

21st April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday) - Year B

**Readings and antiphons**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 32:5-6.  
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading:**  
Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v.22  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**Second reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:14**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

**R. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18

**Communion Antiphon:**  
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**Funerals and Deaths**

**Mrs Vernon Bruce RIP** - Requiem Mass at St Peter's on Tuesday 30th April at 2:30pm

**Yvonne Morris RIP** - Funeral Service at The Chesil Suite, Chesil House on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 2:15pm

**Richard Phiri RIP** - Funeral Mass at St Peter's on Friday 17th May 2024 at 12:15pm

**Janett Finn RIP**

**Canon Peter Wilkie RIP**

**Patricia Ross RIP**

**Peter McManus RIP**



Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

**Prayer Corner**

**This Week's Intention:**  
Let us pray for all children taking part in our Life in the Spirit Sessions, that by these encounters, they may welcome the Holy Spirit into their lives and come to understand that God is with us in many ways helping us to grow in faith and love, hope and joy.



**A Message from Fr Mark...**

**Pray Like This – Deliver us from evil - Save us from the wolves**

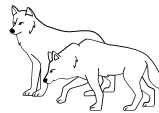
**Our Father**  
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the "Good Shepherd", willing to lay down his life to protect us, his Father's children, his sheep, from the wolves that seek to attack and scatter us. We know that Jesus laid down his life on the cross to rescue us from all the wolves that seek to harm and destroy us.

What are some of those wolves?

- Well, they might be temptations to sin (e.g. does it really matter if you take / do that? Surely no one will get hurt, and you deserve it)
- Or lies that you've been fed (do you really think that God cares about you or is interested in you? Do you think you'll ever be good enough to please God? You'd be much better on your own than trusting in God and you'd have more fun. Do you really think God exists or is loving when you look at all the suffering in the world?)
- Or wounds you've experienced through neglect or bad things that have been done to you (e.g. you've never been shown genuine affection, or someone is always saying cruel things about you).

Those wolves are too powerful and clever for us to overcome by ourselves but (and this is the beauty of our faith) *that doesn't matter.*

We are not called to fight the devil on our own and we know that the wolves are not too powerful for Jesus. He can rescue us, protect us, deliver us from all that seeks to attack and destroy us - if we call upon him.



Every time we pray the Our Father, we are praying for the Lord to fight the enemy for us, to "deliver us from evil".



The catechism tells us that:

*"In this petition, evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the evil one, the angel who opposes God. The devil (dia-bolos) is the one who "throws himself across" God's plan and his work of salvation accomplished in Christ".*  
(Catechism, #2851)

Satan is:  
*"a murderer from the beginning...a liar and the father of lies", the "deceiver of the whole world". "The Lord who has taken away your sin and pardoned your faults also protects you and keeps you from the wiles of your adversary the devil, so that the enemy, who is accustomed to leading you into sin, may not surprise you. One who entrusts himself to God does not dread the devil. 'If God is for us, who is against us?'"*  
(#2852)

*"When we ask to be delivered from the Evil One, we pray as well to be freed from all evils, present, past, and future, of which he is the author or instigator. In this final petition, the Church brings before the Father all the distress of the world. Along with deliverance from the evils that overwhelm humanity, she implores the precious gift of peace and the grace of perseverance in expectation of Christ's return. By praying in this way, she anticipates in humility of faith the gathering together of everyone and everything in him who has "the keys of Death and Hades," who "is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.""* (#2854)

The Our Father is a confident, bold prayer, not because we are confident or bold ourselves but because we can have confidence in our Heavenly Father, our Abba. We can trust in his love for us, his adopted sons and daughters.

**Rosary Chain - May**

We are delighted to say we are making preparations for the statue of Our Lady to tour the parish in a chain of prayer. You can sign up to join. We will do our best to accommodate everyone and we hope to have 2 statues this year as it has become so popular! Please be aware that you will need to collect the statue from another person's house, so we will share your details with people either side of you on the list (the person after you will collect from you). Please email: [lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to register.



**Laudato Si Corner**

For this week's message; you might find this link to a talk on Catholic Social Teaching and Ecological Economics interesting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQTafSBLsCA>

We pray that this Easter we can be renewed in our hope for a better world and continue our efforts to share the love of God with our brothers and sisters everywhere.



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**Second Collection**

Second Collection this weekend is for the **Clergy Training Fund**, in support of our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination.

Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, participating in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly & spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians> OR donate in the usual ways at church - THANK YOU!

**Bookshop**

We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses, books and cards for all occasions - First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Open weeks days during office hours. Thank you for your support, Susan Henry



**Key Contacts**

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our website:

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**Holy Water**

Following the blessing of the holy water at the Easter Vigil, parishioners are encouraged to bring their bottles and refill them from the vat by the sacristy door at St Peter's.



**Courses/Events**

**Soup & Pud Lunch at St Gregory's (St George's Day)**

A Date for your diaries! For the Soup and Pud Lunch at St Gregory's on **Tuesday 23rd April, 2024**, from **12:00 noon until 2.00pm**, in aid of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Homemade food. Dietary requirements catered for. Please come and support.

**Night Church at St Peter's on Friday 26th April from 7 - 9.30pm** - Here's what we've got planned:

**7:00 PM** - We begin with Mass. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a time to quietly encounter Jesus. There will be opportunities for worship and confession will be available for anyone seeking guidance.

**8:40 PM** - We'll have a Eucharistic healing procession, during which we'll each receive a personal blessing from Jesus in the monstrance.

Let's come together for a peaceful evening of prayer, adoration, reconciliation, and healing in this 'Year of Prayer'. You are all invited and we look forward to seeing you!

**Life in the Spirit Sessions for Children Age 8 - 11 (Years 4 - 6)**

**Fridays 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Arrival up to 3:45pm) - 5 weekly sessions beginning Friday 26th April in St Stephen's Church (next to St Peter's School)**

An offering for children in our Parish to grow in faith and love of God, and to welcome the Holy Spirit into your life in a new way!

We will start with a time of transition from the school day with (nut/dairy free) refreshments and games/ice breakers. Each week, following a time of singing praise to God, the children will discover in interactive ways how we can live a life of joy in the Holy Spirit, how we can really know that God loves us and is with us, how God speaks to us through the Bible and in our day to day lives, and how He has a special plan for each of us...and more!

In the final session on Friday May 24th (just after Pentecost Sunday) the children will be individually prayed with by Fr Mark and the team, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Sign up for those at St Peter's school will be through the school, and those from other schools will be able to fill in a quick form at the first session.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact [rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Year of Prayer - 'Retreat Days' - Our Father in Heaven - Fri 3rd May (evening) & Sat 4th May (all day) - FREE**

Pope Francis has asked that this year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father. We pray this prayer so often and there's always the risk of it becoming dry or remaining superficial.

Why not come and join us on **Fri 3rd and Sat 4th May** in the Pastoral Centre at St Peters. **There will be a further group specifically for children aged 7-12 on the Saturday.**

Allegra Mutanda will lead us in a time of prayer and recollection, helping us to explore what it means to pray 'Our Father in heaven'? All our missionary efforts are dependent upon this intimate relationship between us and 'Abba', who wishes to bless and heal all His beloved sons and daughters. All are welcome. Once you have registered, you will receive further details nearer to the date of the event. Please confirm your attendance by Monday 29th April latest by registering here: [Year-of-Prayer-Event](#)

**Please note: NO parking available at St Peter's on Saturday 4th May due to a wedding!**

**CWL Soup & Pud Lunch at St Peter's**

A Date for your diaries! The next Soup and Pud Lunch at St Peter's is on **Friday 3rd May 2024** from **12 noon until 1.30pm**, in aid of **Samaritans**. Homemade food. Dietary requirements catered for. Please come and support. Suggested donation £7.

**THANK YOU for helping us raise £332 for the RNLI at our last event on Fri 5th April.**

**Andover Foodbank THANK YOU to all at St Thomas More, Stockbridge**

For their egg-citing and very generous donation of chocolate eggs at Easter. The chocolate eggs were distributed to local children and vulnerable adults in the Andover community via organisations including Purple Oak, Children's Services and Vigo Road Primary School. Giving is not just about a treat, it's about engaging with those in need, showing that we care, and sharing the Easter message. **Thank you for your support.**

**Can You Help Theresa?**

I am an elderly parishioner who is also unwell. My husband and I can no longer cope with our housework and we are hoping to find a reliable person to help us on a regular basis, payment to be agreed. We live in central Winchester. If anyone is interested, please contact Theresa on Mob: 07725 875860. Many thanks, Theresa Gillham

**Called and Gifted**

Called and Gifted is a process through teaching and discernment in which you discover your own charisms (gifts of the Holy Spirit) which will then help you in your onward journey in faith. **Starting Saturday 22nd June 9am - 4:30pm** - Full details next week!

Church Timetable	20th -27th April		
<b>Saturday</b> <b>20th April -</b> <b>Of the Third week of Easter</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Avril Vera Dury
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM - 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Anne Ponsonby RIP
<b>Sunday</b> <b>21st April</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Sr Catherine Wybourne RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Janett Finn RIP
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's with St Peter's School	
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5.30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter McManus RIP
<b>Monday</b> <b>22nd April</b> <b>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23rd April - ST GEORGE, Patron of England, solemnity.</b> <b>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Laetitia McAnerney RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>24th April - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Religious, Martyr, memorial.</b> <b>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
<b>Thursday</b> <b>25th April</b> <b>ST MARK, EVANGELIST (FEAST)</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Keating
<b>Friday</b> <b>26th April</b> <b>Of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Katherine Smith
<b>Saturday</b> <b>27th April</b> <b>of the Fourth Week of Easter</b>  <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM- 5:00PM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls

**To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our YouTube channel.**

**ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.**