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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Fr Mark writes ...

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After Jesus enters Jerusalem, triumphantly, riding on a donkey, he goes to the Temple where he rather aggressively invites conflict. He overturns the money changers' tables and expels the merchants from the Temple precincts, he wades into controversy, disputing with all the various political and religious factions of the day: the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Herodians who all hate him.

In the midst of all this, Jesus tells a story.

There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. (Matthew 21.33)

Thus, Jesus continues,

When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. (Matthew 21.34-36)

This is outrageous. The landowner seeks what already belongs to him, the fruit of the vineyard he planted and that he owns and then these people, who are supposed to be serving him, withhold from him his fruit. The servants represent the prophets who God sent to the leaders of Israel time and time again, but who were mistreated by the leaders.

Then it gets worse. The landowner sent his son to sort things out.

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. (Matthew 21.38-39)

So this is crazy. They actually kill the son.

Anyway, we know in every parable that Jesus told the characters all represent someone. Someone, for instance, usually represents God and in this parable that is the owner of the vineyard. Which makes Jesus the landowner's son (the one who is killed).

The tenants? They would doubtless be, as Matthew later tells us, the religious leaders to whom Jesus is telling the story. But Jesus is such a master story teller that they're not even thinking about that, they're caught up in the narrative itself.

So Jesus asks,

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' (Matthew 21.40)

With moral outrage and indignation at the very idea of this injustice and breach of the established social order they do not hesitate to answer:

'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' (Matthew 21.41)

Now here comes the lesson: Jesus says to them:

'Have you never read in the scriptures:

*It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.*

This was the Lord's doing

and it is wonderful to see? (Matthew 21.42; Psalm 118)

So Jesus tells the leaders that the Messiah, their long awaited Saviour, is to be rejected by them, and then become the cornerstone for the new movement God is building, which is the Church. He is establishing a new movement that will produce the fruit he wants, that will be successful in a way they have not been.

He quotes Psalm 118, a psalm that was sung by pilgrims who were journeying to the Temple to worship God. The new worship of God will not be based on a place but on a person. No longer do people have to go to the Temple to worship God, but they can simply go to Jesus, the stone that the builders rejected.

Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith and despite him never doing any of the things that usually make someone famous, and dying the death of a criminal on the cross rejected by his leaders, here we are thinking about Jesus today. He became the cornerstone of a movement that has lasted two thousand years. We are talking about him because the stone rejected by the builders rose from the dead and conquered the grave.

Why was Jesus rejected by these religious leaders? Well it was because he was successful and popular and they were jealous. And the reason he was popular was because he was accessible and real. People loved to be with Jesus and hang out with him. They liked to eat with him and talk with him. He was charismatic. They felt in him the presence of God's love and joy and peace.

He didn't make a relationship with God seem so distant and far away.

While he was the holiest and most righteous person than ever lived, he didn't hold people's sins against them. He upheld both the importance of living morally and challenged others to do the same but not in the way that was moralizing.

The cornerstone of our faith is the person of Jesus Christ. We exist to bring people into a growing, personal relationship with Jesus. Knowing Jesus is the single most important thing that can ever happen to anyone. He is the one who sets captives free. He is the way home back to a relationship with God. He is the life. He is the truth. He is the way to freedom. He is the way to joy. He is the way to peace and contentment. He is the way to healing and restoration. There is no other way.

We exist as a parish to help people know Jesus and then become more like him. Everything we do is so that we will know Jesus in a personal way. Everything we do is about learning to hear the voice of Jesus more clearly. It is about having a friendship with him that is genuine and real.

This includes our entire experience each weekend at Mass which, even in these strange and difficult times, is designed to be an experience with Jesus. We want people to experience the presence of God in this place. Our church, our building, our Mass, our music is, or should be, all about Jesus. Everything we do, every element, every aspect, every moment is, or needs to be, designed to aid us in experiencing time with the living God, and we think nothing is more important than that.

And that all seems so obvious but it turns out it is actually easy for churches to forget about bringing people into a relationship with Jesus. It can be easy for people who belong to a parish, even the most committed, to stop investing in a relationship with Jesus. It's perfectly possible to come to Mass in person or online and end up going through the motions and forgetting that it's about meeting with Jesus. Even I, as a priest, can sometimes get distracted with all the busy-ness and risk assessments and guidelines and forget that Mass and everything we do needs ultimately to be all about Jesus.

It can be easy to forget about Jesus.

Church can become about knowing facts about Jesus rather than knowing him. Church can become about commitment to activity rather than commitment to Christ. It can become about making sure people are living morally or keeping rules or maintaining the building or a dozen and one other things that might be good things or even necessary things, but are not about Jesus.

So I invite you to pray this simple prayer when you come to church or join us online each weekend: Jesus, I want to know you better. This church is all about Jesus, and your faith is all about Jesus. In fact, you can make that a prayer every day, when you wake up in the morning, when you are driving in your car, when you are brushing your teeth. Pray: Jesus I want to know you better. ***Jesus I want to know you better.***

Welcome..... If this is your first time with us, or first time reading the newsletter, then you are particularly welcome. Please get in touch - we'd love to tell you about everything that's going on here, and invite you to join us. Just to start you off, elsewhere in the newsletter you will find our services, our virtual church timetable, and an invitation to our events. Look on the website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/> or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk . If you are here for the new University term, say hello! We'd love to link up with you. We have a facebook page for young people which is a great place to start: www.facebook.com/groups/3316441145103881/

Re-Opening Churches and the Pastoral Centre

We're delighted that all the churches have now re-opened, all have had masses, and there will be Sunday masses at all churches from next weekend (11th).

We're developing risk assessments and looking at a timeline for phased re-opening the Pastoral Centre. We will keep you informed as we go forwards. Thanks for your patience.

- **St. Gregory's, Alresford** There is now a regular 11am Mass on Sundays. (PLEASE BOOK via our website or by phoning the office). There will be weekday masses when Bishop Peter is available (no booking required) – next week, they will be on Tuesday & Friday.
- **St. Stephen's, Winchester** We had our first mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, 26th September, at 11am, which went extremely well. We will be reintroducing Sunday masses from Sunday 11th October @ 9.15am. (Booking will be required for Sundays, details will follow).
- **St Thomas More, Stockbridge:** We are pleased to say that St Thomas More church in Stockbridge has re-opened. On Wednesday 7th October we will have Mass at 10am. Our weekly Sunday Mass at 9am will resume on 11th October. Booking for Mass is essential as St Thomas More church can only accommodate 28 parishioners. To book telephone 01264 861397 and leave a message including your phone number and we will get back to you. Or email christoesrus@hotmail.co.uk
Booking will close 24 hours before the respective Masses.

We look forward to welcoming you back!

Staying connected 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 office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Second Collections 2020 We have received guidance from the Bishop's Conference this week. There will be fewer collections than usual, but they will still be supporting the usual causes. To relieve the pressure on parishes, there will be an online giving page for each collection.

The next Second Collection is on the 3rd and 4th October for Peter's Pence. The online giving page can be found here:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-peters-pence-1>

If you wish to donate by cheque or cash, please place in a clearly marked envelope (with Gift Aid details if you're a tax payer) and put in with the normal Sunday collection.

Date	Mass Times & Intentions		Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – October 3rd <i>Our Lady on Saturday or Feria</i>	9.00AM		Public & Livestream
	5.30PM	John Joseph Valler RIP	Public & Livestream (booking required)
SUNDAY – October 4th <i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.00 AM	People of the Parish	Public & Livestream (booking required)
	10.00AM	All the Clergy of the Parish	Livestream only
	11.00AM St Gregory's		Public (booking required)
	12.00Noon	Intentions of the Kilroy/Whittaker Family	Public & Livestream (booking required)
	5:30PM	Michael Delany and Family	Public & Livestream (booking required)
MONDAY – October 5th <i>Feria</i>	12:15PM	Valerie Bell RIP	Public & Livestream
	7:00PM		Livestream only
TUESDAY – October 6th <i>St Bruno (opt,.mem) or Feria</i>	10:00 AM St Gregory's		Public
	10:00AM	Intentions of the Neil Family	Public & Livestream
	7:00PM		Livestream only
WEDNESDAY – October 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary (mem.)</i>	10:00AM St Thomas More		Public (booking required – see note above, p2)
	10.00AM		Public & Livestream
	7:00PM		Livestream only
THURSDAY – October 8th <i>Feria</i>	10:00AM		Public & Livestream
	7:00PM	Christopher and Paul Turner RIP	Livestream only
FRIDAY – October 9th <i>St John Henry Newman (opt.mem) or St Denis & companions (opt.mem) or Feria</i>	10:00AM St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM		Public & Livestream
	7:00PM		Livestream only
SATURDAY – October 10th <i>St Paulinus of York (opt.mem) or Our Lady on Saturday or Feria</i>	9:00AM	Mary and Paul Pawlowski RIP	Public & Livestream
	5:30PM	Benefactors	Public & Livestream (booking required)
SUNDAY – October 11th <i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	08:00 AM	People of the Parish	Public & livestream, (booking required)
	09.00AM St Thomas More		Public (booking required -see note above, p2)
	09.15AM St Stephens		Public (booking required)
	10:00AM	People of the Parish	Livestream only
	11:00AM St Gregory's		Public (booking required)
	12 NOON		Public & Livestream (booking required)
	5:30PM		Public & Livestream (booking required)

All at St Peter's church except where stated
Morning Prayer & Adoration 8am (every weekday - public & livestream, please see note on p4)

Night Prayer 9pm (every day – livestream only)
Reconciliation/ Confession – Saturday morning, 11-12, afternoon 4.30-5pm. No booking necessary.

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."

Discovering More About Mary

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady, and an ideal opportunity to find out more about her. If you missed the first of the four sessions on Discovering More About Mary, you are still welcome to come along to the next one at 7:45pm next Tuesday 6 October - please register by emailing formation@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. We also plan to make recordings available - watch this space for details!



BOOKSHOP : The bookshop will open again when the Pastoral Centre opens. We have good stocks of bibles, missals, prayer books, books, including Alpha books, rosaries, crosses, cards etc. If you would like to buy anything or order anything before we open then please contact me on 07760300708 or by email at bookshop@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
Thank you for your support - **Susan Henry, Bookshop**



Readings and Antiphons

Sunday 4th October 2020 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading - Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation - Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon – Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

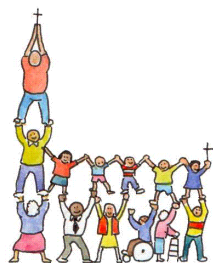
PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:



Ruth Patterson RIP

Children and Families

We're very conscious of some of the extra strains imposed upon children and families over recent months. We also know that the current masses, where no congregational singing is allowed and with the other differences, can make it more challenging for many of our children to engage and participate. We are actively thinking through what more we can do to support our children and families in worship (beyond our excellent Children's Liturgy of the Word) but any ideas are always welcome via our parish email address – office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
Hopefully we will have some news to share soon.



First Holy Communion 2021

We are now taking registrations for anyone who wishes their child(ren) to prepare to make their First Holy Communion in July 2021. Children should be in Year 4 (or above). For further information and application forms please email Rosanne Walker at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
The deadline for registration is October 20th which is the last Parents' Compulsory Session with Fr Mark.



Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith is hoping to start on Tuesday evenings in October. If you're not a Catholic, but want to learn more about what the Church believes and does, please call or email Nick Kelly (nick.kelly@sky.com 07960 797963)

St. Peter's Tea Room

All welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a chat in our virtual tea room after 10am Livestream Mass – we'd particularly love to meet any students who are arriving in Winchester for the start of the new University year. Find the link to join on the Parish Homepage, or on the YouTube channel alongside the links for the words and music.



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 fire of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of all parishioners so that they may have the courage and desire for ever greater acts of love and service in the church and in the world.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 'ADORATION'

Since lockdown, Fr Mark and Fr Stephen have led times of prayer, including Adoration, both in the morning and at night which have been available to follow on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbGgrcbDyLY75pmCAopfLlg/live>. The re-opening of St Peter's Church further enabled us to extend Adoration, which now also takes place after Mass, Mondays to Saturdays, and can be attended in person.

What is Adoration?

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. At the moment of Consecration, during the Mass, the "gifts" of bread and wine are transformed into the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, at the Altar. This means that they are not only spiritually transformed, but rather are actually (substantially) transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. They become the actual, physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, His Real Presence, even if the 'accidents' persist (i.e. the appearance of bread and wine).

When we come to Adoration, we come to adore the Blessed Sacrament (Sacred Host). We come to adore Jesus! As we "pray, watch, wait, listen" to Him, we start to grow spiritually. Through our Adoration, Jesus calls us to a personal relationship with Him (friendship). Through this friendship, we are inspired and strengthened to take on life's challenges, to carry our daily cross with a new attitude, and to become more and more like Jesus.

Come for as little or as long as you would like. Times this week are:

8am – 9am, Monday to Friday (starting with Morning Prayer)

After 12.15 Mass, Monday & Friday until 2pm

After 10am Mass Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday until 12pm

After 9am Mass, Saturday until 12pm (Confessions, 11am-12pm).

To find out more about Eucharistic Adoration, or to commit to an hour each week as part of our parish rota, please contact Tony Darlison via the parish office (office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or 01962 852804)

The time that you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. (St Teresa of Calcutta)



Children's Liturgy Online

Our weekly Children's Liturgy is up and running via the online Zoom platform. The sessions take place at 9:30am - 9:50am on Sundays, so you are then free to join in with the 10am livestreamed Mass if you wish.



To make the sessions as secure as possible, you will need to pre-register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpd-CgqDsjHdFJalMzv9TVFB4lu-9cEITv>

Please note! Everyone needs to register for the sessions!

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

Links for colouring sheets are put up in advance on the Children's/Young People's page on the website:

<https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/for-young-people-now/>

We look forward to seeing you there!



RED BOXES

For information about collecting money, please call Nan Macnamara or send your phone number to prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk – it will be passed on so she can contact you. Or you can send a cheque to 'Missio Mill Hill' – 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU - for the amount in your box. Thank you.

Peter's School Update

Our New Art Curriculum

Since March the subject leaders at St Peter's worked hard on revising and, for some subjects, redeveloping the various curriculums. One curriculum area that received a total overhaul was art



Here are a few examples of Year 3 artwork from last week. The children created pieces of art using natural materials that they collected from our beautiful school grounds. They were inspired by work by Andy Goldsworthy. This lesson is part of their Primal Art unit of work which links to our history topic on the Stone Age. The children have been exploring colour pigments and where colours come from, collaborating with the natural world and using natural materials from the school grounds to create pieces of art. We have drawn on inspiration from artists such as Claudy Jongstra and Andy Goldsworthy. We are going to be moving on to explore prehistoric and early cave art, using charcoal as a medium next!

Anna said, "I like the fact our art links to our History and English work because we have been learning about the Stone Age and painting like they might have done."

Charlotte said, "It was really fun going outside and using nature to make art. I especially liked crushing the leaves!"

"The artist must train not only his eye but also his soul." — Wassily Kandinsky

Louise Buxton, Headteacher

Basics Bank – Dates for your diary:

The following churches will be collecting for the Basics Bank during the following months:

October: Vineyard
St Barnabas & St Luke's

November: United
Winchester Baptist

December: St John's All Saints
Friends Meeting House

January: Hope Church
N Winchester Community Church

February: St Peters
Salvation Army

March: Christchurch
Level 10
St Cross and St Faiths

April: Winchester Cathedral
Wesley Methodist

May: United Benefice of St Barts & St Lawrence
Tabernacle of Praise

June: St Matthew & St Paul
Holy Trinity

We would be particularly grateful for donations of the following items:



Tinned fruit (no grapefruit nor prunes)

Tinned veg

Tinned ravioli/spaghetti

Sweetcorn

Pies (Fray Bentos or similar)

Coffee (small jars or refill bags)

Squash

Shower gel

Cleaning Spray

Cat food (Wet or dry)



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We are unable to accept homemade items, opened items, alcohol or items past their use-by date nor medicines/supplements or razors.

At this moment we can not accept donations of clothing, and no longer need donations of carrier bags.

Our donation points in the local supermarkets are emptied regularly by our volunteers (see website for donation points).

If you wish to make a donation directly to us, in order to minimise social interaction, please bring it to our temporary sorting site in the Vineyard Church, Bar End on a Tue or Fri 10-3pm.

Please visit our website or Facebook page to see any changes to our donation needs. Thank you for your support.

Virtual Church Programme - Week commencing 4TH October 2020

	Sunday 4 th October <i>27th Sun in Ord. Time</i>	Monday 5 th Oct <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	Tuesday 6 th Oct <i>St Bruno</i>	Wed 7 th Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Thursday 8 th Oct	Friday 9 th Oct <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	Saturday 10 th Oct	
8am	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)	Public Morning Prayer and Adoration (ALSO live streamed)	Public Morning Prayer and Adoration (ALSO live streamed)	Public Morning Prayer and Adoration (ALSO live streamed)	Public Morning Prayer and Adoration (ALSO live streamed)	Public Morning Prayer and Adoration (ALSO live streamed)	9am – Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)	
9.20 – 9.50am	Children's Liturgy Online (See website to register)							
10am	Sunday Mass <i>Live stream ONLY</i>		Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)	Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)			
11.15am	St Peter's Tea Room <i>Zoom Virtual room</i>							
12noon	Sunday Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)							
12.15pm		Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)				Public Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)		
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 live streamed)							Vigil Mass @ St Peter's Church (ALSO live streamed)
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>		
7.45pm			Course: 'Discovering More about Mary' (See website to register)					
8pm	Night Prayer - <i>Live Stream ONLY</i>	Alpha Online (See website to register)						

All public Masses at St Peter's Church are also livestreamed. For further details, visit our [website](#). The virtual sessions take place on the online platform Zoom. The sessions that do not require registration can be accessed via 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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