

Welcome to our simplified version of Peterpost  
which will run throughout August.

*Fr Mark writes ...*

***Whom does St Paul want everyone to know as Lord?  
(The answer's Jesus Christ, the Lord)***

Maybe there is someone in your life now, or there has been someone at some stage in your life, unable to see something which for you is as plain as day, as the nose on your face, as a pikestaff. Of course, we have to be humble enough to admit that this might be due to our own blind spots and prejudices and it is nearly always good to talk these things through with someone we trust. Nonetheless, there are likely times when you were able to see the truth of a situation as clear as crystal, whilst for the person you love it remained as clear as mud.

- ❖ Perhaps you have a son or daughter who cannot see that they are making bad choices and drinking way too much;
- ❖ Perhaps you have a friend who cannot see that their boyfriend or girlfriend isn't good for them and is causing them way too much pain;
- ❖ Perhaps you have a husband or wife who is working way too hard and not able to step back and see the bigger picture.

Maybe you think, "if only they could see things clearly, they would make much better choices, be in a much better place, feel much less pain."

It seems that we encounter something of this dynamic in St. Paul today in our second reading. He loved his fellow Israelites, his brothers and sisters. After all, he was one of them. He knew the gifts they had been given and lists some of them:

*They were adopted [by God] as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants [given to Abraham and Moses]; the Law and the ritual [how to worship God properly, in the Tent and in the Temple] were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs...*

But now Paul had fallen in love with Christ. Where once he was blind, now he could see. It is no accident that Saul's conversion, his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus, entails him becoming physically blind before having his sight restored, before being able to see things in a new light.

Just a few years after this letter to the early Christian community in Rome, Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi, listing his credentials as a Jew:

*I was born of the race of Israel and of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrew parents, and I was circumcised when I was eight days old. As for the Law, I was a Pharisee; as for working for religion, I was a persecutor of the Church; as far as the Law can make you perfect, I was flawless.*

But then he writes this:

*But because of Christ, I have come to consider all these advantages that I had as disadvantages. Not only that, but I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him.*

"If only my brothers and sisters could see what to me is as plain as day", he must be thinking, namely that Jesus Christ is Lord and knowing him as Lord outweighs everything. Why don't they get it?

This causes an immense interior struggle in Paul. He loves his fellow Jews so much that he is willing to sacrifice everything, even his closeness to Christ, his most treasured relationship, if only they would be saved.

*What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood.*

Perhaps you, like Paul's fellow Jews, cannot see why he is so keen for his brothers and sisters to know Jesus as Lord. Perhaps you've been brought up Catholic and followed the rules but just don't 'get' this bit about having a personal relationship with Jesus and allowing him to be Lord of your life. Maybe you have no faith, or little faith, and would like more but don't know what to do. *Would you consider asking St. Paul to pray for you, that you might truly know Jesus Christ as your Lord?*

Perhaps you, like Paul, have a strong faith. Perhaps you, like him, have people whom you love who just don't see what you see, who don't have the blessings of a relationship with Jesus, who don't know him as Lord, who haven't fallen in love with him and experienced the power of his love at work in their lives. In which case, *what are you willing to do or to sacrifice to bring that person closer to Jesus Christ?*

**St. Gregory's, Alresford**

We are currently in the process of carrying out a risk assessment of St. Gregory's Church, with the hope of beginning one or two weekdays masses there on the week commencing 17th August and then, all being well, recommencing Sunday masses at the end of the month. More details, especially around numbers, to follow next weekend. Thank you for your continued patience as we try to keep everyone safe.

**Face Coverings**

As many of you will be aware, the government have made the wearing of face coverings in public places of worship compulsory as of Saturday 8th August. Please bring your own face covering as we are unable to provide one for you. Please also cooperate with and support our volunteer stewards in this regard so that we can all feel and be safe.

Date/	Mass Times & Intentions	Livestream/Public
<b>SATURDAY - August 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Dominic (mem)</i>	<b>9:00AM</b> Patrick Smith RIP	Public
	<b>5.30PM</b> Fabian Woodley RIP	Public (booking required)
	<b>7PM</b> Annie Smith RIP	Livestreamed
<b>SUNDAY – August 9<sup>th</sup></b> <i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>10AM</b> Jose Riera-Estela RIP	Livestreamed
	<b>12:00Noon</b> William Meader RIP	Public (booking required)
	<b>5:30PM</b> Brookes & Whiteman Families RIP	Public (booking required)
	<b>7PM -</b> People of the Parish	Livestreamed
<b>MONDAY – August 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Laurence (feast)</i>	<b>12:15PM</b> Holy Souls	Public
	<b>7PM</b> Jim Ryan	Livestream
<b>TUESDAY – August 11<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Clare (mem)</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> Margaret Blake and Family	Public
	<b>7PM</b> John Stringer	Livestream
<b>WEDNESDAY – August 12<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal (opt. mem) or Feria</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> Francis Knight RIP	Public
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>THURSDAY – August 13<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Pontian &amp; St Hippolytus (opt. mem) or Feria</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> Gill Heneghan RIP	Public
	<b>7PM</b> Deceased of the Parish and Founders	Livestream
<b>FRIDAY – August 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Maximilian Maria Kolbe (mem)</i>	<b>12:15PM</b> Ronald and Evelyn Fisher RIP	Public
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>SATURDAY – August 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday or Feria and (Vigil Mass) The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>9:00AM</b> Simon Da Costa	Public
	<b>5:30PM</b> Vincent Edward Brannan RIP	Public (booking required)
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>SUNDAY – August 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (solemnity)</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> People of the Parish	Livestream
	<b>12:00 NOON</b> Holy Souls	Public (Booking required)
	<b>5:30PM</b> Brookes & Whiteman Families RIP	Public (Booking required)
	<b>7PM</b>	

Morning Prayer 8am (every day except Saturday), Evening Prayer 9pm, every day. Both livestreamed.

Reconciliation/ Confession – Saturday morning, 11-12, afternoon 4.30-5pm. No booking necessary

<p><b><u>Antiphons &amp; readings</u></b>  <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b></p> <p><b>Entrance Antiphon</b> - Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23  O Lord, do not delay Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.</p> <p><b>First reading - 1 Kings</b> 19:9,11-13</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> – 84(85):9-14  Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help</p> <p><b>Second reading - Romans</b> 9:1-5</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b> – cf.Lk19:38,2:14  Alleluia, alleluia!  Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!  Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel Matthew</b> 14:22-33</p> <p><b>Communion Antiphon</b> – Ps 147: 12, 14  O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.</p>	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR</b> the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alan Machen RIP  Bruce Warland RIP  Roger Lewis-Bracey RIP  Gill Heneghan RIP  Ewa Slinn RIP</p> <p><b>PRAYER CORNER:</b>  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).  <b>Fr. Mark</b></p> <p><b>This Week's Intention</b> – Let us pray that all of us, including those who remain confined to home and unable to celebrate the sacraments in person, may be attentive to the Holy Spirit as we seek to bring others to hope and joy in Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>THANK YOU &amp; FAREWELL to Peter and Valerie Abraham</b></p> <p>Our sincere thanks to Peter and Valerie, well known to those of you who attend St. Gregory's, Alresford, as they set off for pastures new in Sussex. They have contributed much to the life of the community over many years and will be sorely missed. Our prayers and blessings go with them.</p>
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# Virtual Church Programme: Sunday 9th - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020

	Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	
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)	
10am	Sunday Mass <i>Live stream</i>		Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)			
11.15am	St Peter's Tea Room <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>							
12noon	Sunday Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)							
12.15pm		Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)					Public 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>		
5.30pm	Sunday Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)							Vigil Mass @ St Peter's Church (NOT livestreamed)
6pm			Rosary <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>		Rosary <i>Zoom Virtual room</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>	
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>	

**ALL public Masses at St Peter's Church ARE NOT livestreamed, and times may vary. Please check the weekly newsletter or [website](#) for changes to schedule.**

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