

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Alresford • Stockbridge • Winchester

30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Fr Mark writes ...*

## *Whose mind helps model our behaviour?*

### *(The Answer's the New Mind of Jesus Christ, the Lord)*

When I was a young boy, I didn't have much interest in cars. I had a couple of "matchbox" toy cars but that was pretty much it. Automobiles still don't hold much of a grip over me but, as I got older, I did start to discover their potential usefulness in taking me from A to B. I began driving lessons when I reached 17 and, as is fairly common, there were many aspects which I at times found very frustrating. I'm still not sure how I nearly "missed" putting the whole car on the flyover in Fareham - a flyover which seems enormous now, but on my first drive I felt like I was trying to thread a pregnant camel through the eye of a particularly slender needle at 100mph. Eventually, though, I began, with much concentration and effort, to get the hang of hill starts and reversing and even parallel parking. Now, many years later, although far from perfect, driving feels like "second nature".

I think this pattern of learning a new skill is fairly common. It begins with unconscious incompetence (driving wasn't even "on my radar"), followed by conscious incompetence (I was very aware of how bad I was at certain aspects of driving and it was challenging and a struggle). Then I reached a phase of conscious competence (I could drive but needed to really concentrate hard) until I reached a stage of unconscious competence (driving feels like it's part of me or, as I said, like second nature). I'm sure I'm oversimplifying and that it wasn't quite as linear a process as I've outlined but the basic outline I find useful.

The key step in all of this, I think, is the first one, without which none of the others can take place. It is foundational to the whole process. I need to move from unconscious incompetence to 'conscious incompetence'. In other words, I need to become aware of my blind spots or weaknesses and decide whether or not they are important enough to invest time in, for me to improve (some won't be and that's ok - for example, I know that I'm a rubbish golfer but it doesn't really bother me and I have no inclination to become any better; whereas I really do want to be a better parish priest). If I don't even know that there is an alternative way of thinking, being, acting, seeing the world, then I remain stuck where I am, for better or for worse.

I wonder if St. Paul is talking of something similar when he speaks in our second reading this weekend of us having a "New Mind". He's writing to the early

Christian community in Rome and has spent much of the letter reminding them what God has done for them in Jesus Christ, the Lord. Now he seems to be urging them to behave or act in a certain way. However, this requires that they see and think things in a new way, according to the mind of Christ. If we see the world through Christ's eyes (with love, compassion, mercy, etc.) and think about the world and its challenges with the mind of Christ (where power is revealed through weakness, leadership through service, courage through humility, and all things conquered by love) then this will enable us to amend our ways as a whole new world of possibilities opens up for us.


To use an extreme example, that of St. Paul himself, it might be that he couldn't see that going round stoning Christians to death was a bad thing. Immersed in his particular culture it seemed like it was the right thing to do - to get rid of these people whom he perceived to be corrupting the true faith of his fathers. He was blind to the harm he was causing and couldn't see the damage he was doing. But then, Christ meets Saul (as he was then) on the road to Damascus and opens up his mind, giving him new sight and transforming his way of viewing the world. There may still have been struggles ahead as Paul tried to change his behaviour in accordance with this new way of thinking, but ultimately he reached the stage where he was unconsciously acting in a way which was aligned fully with the will of God - not killing Christians but preaching Christ crucified. It became second nature to him.

Most of us don't go around insisting that other people are stoned to death. Most of us, do, however, have weaknesses in our behaviour that we're not even aware of; areas that we hadn't even thought of where we need to grow, ways in which we act according to "my will be done" rather than "thy will be done". Once we become aware of our areas of incompetence and have the humility to accept them, we can with perseverance and by grace begin to act in accordance with God's will. Well, at least in some aspects - my experience is that the deeper I go into the spiritual life, the more I realise how far short I fall in so many areas of the glory of God. In other words, I become more and more aware of those blind spots and limitations and my need for grace.

Let's ask Jesus today to help us allow our behaviour to change, modelled by our new mind, modelled by his mind at work in us. Let us ask for patience and perseverance as we work through those frustrations and struggles of conscious incompetence until we reach conscious and later unconscious competence. That is, until we can offer our whole lives, every thought, word and deed, our bodies and souls, freely and completely to God as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God, to do with as he pleases.

*This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.*

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

<p><b>St. Gregory's, Alresford</b> We have carried out a risk assessment of St. Gregory's Church, and Bishop Peter has kindly offered to celebrate weekday masses when available. Sunday mass will be celebrated by Fr Tom at 11am on 30<sup>th</sup> August (<b>PLEASE BOOK via our <a href="#">website</a></b> or by phoning the office). There will also be Mass on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10am. We will continue with weekday masses (when Bishop Peter is available) and Sunday masses. Thank you for your continued patience as we try to keep everyone safe.</p>	<p><b>Face Coverings</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Staying connected</b> Fr Mark wants to make sure we keep connected as a Parish, and to this end a team of parishioners will be calling round to people to pass on his good wishes and to try to make sure our contact details are up-to-date. Being able to reach out to each other has been even more vital in the time of the pandemic, so we hope everyone will understand and be happy to take the call. Of course you should always be careful on the phone - no-one from the Parish will be asking you anything sensitive. If you have any questions or issues contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 or email <a href="mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk">office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Alpha</b> Our new season of online Alpha is starting soon: sessions will run on Monday evenings at 8pm starting 21st September for 11 weeks. The sessions are only 1hour 15 minutes each and participants can join in online from their own homes or wherever they have access to the internet. We have a team ready to lead the sessions, but we need your help in inviting guests along. Please see the short message which Liz has record here: <a href="https://youtu.be/GHt4bzE3w8k">https://youtu.be/GHt4bzE3w8k</a> and prayerfully consider who you could invite along.</p> 

Date/	Mass Times & Intentions	Livestream/Public
<b>SATURDAY – August 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist (mem.)</i>	<b>9:00AM</b> Kate Ann & James Kelly RIP & their family	Public
	<b>5.30PM</b> Patrick George McCall & Family	Public (booking required)
<b>SUNDAY – August 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>10AM</b> Lilian Wild RIP	Livestreamed
	<b>11AM St Gregory's</b>	Public (booking required)
	<b>12:00Noon</b> Margaret Guppy	Public (booking required)
	<b>5:30PM</b> People of the Parish	Public (booking required)
<b>MONDAY – August 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>St Aidan &amp; All Saints of Lindisfarne (opt. mem.) or Feria</i>	<b>12:15PM</b>	Public
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>TUESDAY – September 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> James Wheble RIP	Public
	<b>10:00 AM St Gregory's</b>	Livestream
<b>WEDNESDAY – September 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>10:00AM</b>	Public
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>THURSDAY – September 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>St Gregory the Great (FEAST)</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> Thomas Newton Rudd RIP	Public
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>FRIDAY – September 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Cuthbert (opt. mem.) or Feria</i>	<b>12:15PM</b> Holy Souls	Public
	<b>7PM</b>	Livestream
<b>SATURDAY – September 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday or Feria</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> Intentions of Patrick & Shelagh O'Donoghue	<i>In Winchester Cathedral, Public (booking required)</i>
	<b>5:30PM</b> Mary Perry RIP	Public (booking required)
<b>SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup></b> <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00AM</b> Josie McCabe, Thanksgiving to Parish for support during the last few months	Livestream Public (booking required)
	<b>11: 00AM St Gregory's</b>	
	<b>12 noon</b> Thomas, Mary and Deirdra Rudd RIP	Public (booking required)
	<b>5:30pm</b> People of the Parish	Public (booking required)

**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.**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September there will be no confession, and note change of Mass that morning: 10am, Cathedral, booking required.**

Please book early for Sunday masses

Fr Mark writes: "It's been so very lovely seeing people's faces back at masses, even though tinged with sadness that for many this is, rightly, not yet possible. Thank you to those of you who have been joining us on the weekdays to give space for others to come on Sundays. I'd like to encourage those of you coming on Sundays (including Saturday evening) please to book in as early as possible - that way we can "manage the numbers" better and even offer an extra mass if there is a demand."

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

Daphne Clare Tucker RIP

Henry Ede RIP

Michael Fawcitt RIP



**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 for the Holy Spirit to come down upon everyone in our parish community, so that we may become ever-faithful disciples, and witness joyfully to the world.

**Antiphons and Readings – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

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

**First reading** Jeremiah 20:7-9 ·

**Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

**Second reading** Romans 12:1-2 ·

**Gospel Acclamation** - Cf. Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 16:21-27

**Communion Antiphon** - Cf. Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

## Virtual Church Programme: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

	Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	
8am	Morning Prayer <i>Live stream only</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream only</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream only</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream only</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream only</i>	Morning Prayer and Adoration <i>Live stream only</i>		
10am	Sunday Mass <i>Live stream only</i>		Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO livestreamed)	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO livestreamed)	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO livestreamed)		MASS AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, BOOKING REQUIRED	
11.15am	St Peter's Tea Room <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>							
12noon	Sunday Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO livestreamed)							
12.15pm		Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO livestreamed)				Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO 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 (ALSO livestreamed)							Vigil Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO livestreamed)
6pm			Rosary <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>		Rosary <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>			
7pm		Evening Mass - <i>Live stream only</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream only</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream only</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream only</i>	Evening Mass - <i>Live stream only</i>		
9pm	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream only</i>	

**ALL public Masses at St Peter's Church are livestreamed, and times may vary. Please check the weekly newsletter or [website](#) for changes to schedule.**

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.

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