



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

10th November, 2019

#### **Insomnia week three – the Fear of Dying and the God of the Living**

- We all have certain doubts and fears that don't just go away just because it's time to go to bed. When the day settles down and the children are finally down for the night, and the TV is finally off, and you're finally free from social media, and you're all alone with just your thoughts, those thoughts can easily drift into *doubts and fears*. And in the darkness, *doubts and fears*...grow.

Behind those doubts and fears is a *lie we buy*. Actually, several lies. And we could find relief or even freedom if we could replace those lies with deeper truths.

This week we are looking at what statistics say is the second greatest fear that people have, the fear of *death*. Why do we fear death? For lots of reasons.

**We fear death** because we *naturally* fear it. It is instinctive. We have a natural drive towards self-preservation and protecting ourselves.

**We fear death** because it is *unknown*. We've never been through death before. No one has lived to tell us about it. It's an experience shrouded in mystery.

**We fear death** because of what it might mean for our family. Maybe you are the provider for your household and your death could leave your family in a questionable financial situation, not to mention stricken with grief.

**We fear death** because of what we might miss: children or grandchildren growing up, weddings, holidays, special events.

And along with the fear our own death, we fear the death of loved ones. If you have children, you may fear more the death of your child more than your own. You can't imagine what that would feel like. Or maybe, tragically, you don't have to because the unthinkable has happened to you. Something that you never 'get over', whether or not you've managed to work out a way to carry on with your life.

These are very real possibilities. Even so, there are two lies we buy when it comes to death. If we disarm them and embrace the truth, this may well help us on the way to overcoming our fear of death.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Luke tells us:

*Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and put a question to him. (Luke 20:27)*

The Sadducees, unlike the Pharisees, did not believe in resurrection from the dead. They thought this life was it.

**And that's the first lie we buy** when it comes to death, a lie that leads to a fear of death. A lot of us think, all the time or some of the time, despite what we say we believe, that death is the end. If you are a Christian, the whole premise of the Christian faith is that Jesus conquered death and rose from the grave and that because he rose from the dead, we can share in his resurrection: **death is the door to something more.**

Death is not the end but the beginning of life. But over and over again we buy the lie that death is the end.

Jesus responds to their question:

*"Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."* Luke 20:37-38

Jesus uses Exodus, the second book of the Bible, a book the Sadducees believed to be from God, as a way to refute their claims that death is the end. And he adds, that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. We say this at funerals and it

can sound trite, but the people who die in God's mercy, are in a better place. And, in fact, they are *more alive* than we are.

Some people's images of heaven are entirely banal. Fluffy clouds and chubby cherubs, etc. And this is the **second lie we buy** about the resurrection and life in heaven - we think it will be boring, because we don't even have the imagination to even begin to conceptualize it. Even Jesus himself didn't try and describe it to us, because he knew we don't have the ability to conceive of it. All we can do, is accept it in faith, embracing the mystery of it, relying on what God does say about it...It will be filled with God's glory so it will be just perfect.

Perhaps the best argument for heaven is the human heart. Everything in us rebels in us against the idea that death is the end.

Despite our worst fears,

we do not want death to have the final word in our lives. Innately, we know there is something more.

In every aspect of life where we experience a desire, our desire can be filled.

- We desire *nourishment* and there is *food*.
- We *thirst* and there is *water*.
- We desire to *learn* and there is *education*.

We know we desire in our hearts something that cannot be fulfilled by this world, something that is promised over and over again in success and power and pleasure; something that is promised but never quite delivered.

Our desires direct us to that which is real. And we definitely desire more than this world offers. We desire light and life, and that is what Christ promises.

When my dear dad died, I went for a few days with my family to Devon before the funeral. One day, I went for a walk with my sisters along the coast, even though it was dark and cloudy and even a little soggy. And as we walked, the sun dispersed the clouds briefly and shone through the rain and created the most beautiful rainbow – the sign of God's promise that this overcast day would not last forever. I knew then as much as I've ever known that God was shining his light to pierce the dark clouds of my heart and soul and to remind me that He was there and alive and that death was not the end.

Scripture says: *The souls of the just are in the hand of God. It's just foolish to think that they're dead.* (Wisdom 3.1) **Fr. Mark Hogan**

#### **New Post - Parish Director of Evangelisation and Leadership**

Thanks to a grant from the Diocesan Living Our Faith Fund, and the generosity of some of our parishioners, we are in a position to begin advertising for a Parish Director of Evangelisation and Leadership.

Full time 35 hours per week Monday to Friday.

Salary commensurate with experience and location.

We are seeking a Director of Evangelisation and Leadership to hold responsibility for all aspects of our primary tool for evangelisation, Alpha. The successful post holder would also responsible for supporting our hospitality ministry and ensuring that staff and key leaders are growing as leaders.

For the full advert, job description, person specification and contact details please go to the homepage of the website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>

**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).*

**This week's intention:** "Let us pray, after last week's parish meeting, that the Holy Spirit will guide our plans and help us to journey forwards in unity."

We acknowledge with thanks, collections for 10th Nov:

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| Average weekly Planned Giving        | £3,754.54        |
| Gift Aid envelopes (Actual)          | £256.25          |
| Non Gift Aided cash/cheques (Actual) | £1,097.20        |
| <b>Average offering for the week</b> | <b>£5,107.99</b> |

This Sunday, following on from All Souls' Day last weekend, there will be prayers for the dead and blessing of graves at **3pm** in **St. James's Cemetery** and **3pm** in **St. John's Churchyard, Alresford**. Additionally, this will also take place next Sunday, 17th November, at **3pm** in **Magdalen Hill Cemetery**.

**Next Sunday, 17th November**, there will be an appeal for those in the Philippines in need of humanitarian assistance after the Mindanao earthquakes. People in the affected communities were already vulnerable before the earthquakes and now they are in urgent need of shelter, safe drinking water and food. Mindanao has been shaken by three consecutive earthquakes within the same location on 16, 29 and 31 October 2019, each compounding the effect of the previous one. According to authorities, the death toll from the last two earthquakes is now at 21 with over 400 people injured and an estimated more than 35,000 people displaced. Many families have been left homeless due to the destruction of their houses. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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

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

**First Reading:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

**Psalm Response:** I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** Second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

**Communion Antiphon:** 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.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>St. Martin of Tours</b>                  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>St. Josaphat</b>                         |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>Feria</b>                                |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>Feria</b>                                |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>St. Albert the Great <i>or</i> Feria</b> |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON</b>                |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of those who have died recently. May God grant them eternal rest.

**John McKendry** Funeral Mass Tue 19 Nov 12

**Peggy Jackson** Funeral Service Fri 22 Nov 2pm *St. Peter's*

**Margaret Roach** Memorial Mass Wed 27 Nov 3pm *St. Peter's*

**Called and Gifted Teaching Day - St Peter's Pastoral Centre - Winchester - 23rd November 2019** Each of us has been called by God and gifted by the Holy Spirit. These spiritual gifts complement our natural talents and learnt skills. Discovering what we are called to do and what spiritual gifts we have in order to do this is a process of discernment. The Called and Gifted approach helps individuals to explore gifts and to develop insights as they act on using them for the good of others. This may be timely if you would like to make wise choices about the actions you take in your life in service of others. The Teaching day in November is followed by a One to One Discernment Conversation with a trained team member in January. There is also an opportunity to explore your gifts in more depth in the Spring 2020. Please note, the total cost for the day is £43 per participant. Much of this is subsidised by the diocesan Living Our Faith fund, although there is a participant fee of £25 per person to cover the materials given out to keep. Further subsidies are available for anyone who would be otherwise unable to attend. Please book on-line if possible [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted) or take a booking form from the back of the church and return to the Parish Office marked "Called and Gifted Day".

**Caritas Event "World Day of the Poor" – Sunday 17th November 2019 - "The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever" (Psalm 9:18).** On the World Day of the Poor, 17th November, between 1pm and 5:30pm, Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St. Peters, Winchester where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. The event will include a short play by "Staging Faith" on the life of St. Vincent De Paul, and also some personal testimonies of people who have experienced life on the margins. There will be opportunities to network with others and to see what we can practically do to help those in need around us. Come along and let this event be the place where we begin to open our church doors to those in need and be a voice of the voiceless. For further information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 07388994057.

**Confirmation (Ignite) & Youth Alpha** - Please come along to our information session on the 24th November at 4pm in the Parish Centre where we will be discussing our Confirmation programme, Youth Alpha, and Alpha for Parents. Youth Alpha begins on the 1st December, and continues every Sunday during term time from 4-6pm. We play games, have food, watch a video, and engage in discussions relating to our faith! You need to be aged 11-16 to join the Youth Alpha group, and it is essential for those who are considering Confirmation. For more details and to enrol, please contact Jo Donaldson ([youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk))

**November - praying for the our departed brothers and sisters** - Please write on a Remembrance Card the name of any loved one who has died and place it in the basket provided on the Sanctuary. We will pray this prayer for them throughout November just before the blessing during Masses:  
*May the choirs of angels come to greet you.  
May they speed you to paradise.  
May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.  
May you find eternal life.*

### **Have you ever considered being a Reader at Mass?**

We are looking for new readers to join our team of readers, if you would like to find out more please email [readers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:readers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) - you don't have to commit to every week!

**SAFEGUARDING - IMPORTANT NOTICE!** Please check Church noticeboards for upcoming training dates

# EVENTS

Our ALPHA PROGRAMME guest list is now open for Spring 2020:

- Monday evenings in St Peter's Pastoral Centre, starting 13th January
- Tuesday mornings at St. Gregory's Church Hall, Alresford, starting 14th January
- Thursday lunchtimes in Milner Hall, starting 16th January



For more information or to reserve a place, please email [alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Helpers needed at "The Real Christmas Chalet" at the Winchester Christmas Market: 21st November until 22nd December** - Churches Together Winchester will be creating a space for visitors to the market in which people can step out of the crowd, rest a few minutes and reflect on God's gift to us all. Can you volunteer just for an hour or two to invite people into the chalet, chat if they want to talk and hand out special booklets and blessings? Find out more/sign up at [bit.ly/realchalet](http://bit.ly/realchalet) or call Lin Brewer on 01962 854454. There are training sessions on 10th, 12th and 19th November for those who would like this.

**STAY AWAKE WITH ME (Mt 26:38) - A TWELVE HOUR VIGIL OF ADORATION OF THE LORD TRULY PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, St. Peter's Church, 9pm on Fri 29 Nov to 9am on Sat 30 Nov.** Each hour there will be prayers and readings with a focus on a particular aspect of the life and work of our parish. You are warmly invited to come for the whole vigil, or to join us for an hour. Please sign up via the parish office or contact Tony Darlison, again via the parish office—if you are joining us for any hour after 9pm we will need your contact details so that you can access the church during the night.

**Wednesday November 13th Lunchtime Pie Club at St Peter's Pastoral Centre:** please come at 12.45 for 1. There'll be the usual two-course hot meal, with a vegetarian/gluten-free option, and pudding with custard, and a talk afterwards on the work of the Winchester Basics Bank. All welcome – whether you are a regular, come occasionally, or are a new participant. Do feel free to bring a friend or invite someone new.

**Parish Vision:** the Parish Senior Leadership Team (SLT) would like to thank everyone who came to the Parish Mass and meeting on the Feast of the Winchester Martyrs. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the church and afterwards, and a most valuable discussion after Fr Mark spoke about his vision for the Parish. We are looking at all the feedback from the meeting, and will be preparing a summary for anyone who is interested – more on this soon. If you have any more comments to make, or want to hear more, let us know. If you were unable to attend but would like to ask questions, hear more, or join a mailing list, then please make contact: [moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). If you go to the Parish website, you can read about Fr Mark's vision & look at the formal Parish plan for the year (links on the Home page), and find out about the SLT (on the About Us page) <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>

**BREAKFAST!** - Come and join us for a BACON (or SAUSAGE) BUTTIE with tea, coffee etc. after 8am and 10.30am Masses on **Sun 24 Nov** in St. Peter's Pastoral Centre. All proceeds will go to Sr. Maria Gretch's Franciscan Family Centre in Bethlehem.

**St Stephen's Community Choir** welcome singers to join them for their second service on Sunday 24th November at 9.15am Mass in St Stephen's Church. Following the huge success of the choir for the 50th Anniversary Mass in May this year, the choir have decided to sing Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth' once again for the Feast of Christ the King. If you would like to sing for this service please contact Mary Alveyn [mealveyn@gmail.com](mailto:mealveyn@gmail.com) or Emma Sharrock [emma.sharrock@outlook.com](mailto:emma.sharrock@outlook.com). There will be a rehearsal after 9.15am mass on Sunday 3rd November and Sunday 10th November (10.40-11.45am) and a brief run through on the 24th November at 8.30am. We hope to sing for at least 2 services next year so do please feel free to email Mary with your contact details if you are unable to sing this time but would like to do so in the future.

**There will be a special Mass at St. Stephen's this Tuesday, 12th November, at 9:15am. All are welcome.**

**There will be a Mass in St. Mary's Church, Twyford, this Tuesday at 7pm. All are welcome.**

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL LANTERN PARADE - Thursday 28 November, 6.30pm** (participants should arrive between 5.30pm – 6.00pm) The Lantern Parade is back for 2019, but bigger and better than ever! Make your own lantern with Bella Crafts, see the displays in the Cathedral and join a fun family parade starting from the Cathedral and finishing with a stunning fireworks display in the Outer Close. This year's theme is the Christmas story and Winchester Cathedral would be delighted to see as many local churches participating as possible. You can create a lantern in your church or local community centre and all lanterns are welcome, big and small!

Materials can be purchased from BellaCrafts and workshops will also be held at Bella Crafts, Fair Oak, on the following dates:

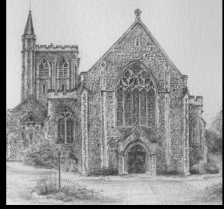
**Sun 10 Nov** 9.30am–12.30pm or 1–4pm, **Sat 16 Nov** 2.30pm–5.30pm, **Sun 24 Nov** 9.30am–12.30pm or 1–4pm.

Also after school from **11 Nov** onwards from 3.30pm–5.30pm

To book a Lantern Workshop, please contact BellaCrafts 023 8051 7054 or visit [www.bellacrafts.co.uk](http://www.bellacrafts.co.uk) For further info & times please visit the Cathedral website: <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/events/lantern-parade-2019/>

In preparation for Youth Sunday, the Diocese are holding a day of 'Faith Exploration' for those aged 14 - 17 on Saturday the 23rd November. The day will take place from 10am until 5pm and will be at St Joseph's Church in Havant. The cost for the day is £5 which includes lunch, but this should not be a barrier so if cost is a problem then please contact me! We're organising transport to leave St Stephen's Church at 8.30am. Limited seats, so please let me know if you are wishing to travel with the group. For more information and to book a place, please contact Jo Donaldson ([youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk))

**Winchester Fusion Choir Charity Concert**, at St. Peter's, Fri 6th Dec, 7:30pm. Tickets £7.50 and available in the Parish Centre or via email: [fusionchoirconcerttickets@gmail.com](mailto:fusionchoirconcerttickets@gmail.com) Ticket sales will support several local charities, including the SVP.



## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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*There's a space for you here if you'd like to come and get to know us and Jesus a little better; a home away from home. Come and see.*

Email [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

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| <b>Parish Priest:</b>       | Fr. Mark Hogan                             |
| <b>Assistant Priest:</b>    | Fr. Tom McGrath                            |
| <b>Priest in Residence:</b> | Canon Peter Wilkie                         |
| <b>Deacons:</b>             | Rev. Gerard Dailly;<br>Rev. Martin McElroy |
| <b>Sacristan:</b>           | Laurie Howe                                |

"**Winchester Basics Bank** would like to thank all those who gave so generously to the Parish Harvest Food collection. This food is a significant contribution towards our food stock which enables us to support 1400 people in Winchester and Alresford each year. Some were not able to bring food to church for the collection on 3/4 November; if you would like to contribute then you will find a Basics Bank Collection Box in the Parish Centre near the lift."

**Readers' Workshops** - To mark the **Year of the Word**, the Diocese of Portsmouth is launching Readers' training workshops which are available for parishes to book. The training offered consists of two workshops of three hours each, each run on a separate day, for all church readers and aspiring readers. On completion of the two workshops, the participants are awarded a diocesan recognition. The workshops offer Liturgical and Biblical formation, as well as practical training, to ensure that the Word of God is read with clarity and conviction. The training ends with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Havant (23 Nov 2019), **Winchester (11 & 25 Jan 2020)**, Christchurch (1 & 2 Feb 2020), Lymington (7 & 14 Mar 2020).

**For more details, and to reserve a space, please contact Chris Peacock at [readers@portsmouthdioces.org.uk](mailto:readers@portsmouthdioces.org.uk)**

**The Catholic Women's League** meet on Thursday 21st November at 4.30pm for 5.00pm until 6.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, concluding with Mass at 7.00pm. The Theme for the Meeting is 'Advent'.

**The Catholic Women's League** are holding a **SOUP & PUD lunch**, in the Pastoral Centre on Friday 22nd November, 12.00 noon to 1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. All Proceeds from the lunch will go to 'The "Friends of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital" in memory of Eileen Gumbrell RIP. Please support.

**ST. GREGORY'S** - Wed 20 Nov at 2.30pm - **Tea & Chat at Nan McNamara's home**. Enquiries to 01962 734425. **The monthly cake sale** last Sunday raised £70.16. Many thanks to those who came. The next cake sale will be on Sun 1 Dec.

## ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINCHESTER

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It was good to be greeted in assembly on Monday by a sea of smiling, happy children who had clearly enjoyed their first day back after a good half-term break. We were joined for the first time by our Reception classes and look forward to coming together as a whole school in Assembly for the rest of the year. Congratulations to Phoenix in Year 3, winner of the PTA Bonfire Night poster competition, and the runner up Matilda in Year 3. The difficult job of deciding the winning entry was undertaken by our Year 6 School Council representatives. Thank you to all the children who submitted a poster. Do look out for projections of some of the posters at Bonfire Night on Saturday, where we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. This evening is one of the highlights of our school calendar and we are indebted to the members of the PTA who willingly give up their time to organise and run it. Thank you in advance to all involved.

*Mrs M Hutchins, Acting Headteacher*

## Masses and Liturgies: 9th to 16th November 2019 St. Peter's, Winchester

### Masses

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| Sat 9th   | 6:00pm  | Souls in Purgatory   |
| Sun 10th  | 8:00am  | Mass - Deceased Members of the Laing and Emery Families  |
|           | 10:30am | Mass - Adrian Tucker RIP   |
|           | 12:15pm | <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form Evening Prayer and Benediction - Remembrance Sunday and all those killed in active service</b> |
|           | 5:00pm  | Mass - Phillip Cohen + Michael & Phillis Doyle RIP   |
| Mon 11th  | 8:00am  | <b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>  |
|           | 12:15pm | Mass - Intention of the Neil Family RIP  |
| Tues 12th | 8:00am  | Mass - Paul & Christopher Turner RIP   |
| Wed 13th  | 7:00pm  | NO MASS  |
| Thur 14th | 8:00am  | <b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>  |
|           | 7:00pm  | Mass - Mary, Lady Mannock RIP  |
| Fri 15th  | 12:15pm | Mass - Eric Fry RIP  |
| Sat 16th  | 9:00am  | Mass - Deceased members of the Burrell & O'Donoghue families   |

### Confessions:

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

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| Tue:  | 9:00am-3:00pm |
| Wed:  | 1:00pm-4:00pm |
| Thur: | 9:00am-1:00pm |

### St. Gregory's, Alresford

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| Sun 10th | 11:00am | Mass - Geoffrey O'Connell RIP |
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### St. Stephen's, Oliver's Battery

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| Sun 10th | 9:15am | Mass - People of the Parish |
| Tue 12th | 9:15am | Mass                        |

### St. Thomas More's, Stockbridge

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| Sun 10th | 9:00am | Mass - Ben's family Special Intention |
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**Mass in the Extraordinary Form is this Sunday at 12:15 in St. Peter's. All are welcome.**

**The Dementia Group** would like to invite you to 'Carols we Love' at St. Peter's on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 3pm followed by refreshments and mince pies. All are welcome.

