

14th July 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Readings and antiphons

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation: Cf Jn 6:63,68

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Funerals and Deaths

Monica Gordon RIP - Funeral Service at St Peter's on Monday 15th July at 11am.

Robert Rigo RIP - Funeral Service at The Chesil Suite, Chesil House on Thursday 18th July at 6:30pm.

Brian Nolan RIP - Funeral Mass at St Thomas More's on Monday 29th July at 11am.

Mary Burner RIP



David Craze RIP

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

Baptisms



Welcome to Carmel Maughan, who was baptised at St Peter's on Saturday, and to Chloe Hussain, who was baptised at St Peter's on Sunday

Prayer Corner



This Week's Intention:

Let us pray that living out our parish mission will enable us to get our daily bread from the Lord and in turn feed others, bringing them closer to Christ in hope and joy.

A Message from Fr Benedict...

Prophesy to My People

When Amaziah asked the Prophet to go away from Bethel and not to prophesy there any more, Amos among other things replied: "...it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" We can understand 'Go, prophesy to my people' to mean the same as "Go and preach to my people," or "go and proclaim the Good News to my people" as we see Jesus in the Gospel sending His Apostles in pairs with authority even over unclean spirits. While the Old Testament uses prophesy, the New Testament uses preach or proclaim. We may be tempted to ask what 'to prophesy' actually means.

From its Greek roots, a **prophet** is "one who speaks for" (or on behalf of) and is also "an interpreter of the will of God." Thus, "to prophesy" means to speak for God thereby interpreting His will to others or to publicly preach His Words.

In contemporary charismatic or Pentecostal circles, prophesying is more and more being considered as an immediate inspiration flowing out from unpremeditated ideas and words (though the social media prophecies are well planned and calculated). Much of this aspect of prophesying has turned out to be drama or a show intended as a means of campaign for more members into the congregation.

From our readings of today and similar valid Biblical Prophets, prophesying involves much more of the Divine element than either their expository preaching or their ecstatic utterances. Amos tells us, "I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets... I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores." This shows that there was no prior knowledge, learning, memorisation of a particular topic intended to give as prophesy. God was the authority behind his prophecy. Our emphasis here is that God directly equips the individual with His Word and Will when He wants it done and not at the decision of the individual.

Let us remind ourselves that a **Prophet** is/was a person chosen by God who speaks God's message to and guides the people.

Prophets of God often had a teaching and revelatory role, declaring God's truth, connecting the present and the future.

Their characteristics: faithful and truthful to God and His Word; they would not contradict God's revealed Word; they worshipped God alone; they interceded to God for the people; they were meek, gentle, humble and of a pure heart; they were advocates of forgiveness and God's justice; they were filled by the Holy Spirit and not influenced by other spirits; they discerned and acted with discretion; they had no agenda for personal benefits but God's agenda alone; they were fearless and trusted in God; they were full of integrity and moral uprightness; they were obedient to God; they spoke on behalf of the voiceless or the poor.

These qualities of a prophet now make us understand what God would mean by telling us to '**Go, prophesy to my people**'. Summarily, to prophesy is to alert the people of the consequences of their sins (or actions), to comfort them thereby giving them a message of hope for the future, to help people amend their ways by pricking their consciences, to be an example or sign for them to follow and to speak on behalf of the powerless. From the meaning of Prophesying and from Amos' response to Amaziah, we can pick up the following lessons:

- 1) God calls, transforms, equips and commissions ordinary individuals because He sees the heart.
- 2) The burden of a Divine Calling cannot be easily ignored. Just like Amos we have Paul as another example: "woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16).
- 3) We also see that worship must be on God's terms, not ours. Jeroboam had turned the minds of the people against the true worship for personal ambitions (cf. 1 Kings 12:26-28) which Amos then came up to renounce yet he was being sent away by the priest.
- 4) It should also be clear to us that God is Sovereign over the nations and their kings (royal sanctuary).

Just as all the prophecies ended with messages of hope pointing out to the Messiah who would free the whole of Israel, let us continue in the joyful hope of the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. You can spend your time singing this music: "My Only Hope is You Jesus..."

Laudato Si' Corner

His Holiness Pope Francis unveiled a message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation anticipated on 1st September: *"To hope and act with creation, then, means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will."*

As we reflect on these words in July, let us carry forward the spirit of unity and dedication for that celebration represents into the Season of Creation in September. For that season we have arranged a half-day **Conference on Saturday morning 14th September in the Pastoral Centre** covering Laudate Deum, the Pope's recent Apostolic Exhortation and the way forward for us all in saving the planet.



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Announcements

Second Collection - Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) 14th July

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Please donate in the usual way - offertory/ collection basket, envelope or contactless machine or www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate
Thank you.

Safeguarding Training – Sat 27th July - St Peter's Pastoral Centre -

We are delighted to be able to offer the Diocesan Training Events in the Pastoral Centre and would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who is interested in attending. The Diocesan Team are committed to ensuring our parishes and church communities are safe spaces for all those who use them. In demonstrating that commitment, we seek to provide face-to-face safeguarding training on an ongoing basis across the Diocese.

For 2024, the training is being made available in each pastoral area in accordance with the national safeguarding standards, **training is mandatory** for all those who hold a role working with children and/or adults at risk, or those who may otherwise be vulnerable and must be refreshed every 2 years.

- Children Training will start at 10:00am till 12 Noon
- We will then break for lunch, where you are invited to bring a packed lunch.
- Adults will start at 13:00 following lunch, where we hope to finish by 15:30

If you have any queries please contact Gerard in the Parish Office.

Bookshop

We have a good selection of Bibles, Missals, rosaries, crosses, books and cards for ALL occasions. We are open weekdays during office hours. Come and see our latest display of new stock. Thank you for your support, Susan Henry



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

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Opportunities

New Lectionaries - The Church in England and Wales is bringing out a new set of Lectionaries - new translation! They will be beautifully published but there is a cost. **We need four sets**, one for St. Peter's, St Stephen's, St Gregory's and St Thomas More's churches. Each set will cost around £1,000. Donors are welcome to sponsor a set of books - special occasion, anniversary, etc. If anyone would like to sponsor the set for one of our churches, please contact our Parish Office or speak to one of our Priests.

Fundraising: Diocesan Free Wills Service - A reminder that the Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether your parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. For further information, please email: aakass@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Action / Information

Can you help? We are looking for someone to be a liaison/ co-ordinator to represent St Peter's and act as a link between the Churches Together in Winchester (CTiW) and our parish. No more than 4-5 hours per month. To find out more, please email: mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

News

Bamenda News - In case you've not seen, the Archdiocese of Bamenda featured in an article at the end of last month in the National Catholic Register: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/war-and-adoration-why-eucharistic-devotion-is-surging-cameroon>. Please continue to keep the incredible people of Bamenda in your prayers, especially during this Golden Jubilee celebration and visitation.

News from St Peter's School - Please find attached this week's newsletter and link for all the latest news... <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/topic/news-and-events>

Events & Updates

Outreach Ministry Fayre - HUGE thanks to everyone who supported this event, plus the welcome & hospitality we received during our June roadshow visiting all churches in our parish. To find out more about our ministry work or to volunteer, please email: mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Pies & Puds lunch event Wednesday 17th July - Join us in the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. for home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives, and proper puddings with custard. Lunch, social time, and our speaker is Heather Kirkland on: "A life in women's Football - How it started and where it led to" Come on your own or with a partner or friend. No booking or commitment necessary, but do contact moirar@msn.com with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025 - Registration is now open for the FHC programme 2024-2025, and the deadline to send back completed forms is **Friday 19th July**. Any questions or if you need an information letter & enrolment form sent to you, please email Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

There is another compulsory parent's introductory session with Fr Mark to be held on **Monday 16th September 7-8:15pm** in the Pastoral Centre Hall at St Peter's Church.

Parish Invitation to Sportsfest Event - Healthcare Community - Sat 20th July at 11am

- As 'Welcome and Thanks' to our Filipino International Support Community, we'll be hosting our parish annual event in the grounds of St Peters School next Saturday 20th July. Please bring your own picnic food so we can be together, give thanks and celebrate. Teas, coffees and some soft drinks will be provided. Please bring gazebos (if you have them) so we can provide cover in wet weather - prayers for sunshine please! Help provided in erecting and set up. Please call the Parish Office for more information: 01962 852804 or email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk - **ALL WELCOME!**

Living Catholicism Today - Summer Course - 1st – 4th August

Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

CWL Update - Thank you for helping us raise £267.80 at last Friday's Soup & Pud lunch on behalf of Winchester Hygiene Bank (part of Winchester Basics Bank). Next charity lunch is planned for 6th Sept, 12noon-1.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

National Eucharistic Congress at St. Mary's College, Oscott - Saturday 14th Sept.

National Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott - Sat 14th Sept 2024 - scheduled to coincide with the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador from 8 – 15 September 2024. This enables us to unite at Oscott, with the universal Catholic Church as we come before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Fr. Benedict Ndikum: bnikum@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book ASAP!

Parish Prayerline - Our team of intercessors are here 24/7 and would like more to pray for! Please email your prayer requests to: prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk May our prayers be filled with faith, compassion, and a genuine desire to see God's will accomplish in the lives of those we intercede for. Thank you, Fleur Jackson - Parish Prayer Volunteer



Church Timetable	13th July - 20th July 2024		
SATURDAY July 13th – St Henry, Emperor, optional memorial Vigil Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
	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	Margaret Blake's 90th Birthday
SUNDAY July 14th – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Hugh & Mary Ann McTernan RIP and their deceased and living family members
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peace in the World
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Moire Houghton RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rose Margaret Fletcher
MONDAY July 15th – St Swithun, Bishop, memorial. Solemnity in Winchester	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Mary Perry
TUESDAY July 16th – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, optional memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Nandita Connolly
WEDNESDAY July 17th – St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Dead & Founders
THURSDAY July 18th – Feria	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Mary Keating
FRIDAY July 19th – Feria	8:00AM - 9:00AM	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Maurice Henry RIP
SATURDAY July 20th – St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr, optional memorial Vigil Mass Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Rev John Martin
	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

Confessions every Saturday 9.30am till 10.30am and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church.
 Morning Prayer every weekday 8.00am at St Peter's followed by Adoration till 9.00am.

NO Morning Prayer on Friday 19th July.

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

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