

Caritas Portsmouth Diocese will be running two Children's activity weeks this year during August in Basingstoke and Southsea. These children's activity clubs are aimed at families that may not be able to afford a holiday and require some fun time for their children in a safe environment. A program of creative activities, arts & crafts and fun interactive sports are part of the program as well as providing a healthy lunch and snacks. To help make these kids clubs run smoothly, Caritas are looking for caring and compassionate volunteers to be part of the Love in Action Caritas Team.

If you can give your time to support these clubs or require more information, please contact Catherine Knight—Basingstoke club (07787 456955) or Fiona Allen—Southsea club (07981 204886).

Basingstoke—27th to 30th August, 10am to 3:30pm St Bede's Primary School, Popley

Southsea—26th to 30th August—10:30am to 2:30pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Eastney, Southsea

ALPHA AT ST. PETER'S: Our Alpha programme starts again in mid-September and will run most weeks until early December. Please email alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for more information or to register for a place. There are more Alphas to choose from this time too:

- Monday evenings 7:30pm to 9:30pm St Peter's Pastoral Centre
- Thursday lunchtimes 12 noon to 2pm Milner Hall
- Friday mornings 8:45am to 10:45am St Peter's School

Alpha is for everyone. Please come and experience it, if you haven't already and don't be shy about asking a friend, family member or colleague to come and experience it with you - it could be the most important thing that you do for someone! Invitations are available for you to use at the back of all churches.



Havant Passion Play present their third production, "Behold the Man!" on 17th and 18th August 2019 in Havant Park. Performance times: 12 noon and 3pm on the 17th and 3pm on the 18th.

Entry is free to all comers. Everyone welcome.
Bring your own chair or rug to sit on!
Havant Park, Park Road, PO9 1HA

LOURDES: Due to an unexpected vacancy, there is an opportunity for a sick/disabled person to join the Hants & W.Berks Jumbulance Group pilgrimage to Lourdes, Friday 27 September to Saturday 5 October 2019. (The VIP must be able to manage a few walking steps and collapsible wheelchairs only). Mass said daily with our accompanying priest, visits to all traditional areas of the Domaine, plus outings into the Pyrenees. Cost £800, which included full board, return travel, daily outings, entry, and Insurance. There is no charge for 24/7 care. For more info, contact Hilary on 07740049127 or the Group Leader, Chris on 0788 774 8224

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Rev. Martin McElroy
Sacristan: Laurie Howe
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Holy Communion: Rosanne Walker
Youth: Jo Donaldson
Neighbourhood
Groups: Sandra Drower
Finance/Admin: Annette Parr
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Admin: Adam Biernat & Richard Phiri

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER:

Our weekday adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (**Tuesdays-Thursdays**), as well as our Morning Prayer & Adoration (**Mondays & Thursdays**) will take a temporary pause for the school holidays and will resume again in the 2nd week of September.

Fr Mark would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support the vital Eucharistic Adoration ministry in our parish. He would like to offer special thanks to Gerard Carton, who has decided to step down from his role as coordinator after many years of faithful service. Gerard has a deep devotion to and love of Our Lord present in the Eucharist and his dedication and commitment to this ministry has been truly outstanding. This Tuesday, Fr Mark would also like to gather with all those who take part in Eucharistic Adoration, in order to hear your thoughts and suggestions. If you are currently on the rota, or indeed would like to consider joining, please could you contact the office, leaving your details, so that we can invite you to a meeting.

Masses and Liturgies: 10th to 17th August 2019 St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses

Sat 10th	6:00pm	Mass - Joseph Benn RIP
Sun 11th	8:00am	Mass - Gerry Falloon RIP
	10:30am	Mass - Special Intention for Benn Family
	12:15pm	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
	5:00pm	NO Evening Prayer and Benediction
	6:00pm	Mass - In thanksgiving for Gerard Carton's service to Eucharistic Adoration & his intentions
Mon 12th	12:15pm	Funeral Mass - Denise Critchley-Salmonson
Tues 13th	8:00am	Mass - Intentions of James Craig
Wed 14th		NO MASS
Thur 15th	7:30am	Mass - People of the Parish
	12:15pm	Mass - People of the Parish
	7:30pm	Mass - Patrick George McCall & Family RIP
Fri 16th	10:00am	Mass - Special Intention for Benn Family
Sat 17th	9:00am	Mass - For the Benefactors

Confessions:

Sat	11:30am - 12:30pm	4:30pm - 5:00pm
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Eucharistic Adoration

Tue:	9:00am - 7:00pm)	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed:	1:00pm - 8:00pm)	is suspended until after
Thur:	9:00am - 4:00pm)	the summer break

St. Gregory's, Alresford

Sun 11th	11:00am	Mass - Priscilla Ruth Carver RIP
Thur 15th	10:00am	Mass - People of the Parish

St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 11th	9:15am	Mass - Intentions of James Lewis
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St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 11th	9:00am	Mass - People of the Parish
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Diocese of Portsmouth - Diocesan Property Manager

The Portsmouth Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity, has an extensive portfolio of property that includes Churches, associated Church buildings, schools, houses, offices, residential and investment property. The Diocese consists of the counties of Hampshire, part of Dorset and Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. Considerable travelling will be involved.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Diocesan Property Manager who will be a member of the Diocesan Estate Team providing an effective property management and advice service to the Parishes and Schools of the Diocese and protecting the interests of the Portsmouth Diocese. This role will include acquisitions, disposals, leases, ASTs, ensuring statutory compliance, arranging remedial works, managing consultants and contractors for maintenance projects, and other general estate management duties.

The role is a challenging opportunity for a self-motivated individual with considerable experience and a relevant property qualification. While a background in estate management is desirable, your experience could be in surveying or property management. Much of your work will require liaison with priests and parish volunteers, so a commitment to the ethos of the Catholic Church, and excellent communication skills are required. Ability to manage own diary and ensure all tasks completed.

Salary £25,000-£35,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. For informal enquiries please contact Hilary Foley (Director of Estates) 02392 825430. For an application form, job description and Equal Ops Monitoring form, please go to the Diocesan website (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please return the application and Equal Opportunity Monitoring forms to Victoria Nightingale, HR Manager, Support & Administration Services, St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA or via email to vnightingale@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for applications: Wednesday 14th August 2019