

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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5TH JULY 2020

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

14th Sunday Year A 2020

(The Answer's Jesus Christ, the Lord) – Whose side are you on?

Fr Mark writes:

Saul of Tarsus was born around the same time as Jesus, a faithful Jew, of the tribe of Benjamin, and a Pharisee. He was well educated, having received teaching in Jerusalem from the school of Gamaliel, one of the most noted rabbis in history. We also know that he was zealous for his faith. We discover that when Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was being stoned to death, cloaks were placed at the feet of Saul, who looked on approvingly. Saul persecuted the Church of God beyond measure.

Then something happened, something rather dramatic, which changed Saul and, one might argue, much of Christianity, forever. Saul encounter the Risen Jesus whilst on the road to Damascus.

Saul heard a voice asking him,

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

Saul responded,

“Who are you, Lord?”

The voice told him,

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Saul's life was transformed from that moment on. He changed his name to Paul, the 'little one'. He stopped persecuting the Christian Church and instead became a Christian, pouring out his life as a libation so that all should encounter the same Jesus and share in the joy of the Gospel which had been revealed to him: Jesus Christ is Lord and in him, through his Spirit, although unworthy, we have all been accepted by God.

I am going to spend the next several weeks looking at one of Paul's most influential and challenging letters, written to the early Christian community in Rome. We're going to begin this week already in chapter 8, and we're going to continue until at least chapter 12.

To give a little context, Paul wrote this letter to announce his forthcoming visit to Rome, on his way to preach the Gospel in Spain. Some see it as a kind of “letter of introduction”. Joseph A. Fitzmeyer SJ calls it “an essay-letter presenting his [Paul's] missionary reflections on the historical possibility of

salvation, rooted in God's uprightness and love, now offered to all human beings through faith in Christ Jesus.” Paul's life-changing encounter with the Risen Jesus as Lord was Good News to all of people. Everyone now has the opportunity to be saved through faith in Jesus, as a result of God's freely given love, revealed in Him.

Those of us who love team sports like often to ask, “Which team do you support?” It's a way of finding out where loyalties lie, to whom we **'belong'**. I might be willing to spend hundreds of pounds to watch my team, to pay for scarves and football shirts in my team's colours, to invest hour after hour analysing their performance, taking an interest in their summer signings, cheering and criticising the decisions of the manager and the board. Whereas, I am likely to have a very different relationship with various other teams around the corner, country or world. What's wrong with these other teams? Possibly nothing, other than the fact that they're not my team. I don't belong to them, I'm not invested in them, for better or for worse.

This Sunday we hear a short passage from chapter 8 of this epistle. In this section of his letter, Paul is reminding the Christian community in Rome whose side they're on, to whom they **belong**. The Spirit of God has made his home in you, and so you belong to Christ. Furthermore, because you now belong to Jesus you will **believe** certain things. For example, you can now believe that *“he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.”* This belonging to Christ and this belief in turn will lead you to **behave** in certain ways, so that *“if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.”*

What Paul tells the community of Rome is also true for us. If we have made the decision to allow the Spirit of God to dwell in us as Lord, that is if we have committed ourselves to **belonging** to Christ, in a much stronger way than that in which we might belong to a sports team, then we have every reason to **believe** that he will give life to our own mortal bodies, at the resurrection on the last day and even now. We will have the Spirit, or life, of Christ, abiding in us, filling us with gifts and producing fruits of love and peace and joy. It is this Spirit which enables us to **behave** differently, because we will be filled with God's Love and God's life and we will behave according to that life, just as Christ did (although that process of sanctification is at least a lifetime's work).

It really does make sense to belong to Jesus, to be on his side, to allow him to transform us from within by his Holy Spirit, making us more and more like Him, a little more today than yesterday and a little more tomorrow than today.

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 prayer and Eucharistic Adoration for a couple of hours a day (**11-2, Mon-Sat. 12-4 Sunday**). We look forward to seeing you!



There are volunteer helpers in the church at all times it is open, who explain how we can take careful precautions, and move safely round the church. We know everyone will co-operate with this.

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 are at the Discovery Centre across the street, other toilets open in Winchester are at St Maurice's Covert ie beside Debenhams and Abbey Garden.) We are happy to be back!

Resumption of Masses at St Peter's:

We welcome the announcement that masses with congregation are allowed from 4th July. Below is the proposed schedule for the first week – please check each week for any changes.

Daily Mass - St Peter's - from Monday 6 July 2020
with limited attendance

Monday and Friday 12:15 pm
Tuesday, Wed, Thursday 10:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Streaming - will continue as is for the time being, with **no congregation:** 7pm Mass each evening, including Saturday Vigil and Sunday, plus 10am Sunday morning. Morning and Night Prayer (8am and 9pm) will continue to be livestreamed.

As we go to press, we are still working on the practical details - **A DOCUMENT EXPLAINING ALL WILL BE SENT OUT TO YOU ON SATURDAY** if you are on email list, & will be on website. Please read it carefully.

PRINTABLE NEWSLETTER

We are trying something new with the newsletter: we realise that several people are printing out the newsletter to pass on to friends and neighbours who don't have access online. So we are preparing a simplified version, without all the colour and beautiful pictures - but we hope making it easier and less wasteful to print. Please let us know (editor@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) if you would like to be sent this printable version, and we'll make sure you get it straightaway and in future. Also you might think whether there is anyone you can help out in this way. We heard of one parishioner who phones another and reads out the highlights of Peterpost! Great that we are all helping each other in this way.



Antiphons & readings

Sunday 5th July 2020
14th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 am, Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First reading Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel Acclamation - Mt11:25

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

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Communion Antiphon - Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Masses and Liturgies:

Please follow mass on [youtube here](#).
Note that some of those below are livestreamed and some are not – please consult the outline above and the timetable below (p6)

St. Peter's, Winchester

Masses

- Saturday 4th July - 8.00am: Benefactors
- Saturday 4th July - 7.00pm:
- Sunday 5th July - 10.00am: David & Julia O'Connell RIP
- Sunday 5th July - 7.00pm: Rev John Martin RIP
- Monday 6th July – 12.15 pm
- Monday 6th July - 7.00pm: Paul Robert Clarke RIP
- Tuesday 7th July – 10 am Fr Joe O'Donnell RIP
- Tuesday 7th July - 7.00pm: Cecilia Hiepko
- Wednesday 8th July 10 am All Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday 8th July - 7.00pm: Damian Copping RIP
- Thursday 9th July 9.30 am – funeral Mass for Alastair Mitchell RIP
- Thursday 9th July - 7.00pm: Mary Keble RIP
- Friday 10th July – 12.15pm Margaret Blake
- Friday 10th July - 7.00pm:
- Saturday 11th July - 9.00am: For the Dead of the Parish & Founders of the Parish
- Saturday 11th July – Alastair & Maureen Mitchell 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!). **Saturday 7pm mass** focuses 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") offers a blend of solo/choral music with the opportunity for congregational singing; whilst our **Sunday 7pm mass** features 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

- Sat 4th – Our Lady on Saturday (OLOs)
- Sun 5th – 14th Sunday Ordinary Time
- Mon 6th – Feria (14th week ordinary time)
- Tues 7th – Feria
- Weds 8th – Feria
- Thurs 9th - Feria
- Fri 10th - Feria
- Sat 11th – St. Benedict (Co-Patron of Europe), Feast



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.

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 candles 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)



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



Alastair Mitchell RIP
Patricia Tzouliadis RIP
Stan Purcell RIP

Acts of the Apostles - Scripture Group Reflection

(Fridays 19:45-21:15; next "meeting" on Friday 10th July)

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

This week (**Friday 10th July**) we'll be looking at chapters 24 and 25; 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.

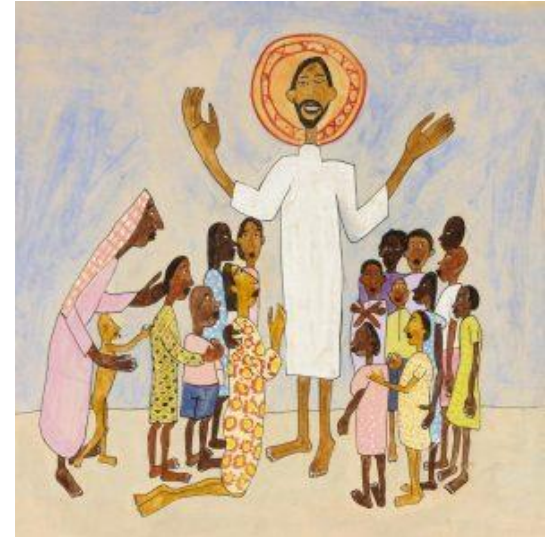
Children's Liturgy online

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/



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020-2021

Information Evening – Tuesday July 21st 8pm

There will be an information evening about next year's First Holy Communion programme, for families with children who are currently in school Year 3 or above. This will take place on **Tuesday July 21st at 8pm** on the Zoom platform. It will be a chance to hear about the programme, an opportunity to ask any questions you may have, and to indicate if you would like the registration pack sent to you.

If you would like to attend, please email fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for details of how to join the meeting via Zoom. We look forward to seeing you there.



And please continue to pray for this year's children!

The children who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion should have received the Sacrament for the very first time last month, June 2020, and now have to wait patiently to receive Jesus into their hearts in this special way.



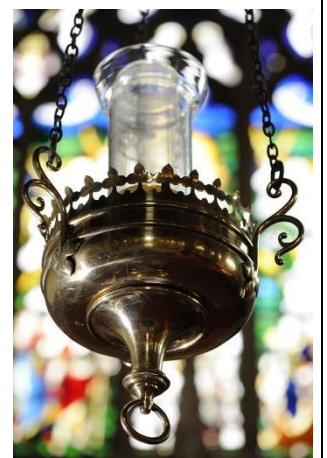
If you feel called to pray specifically for our First Holy Communion children, please email fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and you will be given the first name of a child to pray for. We have around 50 children on the programme this year and it would be wonderful if each of them had someone from the parish 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

Some history from the Parish Archivist, John Thornhill:

The recent re-opening of St. Peter's Church made me think about how many times a Catholic church has had to close in post-Reformation Winchester – *only twice in nearly 350 years*; once by law. Throughout that time, there has been a Catholic chapel or church in the city, always with resident priests, openly known even through the early years when Catholic practice was illegal & Catholics & priests could be severely punishment.

The earliest chapel was a room in the first presbytery built in St. Peter Street in 1674. This was too small by 1740 & Fr. Shaw constructed a makeshift chapel in the back garden. The first closure was in his time. Anti-Catholic feelings in England were running high because of the Jacobite rising. Winchester raised a militia to defend the city, where there was talk of Catholic 'fifth-columnists'. Fr. Shaw thought it sensible to shut his chapel (for around 6 months), although he celebrated Mass secretly in Hyde.

Fr. Shaw's little chapel was replaced by Milner's chapel in 1792; the year following Catholic churches legalisation. In 1926 St. Peter's opened. This year all churches were legally forced to close for 12 weeks because of Covid-19. And yet, through all these years (& indeed, before), no matter what, the Mass has been celebrated continually in Winchester.



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 that, as we resume public Masses, we will heed the call to "go and announce the gospel of the Lord" - even when we must remain at home.

**THE PARISH
OF ST PETER
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS**

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

Please let us know by
emailing



prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

The ladies of the Winchester Catholic Women's League are famous!

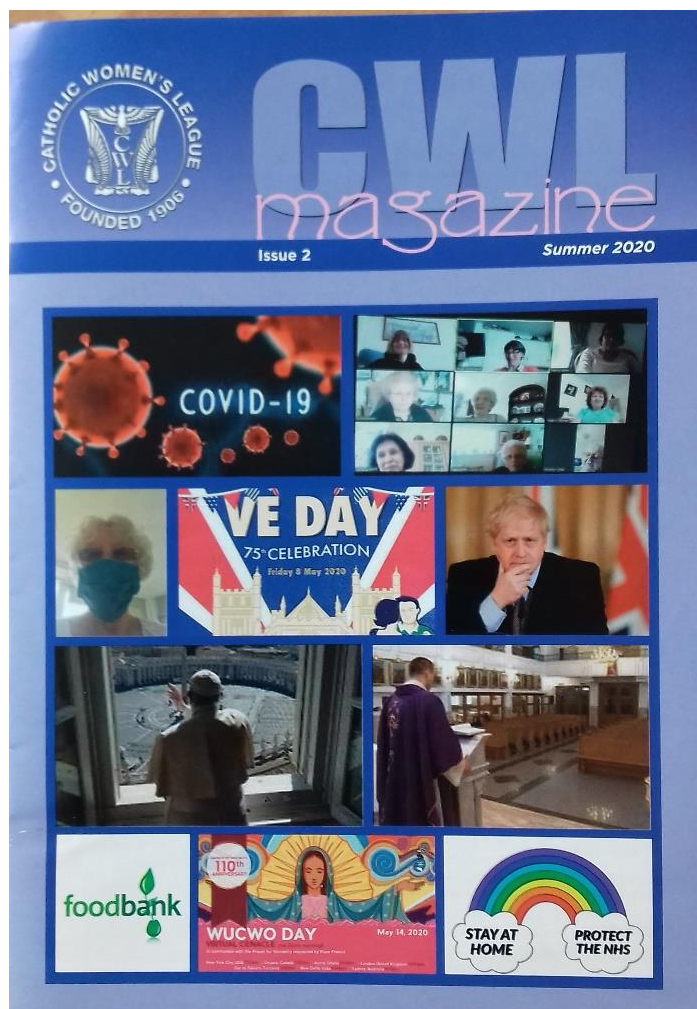
They took a leap into cyberspace and now have a Zoom photo of themselves printed on the front cover of the **National CWL Magazine**.

Anne Whitmarsh writes:

Pre Lockdown none of us had heard of **Zoom**, and now thirteen members, who may be considered a little "Over the Hill" have embraced the modern technology. With enormous help from other parishioners we are now able to host our own weekly meetings which are a firm favourite on the calendar. Through keeping in contact we are able to share helpful information, and keep our hopes going for the future of the CWL when life returns to a sort of normal.

Zoom is our spiritual and social time together, we start our meeting with prayer, remembering all our members, and each week we have a theme, to which everyone contributes, we have found ourselves sharing not only memories and thoughts, but amazing faith experiences. We feel blessed that **Father Mark, Father Stephen and Bishop Peter** have all bravely ventured into Our Zoom meetings and have been comfortable to share some of their thoughts, hopes and prayers to help us get through this time. We wish to say thank you to them for making time to join us.

With the Virtual Church, YouTube, the Internet and Phone we hope everyone is managing to keep in touch at this strange time. Hoping for great times in the future, take care and God Bless.



Message from St. Peter's School

Dear Parents

Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day

Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 4:18-20

On Monday we celebrated our patronal feast day, which in 'normal' times means the celebrations begin with Mass followed by sports day, with a family picnic. This year we needed to get creative and find ways in which to celebrate within our bubbles.

Throughout last week all our 'bubbles' of children went into our prayer garden to clean, sweep, weed and tidy in order to prepare it for our many liturgies that Father Mark led us in on Monday. Due to social distancing, Father Mark celebrated four liturgies with the children and staff, and blessed our prayer garden. Our prayer garden is a wonderful resource that we are making special again. We want our prayer garden to sit at the heart of our school.

In the afternoon we all went out to the field to share, once again from a distance, the art work we had produced, based on the life of St Peter..... and eat cake!!!

We really missed our many friends who were not with us on this Ss. Peter and Paul Feast Day this year, and can't wait for them to be back together in our St Peter's family.

Best wishes
Louise Buxton
Headteacher

Thank-you for the very good response to the **Covenant with the Poor** appeal on **Trinity Sunday**. Thanks to some funds being returned by a charity for which we appealed in 2017, we have the opportunity to use some of the money to supplement what is collected for **Firefly International** and any future appeal. If anyone who donated to the 'Help to Burmese Delta' in Advent 2017 would prefer to have their donation returned, please contact the parish office. The charity was unable to implement the planned project because of restrictions imposed by the Myanmar government.

Parish 100 Club

These are the results of the 100 Club since lock down

March 2020	Wini Meikle £50
April 2020	David Adam £50
May 2020	Nicky Mote £50
June 2020	Nan Macnamara £50 Kevin Ryan £100 Tricia Seaburne-May £200 Judy Evans £500

The New Year for the £100 Club begins on 1 July with the first draw at the end of the month. Renewal invitations have been sent to all subscribers.

Anyone wishing to join the **Parish 100 Club** would be most welcome. The annual sub is £48, payable annually or monthly. Contact the Treasurer, Piers Armstrong on 01962 734542 or piersmarmstrong@gmail.com.

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

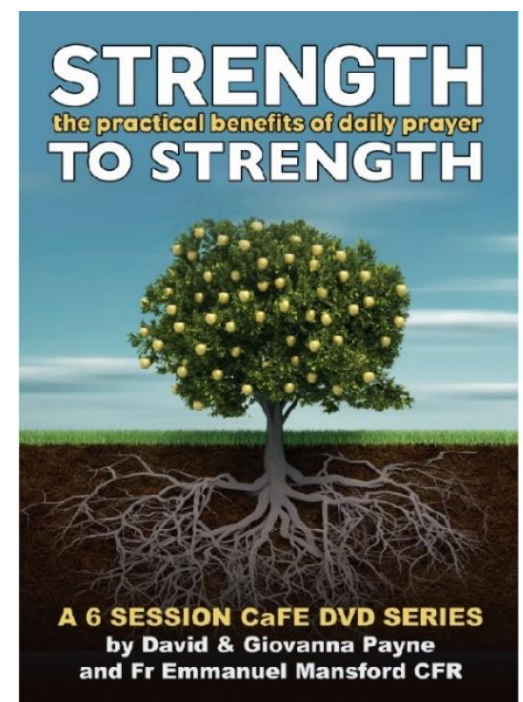
Thank you for your continued kindness.

'Strength to Strength' – a caFE DVD course on the practical benefits of daily prayer – there is still time to join!

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.

Started Tuesday 23rd June, commencing at 7.45pm, for 6 weeks. Sessions 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>



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

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.

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 Programme - Week commencing 5th July

	Sunday 5 th July 14 th Sun in Ord. Time	Monday 6 th July	Tuesday 7 th July	Wednesday 8 th July	Thursday 9 th July	Friday 10 th July	Saturday 11 th July St Benedict
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>	9am – Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)
9.20 – 9.50am	Children's Liturgy Online (See website for registration)						
9.30am					Funeral Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)		
10am	Sunday Mass <i>Live stream</i>		Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)	Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)			
11.15am	St Peter's Tea Room <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>						
12.15pm		Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)				Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)	
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 See website			Acts of the Apostles - Scripture Group <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>	
8pm		Alpha Online 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>

The weekday Masses at St Peter's Church (at 10am or 12.15pm) WILL NOT be livestreamed. For details on how to attend these Masses in person, visit www.catholicwinchester.org.uk

[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'. **Password:** 287520. **Courses or initiatives that require registration cannot be accessed via the above links – see details on how to access these on our [website](#).**

ABOUT...

Children's Liturgy Online [Sundays, 9.30am – 9.50am](#)

See p3 above or look at the webpage <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/for-young-people-now/>

'Strength to Strength' – a caFE DVD course on the practical benefits of daily prayer [Tuesdays at 7.45pm](#) (Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes) - see p5 for details

Acts of the Apostles - Scripture Group Reflection [Fridays from 7.45pm](#) (Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes) see p3 for details.