

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS...

Fr Mark writes:

Do not be afraid to Proclaim the Good News

When I was on retreat a couple of years ago, in South Dakota, I set off for a lovely afternoon stroll through the prairies. As I passed by a lake, I decided to take a closer look. As I took a step forward, I heard, out of nowhere, this enormous noise which sounded like a horse whinnying. Terrified, I leapt back and looked to discover the source of this kafuffle. There, on the ground, in full attack mode, with tongue hissing, was an enormous snake – which a subsequent google search revealed to be a prairie rattlesnake! Thankfully, after a standoff which seemed to last an eternity or two, but was probably only a few seconds, the venomous reptile slithered off back into the lakeside grass. I spent much of the rest of the retreat half on edge, being especially vigilant when lifting toilet seats, just in case my new found buddy had decided to pay me a visit via the sewerage system...

What do *you* fear?

What fills you with dread or ties your stomach in knots?

Besides snakes, there seem to be 1,001 things that bring fear to my heart – the dark; heights (even thinking about them); spiders; dancing and its closely related cousin, becoming the centre of attention; death, to name but a few!

What are you scared of?

What stops you being free, prevents you being the person God created you to be, restricts your ability to set the world on fire?

In our Gospel today, Jesus addresses our fears and aims to reassure us. Jesus is sending his apostles out. He is talking about mission, about them carrying on the work of bringing the Good News of the Kingdom of God to those who have yet to hear it. Jesus came to announce the reality of God's incredible love to those on the peripheries – to the poor, the sick, the isolated, the unloved – and it was the job of his followers to carry on the work. We've been reflecting much these last few weeks on how Jesus brings us closer to God and to each other. One of the ways in which he does this, counterintuitively, is by sending us out, so that we may cooperate with his grace and help in the task of bringing people closer to him, in hope and joy.

BUT, he knew that one of the things which might stop them and us carrying out this vital work is fear, in all its various forms, rattlesnakes both real and metaphorical, such as fear of persecution, fear of rejection, fear of

inadequacy or fear of shining out with the light of God's love blazing within us.

Don't be afraid, he says – don't be afraid of those who can only harm you physically; don't worry that your Heavenly Father doesn't know you intimately, counting every hair on your head (an easier task with some than with others!); don't worry that you have no value or worth; don't worry because God is with you, watching over you, guiding you.

Jesus then is asking us to *proclaim* what we have heard from the rooftops. In the Greek text of Matthew's gospel, the verb "proclaim" is κηρύξατε, *keryxate*. The noun that is related to this verb is *kerygma* (something that is proclaimed) - and the English word comes from that Greek noun directly, as a transliteration. The *kerygma* is the initial proclamation of the Good News, the essence of the Gospel, which can be expressed in many ways. I want to say much more about this next week but, for now, let me simply share one way in which Pope Francis puts it:

"Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." (Evangelii Gaudium 164)

What is there that prevents you from sharing the Good News with those around you? What snakes are lurking in the prairies? Is it a fear that it's not really true; or a fear of rejection or mockery; a fear of feeling awkward or of making the other feel awkward? Don't be afraid...

If you had watched a great film or discovered an amazing restaurant or been on an incredible holiday, would you be afraid to tell people about it, to share this good news..?

So, don't be afraid to let others know that there is a meaning and purpose to our life, that they are loved, that there is a God who knows them better than they know themselves and who cares for them. Of course, of course, of course, do it sensitively, do it humbly, do it with love, but don't be afraid to just do it...

Some of you might be a bit nervous about that and that's why I want you to pray over these next couple of weeks, to ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage, and to listen to those words of Jesus, addressed to you today – do not be afraid.

For you are a child of God.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

We are delighted that **ST PETER'S CHURCH** is now open for prayer, in line with the Government's regulations. Weekdays, 11 till 2, Sundays 12-4, with Adoration.



WELCOME



Thanks to all the volunteers who are making sure the system works safely. Around 40 people a day are visiting the church, with more than 100 different people over the past week.

At present, only St Peter's of our four churches can open, and unfortunately we cannot offer any toilet facilities, as the Pastoral Centre must remain closed. (The nearest facilities, so far as we know, are at St Maurice's Covert ie beside Debenhams.) We also still cannot have any services open to the public. But we are happy to be back!

Fr Mark says: *"I'm so delighted that we're able to open our doors again to allow entry into this sacred space and to provide a place of encounter and blessing."*

Here's your chance to pray for someone in our Parish!

The children who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion should have received the Sacrament for the very first time last weekend and now have to wait patiently to receive Jesus into their hearts in this special way.



If you feel called to pray specifically for our First Holy Communion children, please email fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and you will be given the first name of a child to pray for. We have around 50 children on the programme this year and it would be wonderful if each of them had someone from the parish community praying for them at this time. Now the church is open for prayer you might be able to go in and pray and light a candle for them! But all prayers welcome

Antiphons & readings Sunday 21 June 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9
The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35
In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

Second reading Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation Jnl:14,12
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Communion Antiphon Ps 144: 15
The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Masses and Liturgies:
Please follow mass on [youtube here](#)

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses

- Saturday 20th June 8.00am: Benefactors
- Saturday 20th June 7.00pm: Gerry Connor RIP
- Sunday 21st June 10.00am: People of the Parish
- Sunday 21st June 7.00pm: Anne Eggert
- Monday 22nd June 7.00pm: Yvonne St John Woods RIP
- Tuesday 23rd 7.00pm: Julian Wald RIP
- Wednesday 24th June 7.00pm: Michael Templeman RIP
- Thursday 25th June 7.00pm: Deceased Members of Clinton Family
- Friday 26th June 7.00pm: Paul Robert Clarke RIP
- Saturday 27th June 8.00am: Teresa Ambroziak RIP

Morning Prayer: Daily at 8am
Night prayer: Daily at 9pm



Music at Livestream Masses

Fr Mark hopes everyone has been appreciating the beautiful music which has been lovingly prepared by musicians from across the parish to aid our liturgy (and to drown out his voice!). He would like to add a little variety to our weekend masses over this Easter season and so our **Saturday 7pm mass** will focus mostly on "live music", with plenty of hymns to join in with; our **Sunday 10am mass** (by far the most popular in terms of "YouTube viewers") will continue to offer a blend of solo/choral music with the opportunity for congregational singing; whilst our **Sunday 7pm mass** will feature more contemporary worship music. We hope you love the different offerings and Fr Mark would love to hear your thoughts and comments.

Liturgical Calendar for the Week

- Sun 21st 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- Mon 22nd Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
- Tues 23rd Feria
- Weds 24th The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Thurs 25th Feria
- Fri 26th Feria
- Sat 27th am Our Lady on Saturday
- Sun 28th St. Peter and Paul

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



Marion Swinden RIP

Patricia Tzouliadis RIP

PARISH MEETINGS

Everyone who came to the previous Parish meeting in May thought it was a good idea, and helpful, so Fr Mark has arranged two more – the same meeting but at different times and days in the hope that everyone will find one time and date they can do. So please come along and share your experiences and feelings. All are welcome.

Here is Fr Mark's invitation:

I would like to invite all our parishioners to attend one of two online meetings on Zoom – the dates **are Sunday 28th June at 4pm, Thursday 2nd July at 7.45 pm**. (Details on how to join are below). I'd like us to consider the following questions, so I hope you will think about them in advance.

- 1 What difficulties and challenges am I facing now in my relationships with others: family, friends, neighbours?
- 2 Have I noticed any gestures or acts of charity or compassion that have particularly struck me?
- 3 In what ways has God softened my heart and made me more compassionate during this time?
- 4 Who is God asking me to be a neighbour to over the next week?

These are the details for joining the Zoom meeting.

VIA INTERNET OR APP

Option A – Sun 28th June, 4pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94427565871?pwd=cDExQXVINDJTQkYmg1cUs2ZzNpdz09>

Meeting ID: 944 2756 5871

Password: 910749

Option B – Thurs 2nd July, 7:45pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95599654861?pwd=SmNsMGs5SkRwUXA4MkdQNFJWcjhBQT09>

Meeting ID: 955 9965 4861

Password: 278977

VIA PHONE – dial one of these numbers: 0203 481 5237; 0234815240; 0208 080 6591 Follow the instructions and, when asked, enter the meeting ID and password as above (for the correct date of meeting).

'Strength to Strength' – a caFE DVD course on the practical benefits of daily prayer

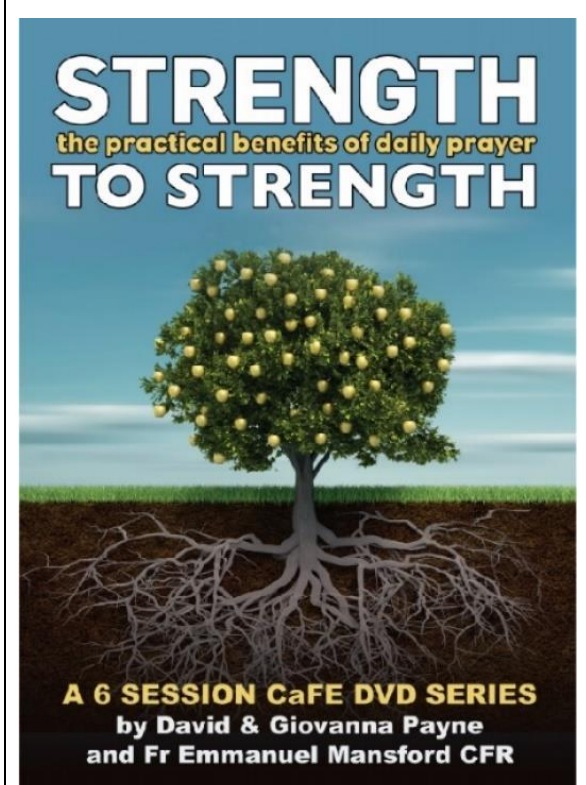
An inspiring and practical series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Filmed in an engaging and humorous way with a TV studio audience. Format includes watching DVD sessions (with mid-point group questions) and prayerful reflections. Join us on this journey through prayer.

First meeting Tuesday 23rd June, start time 7.45pm, for 6 weeks. Session length:

1 hour. If you are interested then please register for the course by emailing

Allegra, allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Do have a look at the promo video -<https://vimeo.com/74057399>



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 - Let us pray, as our churches reopen, that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us to find what He is calling us to do, to bring people closer to Jesus Christ, whether we are able to attend church, or whether we must continue to stay at home.

Staying in touch

If you take part in the Sunday 10am Mass, Fr Mark would love to give you a **shoutout**—if you've heard the list of names, why not add yours to it? All welcome. Drop us a note via Facebook or email and we'll take care of it.



And also, every evening Fr Mark & Fr Stephen **light candles** just before the evening mass for anyone who asks. They take a photo of the candles, to be shared on our facebook page, along with the names of the people we're praying for. The candle will remain lit during each mass. If you'd like a candle lit for a loved one, please send a message to prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or send a message to our Facebook page (St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs)



We are delighted to announce that a recording of our 10am Mass will be broadcast on Winchester Radio this Sunday, 21st June. We know many people really appreciated the chance to hear this on previous occasions, and we are very grateful to Winchester Radio for organizing it. If you know of anyone who is missing attending Mass and is not online, it would be a great idea to tell them about this (and we'd love to hear about it from anyone who listens in). The broadcast will go out just after the 6pm news on Sunday, with a repeat on Tuesday evening at 8pm. You can find Winchester Radio at 94.7FM across Winchester and the immediately-surrounding villages, or online via [their website](#) or the UK Radioplayer app on your smart device.

Acts of the Apostles - Scripture Group Reflection

(Fridays 19:45-21:15; next "meeting" on Friday 26th June)

Join Deacon Martin again on our Virtual Church on Zoom, as we reflect on the Acts of the Apostles together.

This week (**Friday 26th June**) we'll be looking at chapters 20 and 21; please read these chapters in advance of this Friday's session - and bring your Bible with you on Friday!

In each of our weekly sessions, we look at 1-2 chapters of Acts, and share what this book of the Bible means for us today. The format is informal, and discussion-based.

Don't worry if you missed last week's session. All the sessions stand alone, so feel free to join us at any time.

(Instructions to join the Virtual Prayer room are on the Parish website https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/virtual_church/)

If you are planning to come, and haven't joined us before, it would help to email Deacon Martin on mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, so we can plan a space for you in our discussion groups.



Would you like us to pray for you or for someone you know?

Please let us know by emailing



prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

WAYS TO SUPPORT US

These weeks of lockdown are difficult for all of us, and we are particularly mindful of those whose jobs and lives are put on hold because of the pandemic. We want to be here for you during these difficult times.

Even so, we are entirely dependent upon your generous charity. So that we can continue to provide the Liturgy of the Lord and continue with our mission, we kindly ask all of you who are able to do so, to please continue with your generous giving to the parish which would otherwise lose vital income.

We have a [page on our website](#) explaining the many different ways you can support the Parish - we rely on all of them. You can also make a financial donation from this page, or directly to the parish bank account via bank transfer to:

Account Name: PRC DTR St Peter & The Winchester Martyrs
Account No: 00890996 Sort Code: 30-93- 04
Please reference 'Offerings' when making payment.

Thank you for your continued kindness.

Children's Liturgy online is now going strong via the Zoom platform. We look forward to seeing you all again at 9.30 am this Sunday. The session lasts roughly 15 - 20 minutes so you are then free to join us for the 10am live streamed Mass if you wish. Come and join us to pray, sing, listen and discuss the Gospel. To make the sessions as secure as possible, you will need to [pre-register using this link](#).



You will then receive an email with a unique ID (please don't share this with anyone) and a few safeguarding reminders.

A colouring sheet & useful links and resources are on the Young People's page on the parish website: https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/virtual_church/

Message from St. Peter's School

Feast of Corpus Christi

Last week and on Sunday, we remembered the greatest gift that we were ever given – the Body of Christ, given to us first through Mary and now given to us forever in the Eucharist. We remember too, that we are all parts of the Body of Christ because we share the same bread; we are all joined to Christ and to one another. As Christians we remember the words spoken by Jesus,

While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. 'Take it,' he said, 'this is my body.'

Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God and handed it to them; and they all drank from it. Jesus said, 'This is my blood which is poured out for many, my blood which seals God's covenant. I tell you, I will never again drink this wine until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God.' **Mark 14:22-26**

Just as Jesus spent time with his friends enjoying meals so we too enjoy sharing meals with friends and family. Jesus today continues to invite us to share time and a meal with him. We are invited to go to Mass and share a meal with Jesus, the priest and our friends at church every Sunday.

Let us remember that Jesus really wants us to join him there. The Mass is today's Last Supper and we too can join Jesus around the table or altar. We look forward to being able to return to church in hopefully the near future to do this, just as we look forward to joining our wider family and friends around the supper table.

Let us remember and pray for our children who are making their First Holy Communion as soon as they are able to.

Lord,
Please continue to guide our children as they journey towards making their First Holy Communion – and so receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. May they receive such nourishment throughout their lives and so remember your eternal love for them. Amen

This piece of art celebrating the Eucharist was produced by our children last week and is now on the school door to share with all.



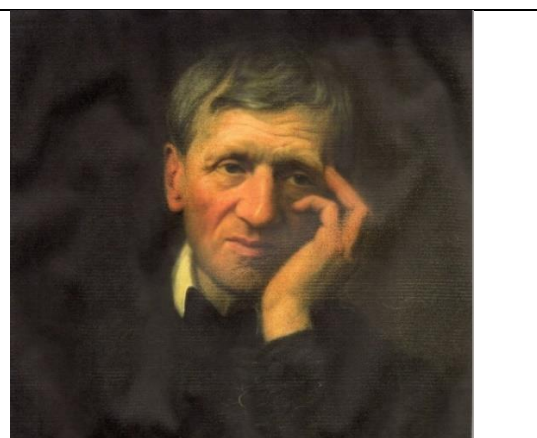
Meanwhile we are so sorry to be given the news that our other children, in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will not be returning to school this term. We really miss them.

Best wishes,
Louise Buxton,
Headteacher

Last week, **Monsignor Rod Strange** gave a talk on Zoom on **St. John Henry Newman**, to make up for the real-life talk in the Pastoral Centre that had to be cancelled because of lockdown.

The talk on the new saint's legacy is now available online for anyone who missed it – it is 40 minutes long and is here:

<https://youtu.be/6pDqIC4zqLM>





COVID-19 and Medical Ethics

A dialogue session for Catholics in healthcare



Panelists

- Dr Adrian Treloar** Consultant in Old Age Psychiatry
- Dr Pia Matthews** Senior Lecturer in Bioethics,
St Mary's University, Twickenham
- Dr Andrew Papanikitas** GP and Senior Clinical Researcher,
University of Oxford



Thursday, 25 June 2020
7 – 8.30pm
Via Zoom

Register: www.bioethics.org.uk

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre helps medical professionals and the wider Catholic community in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, in the area of the ethics of healthcare and biomedical research.

The pandemic has raised new and difficult moral questions for all of us.... On 25 June, they will be hosting an online event aimed at Catholic healthcare professionals on 'COVID-19 and Medical Ethics'. Doctors, nurses, chaplains and others are encouraged to attend.



THE CELEBRATE ONLINE CONFERENCE

27TH - 28TH JUNE 2020

Our events have always been for the whole family - and the online conference is no different. Hear from inspiring speakers, take time to prayerfully retreat, get creative, join with live worship and celebrate Mass together.

All the content over the weekend will be hosted on our [CELEBRATE Facebook page](#) so make sure you 'Like' and 'Follow' us to not miss anything. If you are not a FB user, [use this link](#).



Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE)

Online 27th June



Although the usual meetings are suspended till further notice, there will be an ADoRE Online 27th June, including livestream Mass, praise and worship and an inspiring talk on witnessing. For full details and how to participate go to:

www.altonrenewal.com/online.html

LOCKDOWN NEWS

PETERCARES is a simple befriending initiative which offers a range of support by linking volunteer parishioner telephone callers with fellow parishioners. While ensuring we stay in touch with one another, it also enables us to strengthen our relationships in the parish. The support provided includes a friendly chat, continued connection with the parish, information about our virtual church, practical help where requested and a conduit for prayer requests. You can contact PeterCares via website, Facebook, email or phone. www.catholicwinchester.org.uk, 01962 852804, PeterCares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

RE-OPENING OF ST PETER'S CHURCH We are delighted that ST PETER'S CHURCH is now open for prayer, in line with the Government's regulations. The church is open for the following hours, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Monday to Saturday 11:00am - 2:00pm (3 Hours each day) Sunday 12:00 Noon - 4pm (4 Hours)
Obviously we have to pay careful attention to best practice to keep everyone safe, and people must decide for themselves if it is in their best interests to come.

NEWSLETTER Please add yourself to our email list, so you receive the newsletter by email each weekend —we are trying to extend this. Just drop a line to hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk Perhaps if you know someone who would like to receive it you can suggest it to them—we know there are a lot more potential readers out there than are on our current list! Even if you look at the newsletter online, the email that accompanies the mailout is an extra communication method that we will be using more and more. Give it a try.

Our **FACEBOOK PAGE** is one of the best ways of contacting us right now— FB says we have an excellent response rate. And we also feature beautiful pictures, music clips, ideas and messages from around the Parish and around the world, prayers and Bible verses. It's also a great way to get your candle lit by Fr Mark, and your shoutout at Sunday Mass.

Words for the **HYMNS AND RESPONSES** for weekend Masses are appearing separately now. If you get the newsletter emailed to you, they will be sent to you in a later email. Otherwise there will be links to them on our website or on the YouTube channel where Mass is broadcast. (Or ask for the email as above)

A REMINDER If someone is not online: they could hear the Mass if a friend phoned them, then watched Mass on YouTube with the phone line open. Worth bearing in mind—it is easy and low-tech. Also, Mass will be broadcast on Winchester Radio this weekend (see p4 above for details).

Virtual church! There are many opportunities for online prayer, Rosary, readings and chat as well as the livestreamed Masses, and Morning and Evening Prayer. See timetable below: more details on our Facebook page [and website](#)

Virtual Church Programme - Week commencing 21st June

	Sunday 21 st June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Monday 22 nd June Feast – SS John Fisher & Thomas More	Tuesday 23 rd June	Wednesday 24 th June The birthday of St John the Baptist	Thursday 25 th June	Friday 26 th June	Saturday 27 th June
8am	Morning Prayer <i>Live stream</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream</i>	Mass with Morning Prayer <i>Live stream</i>
9.20 – 9.50am	Children's Liturgy Online (See website for registration)						
10am	Sunday Mass <i>Live stream</i>						
11.15am	St Peter's Tea Room <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>						
2.55pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>
6pm		Rosary <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>		Rosary <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>		Rosary <i>Live stream</i>	
7pm	Sunday Mass - <i>Live stream</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream</i>	Vigil Mass - <i>Live stream</i>
7.45pm			'Strength to Strength' – A course on Prayer. To register, see website			Acts of the Apostles - Scripture Group Reflection <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	
8pm		Alpha Online To register - see website					
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9pm	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream</i>

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS ONLINE](#)

[Click here if you wish to see recorded services](#)

PLEASE NOTE

The virtual sessions take place on the online platform Zoom. These can be accessed through the following link

<https://zoom.us/j/4388694572> Alternatively, open your Zoom app (if installed), enter or copy/paste the **Meeting ID: 438 869 4572** then click 'Join'.

Children's Liturgy Online Sundays, 9.30am – 9.50am

Will take place via the Zoom platform every Sunday morning for 15 - 20 minutes, just before the 10am livestreamed Mass.

For further details on how to pre-register (essential), for colouring sheets, and useful links and resources go to our Young People's page on the parish website:

https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/virtual_church/

Acts of the Apostles - Scripture Group Reflection Fridays from 7.45pm (Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes)

Join Deacon Martin on our Virtual Church on Zoom, as we reflect on the Acts of the Apostles together. During Eastertide, all of the first readings at Sunday Masses and at weekday Masses are from Acts of the Apostles. In each of our weekly sessions, we will look at 2-3 chapters of Acts, and share what this book of the Bible means for us today. The format is informal, and discussion-based. More details on p3 of newsletter above.

'Strength to Strength' – a caFE DVD course on the practical benefits of daily prayer Tuesdays at 7.45pm (Duration: 1 hour)

An inspiring and practical series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Filmed in an engaging and humorous way with a TV studio audience. Format includes watching DVD sessions (with mid-point group questions) and prayerful reflections. Register for the course by emailing Allegra, allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Chat and Comments are now open on the livestream at the Sunday 10am Mass. If you are watching on the YouTube channel, say hello or tell us what is inspiring you today, or make any Mass-related comments—the button is easy to find. (You need to be signed in to YouTube to post.) And **The Tearoom** will be open after Mass—quickly make your cup of coffee or tea & come and join in with Zoom for socializing, 11.15 till 12 noon. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4388694572> Password, if you are asked, 381440