



### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

1st September, 2019

#### *In Humble Hope of Our Place at the Wedding Feast in Heaven*

Would you invite Jesus to lunch? It certainly wouldn't be dull but I wouldn't want to guarantee that everyone would leave happy. Every time he goes to eat somewhere, Jesus seems to upset the host, the guests, the Pharisees, the Scribes by challenging them in some way. This happens in today's Gospel, in which Jesus tells his host that he shouldn't be inviting his friends and family or wealthy neighbours to dinner. This is after he's already criticised the guests for choosing the places of honour. Jesus is trying to teach us about humility.

**Humility allows us to recognise that God's call to the wedding feast is an invitation, not a salary.** We don't earn our place in heaven; rather it is offered to us, not because of what we've done but rather because of what Christ has done.

**Humility allows us to learn;** to realise that we are not a god and don't have all the answers. Humility helps us shake off the illusion of control. Let Jesus be your teacher; let Jesus be in control. He knows you better than you know yourself, and loves you more. Let him be God; let him show you how to live.

**Humility allows us to recognise the greatness of others, independent of the status given them by the world.** Pope Francis witnesses to this time and time again, for example when he has lunch with refugees in Vatican. He sees something in them which so many of us can overlook.

Who should we invite to lunch? Would we invite Jesus? What challenge would he have for you?

#### *Alpha*

This weekend and next we begin promoting our next Alpha series and we'll be inviting you to consider joining us for a meal and to invite others to join us. Perhaps Jesus is inviting you to dinner?

*Fr Mark*

#### **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](mailto: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, starting **16th September**, 7:30pm to 9:30pm St Peter's Pastoral Centre
- Thursday lunchtimes, starting **19th September**, 12 noon to 2pm Milner Hall
- Friday mornings, starting **27th September**, 8:45am to 10:45am St Stephen's Community Room

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.

### TODAY'S MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

**Psalm Response:** In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

**Second Reading:** Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1. 7-14

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

### Masses and Liturgies: 31st August to 7th September 2019

#### St. Peter's, Winchester

##### Masses

Sat 31st	6:00pm	Mass - Catherine Doyle RIP
Sun 1st	8:00am	Mass - Thomas, Mary and Dreda Rudd RIP
	10:30am	Mass - Philomena O'Doherty RIP
	12:30pm	<b>Baptism - Ryan Barwell</b>
	5:00pm	NO Evening Prayer and Benediction
	6:00pm	Mass - James Wheble RIP
Mon 2nd	12:15pm	Mass - Austin Emery RIP
Tues 3rd	8:00am	Mass - Thomas Newton Rudd RIP
	11:30am	<b>Wedding - Simi Connors &amp; Margaret Ann Barney-Smith</b>
		NO MASS
Wed 4th		
Thur 5th	7:00pm	Mass - Mary Perry RIP
Fri 6th	12:15pm	Mass - Intentions of Neil family
Sat 7th	10:00am	Mass at Winchester Cathedral

##### 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 1st	11:00am	Mass
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##### St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

Sun 1st	9:15am	Mass - Winifred Rogerson
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##### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

Sun 25th	9:00am	Mass - People of the Parish
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*Apologies for the brevity of this week's newsletter but due to staff holidays this week, we are unable to offer the fuller publication.*

We acknowledge with thanks, collections for 25th August:	
Average weekly Planned Giving	£3,651.59
Gift Aid envelopes (Actual)	£1,065.03
Non Gift Aided cash/cheques (Actual)	£231.20
<b>Average offering for the week</b>	<b>£4,947.82</b>

There will be a second collection next weekend for the **Catholic Education Service**.

**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](mailto:nick.kelly@sky.com) or just turn up!

On **Saturday 21st September** at 11:30am, we will be celebrating a reunion Mass in St. Peter's for all those who have participated in the **Journey in Faith** programme since it was begun by Deacon Ted Hogan in 1987. There will also be a celebration in the Pastoral Centre afterwards.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

*"Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord."*

Are you willing to accept the yoke of the Lord through a vocation as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869



**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: "Fill our priests with your wisdom, compassion and love"**

We pray for our priests: Lord, fill them with wisdom to know Your way, compassion to show Your face to others, and love for all Your people

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Feria
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St Gregory the Great
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St Cuthbert <i>or</i> Feria
<b>Thursday:</b>	Feria
<b>Friday:</b>	Feria
<b>Saturday:</b>	Our Lady on Saturday <i>or</i> Feria

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the soul of **Maureen Reilly RIP** who passed away on the 23rd August. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially of **Anthony Downing** and **Derek Butler**.

## EVENTS



### THE WINCHESTER BASICS BANK QUIZ

Mayor Councillor Eleanor Bell has graciously agreed to be present at the Winchester Basics Bank quiz and will field her own mayoral team! Kevin Ashman, local resident and captain of the BBC Egghead team will deliver the questions and announce the answers. The quiz will be at Christ Church in Christchurch Road (SO23 9SR) and will start at 7:30pm (please arrive by 7:15pm to be able to start then). Sumptuous two-course meal (choice of meat and vegetarian dishes) and wine will be provided. This is a fundraising event for Winchester Basics Bank. Tickets are £20 per person. Please form your own team of 8 people and register your team with us with any information on dietary requirements by email at [chair@winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk](mailto:chair@winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk) You can pay on the evening or in advance by cheque made payable to Winchester Basics Bank and sent to the Basics Bank office at 21a Penton Place, Milland Road, Winchester SO23 0PZ

### "Preparing, Planning and Living in Active Retirement" Conference: Saturday, 16 November 2019

Winchester Baptist Church, Christchurch CoE and Hope Church have come together to put on a conference for those nearing retirement. **Preparing, Planning and Living in Active Retirement is a Christian focused conference** being held on Saturday, 16 November at Hope Church in Winchester from 10am to 4pm. It is designed to help those attending to look at and plan for retirement, even if they are already recently retired. There will be time set aside to seek God's call in this new season and the day will include topics such as identity, health & lifestyle, loneliness and grand-parenting. Tickets are £12 each and can be bought online at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-planning-living-in-active-retirement-tickets-63045337301>

### Did You Know?

**Education Sunday – 8th September 2019** Did you know that Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales? On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The second collection on Education Sunday will be for the Catholic Education Service.