

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Heart of Hampshire parish with worshipping communities in Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS
WEEK:

*Pope Leo XIV
Jubilee Prayer of Hope
Suicide Memorial Quilt
Clergy Training Fund*



JESUS - GOOD SHEPHERD AND HOPE WHO GUIDES US ALL

FATHER MARK WRITES On the evening when he announced the opening of the Second Vatican Council — the first one since 1870 — Pope John XXIII couldn't sleep. Finally, he talked sense to himself: "*Angelo, why aren't you sleeping? Who's running the Church, you or the Holy Spirit? So sleep.*" And he did.

Prior to his being elected Pope, Angelo Roncalli had served as a clerical diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey, and Greece; as Papal Nuncio in Paris; and as Patriarch of Venice. *All this training helped him deal with social problems in society and in the Church. While still an Archbishop, he noted: "Wherever I go, I pay more attention to what we have in common than to what separates us."*

Pope St. John XXIII began his mission by promising to be "a good shepherd." He entered into impromptu conversations with workers and gardeners on the streets of Vatican City. By convening the Second Vatican Council, Pope St. John XXIII, led by the Holy Spirit, set in motion a spirit of reform that continues to our day.

In September 2000, this son of Italian peasants was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II; he was canonized on April 27, 2014 by the late Pope Francis.

As I write this, we have just heard the news of the next successor to St. Peter, Pope Leo XIV. Many of us have been praying this week: "*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.*"

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ST PETER'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass, 5.30pm. Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm.

Weekday Masses : Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12.15pm. Wednesday, and Thursday 10.00am.

Confessions: Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration 8.00am Monday to Friday.

ST THOMAS MORE'S CHURCH STOCKBRIDGE

Sunday Mass: 9.00am.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday (no Friday) at 10.00am



Artwork of St Peter's Church, St Gregory, St Thomas More and St Stephen's — kindly provided by Stephen Harte

We have been asking the Good Shepherd to give us a shepherd here on earth, one who is able to watch over all of us, the Universal Church, the global flock. Is this not highly appropriate in these days leading up to “Good Shepherd Sunday”, on which we hear of the “great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” standing in heaven before the throne of God?

The message from the book of Revelation, which we hear as our second reading today, was the vision Jesus gave to St. John the Evangelist. It was meant to instruct and encourage persecuted Christians, not only of the First Century but of all centuries. It is a beautiful message of sure and certain hope.

The vision presents Jesus as both the slain and glorified Lamb and the Good Shepherd. In the latter role, he protects and refreshes his flock when they suffer persecution. John has a vision of all the sheep, representing the universal Church — people “from every nation, race, people, and tongue” — rescued by the Good Shepherd. The Lamb will shepherd and shelter those who, with his help, win through. He will feed them well and will “wipe away every tear from their eyes.” The essence of the vision is that Christ, the Son of the Living God Incarnate, now risen from the dead, glorified, will, in his glorified humanity, have the chief place in Heaven, and that all rational creatures will sing his praises forever. John’s visions promised his readers that Jesus, the Passover Lamb, would shepherd them, providing them with shelter, protection, and safe passage to the life-giving waters of eternity (Ps 23; 80; 35:10; Is 40:11; Ez 34:23; Jer 2:13).

Today is also “Vocations Sunday”, when we are invited to pray that all may hear and respond to the call of our Good Shepherd, recognising his voice. In particular, we pray for vocations to the ordained priesthood. How often do you pray that God may raise up from within our parish community (even perhaps from within your own family) men willing to lay down their lives for God’s sheep?

Now that the white smoke has emerged from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, let us continue to pray to God, thanking him for giving us a wonderful Pope, Leo XIV. We ask that the Pope will be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and will take care of us, teaching us and helping us always to listen to Jesus, our Good Shepherd and the hope that guides us.

*O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built
upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favour, we pray, on Leo our Pope
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation
of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*May the Lord protect him
and grant him length of days.
Amen.*

*May the Lord be his shield
and deliver him from all harm.
Amen.*

*May the Lord give him happiness and peace
all the days of his life.
Amen.*

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

First reading: Acts 13:14, 43b-52

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100(99): 1-2. 3. 5. R. 3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

**COMMUNION
ANTIPHON:**

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



“HABEMUS PAPAM” CARDINAL PREVOST HAS BEEN ELECTED POPE LEO XIV



The first Augustinian Pope, Robert Prevost – now Leo XIV – is the second Roman Pontiff from the Americas after Pope Francis.

“Peace be with all of you!” – the first words of Pope Leo XIV.

Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. Let us keep in our ears the weak but always brave voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome - the Pope who blessed Rome and the world that day on the morning of Easter.

Allow me to continue that same blessing. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jubilee Year of Hope - May 13th Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Prayers for Peace: Please join us at St Peter's Church at 11.45am before 12.15pm mass or at 6.00- 7.00pm to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries followed by a time of Adoration and Benediction. You can come for part or all of the time.

The May Rosary Chain 2025: Every year, we offer an opportunity for parishioners to join a chain of prayer. This year, our hope-filled theme is Peace in our World. If you would like to take part, please email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and we will do our best to find a date that works for you. We hope you'll join us!

St Peter's Winchester - Hants & IOW Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt Display: St Peter's Winchester - Hants & IOW Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt Display: We invite you to come and view this moving tapestry of love and remembrance. The display will be available for viewing until 19th May. You can learn more on their [Facebook page: Hampshire & IOW Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt](#).

Winchester Catholic History Society. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 21 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. Professor John McAleer of Southampton University will be speaking on The East India Company: The East India Company is the story of wealth, power and the pursuit of fortune. Visitors very welcome £7.00 on the evening.

FUNERALS & DEATHS

Rex Chester RIP. The funeral will take place on 27th May at 12.00 at the church of Our Lady, Warnford - the church is actually off the main road in Warnford Park - see the link here <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16882/>

Fr. Vincent Convery RIP, Richard Luker RIP, Sally Smart RIP, Nicola Mancini RIP, John Blake RIP

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

BAPTISM

Welcome to Hazel Kirby who was baptised last weekend. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for our school – a vital part of our Parish and our community, that through their education, our children will be brought closer to Christ who watches over them as the Good Shepherd.

PARISH NOTES:



Clergy Training Fund Second Collection: Please give generously to the Clergy Training Fund second collection this weekend. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year.

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

You can donate in the second collection in your parish. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer, to increase the value of your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Please remember to pray regularly for our seminarians, and for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life.

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to the staff, governors, pupils, and families of St. Stephen's School who will be joining us this Sunday for our termly School Mass. It is a joy to celebrate the Eucharist together as a parish and school community.

Parish Seder Meal in April: Thanks to everyone who made this event such a success, and thanks again to our friends William & Maggie Carver for leading us. Because of the generosity of the participants, and of the team of volunteers, we were able to make a donation of £100 on behalf of the parish to the Licoricia fund, supporting the statue over the road from St Peter's church.

A huge thanks to everyone who came and supported the charity Soup and Pud lunch held at St. Gregory's this week. A fantastic £310.00 was raised for The Boaz Project, a charity supporting adults with learning difficulties, in a wide variety of ways.

Thank you from the CWL (Catholic Women's League) to all who supported May's Charity Soup & Pud Lunch, which raised £210 for Lanterns Nursery School.

Travel Notice St Gregory's Church Sunday 18 May: This is the date for the annual Watercross Festival. As usual, normal access to Alresford from the Ropley, and Old Alresford directions will be closed for the day. Please bear this in mind when coming to St Gregory's Church next Sunday.

First Holy Communion Information Evening: Monday, 19th May at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre Hall, St Peter's Church. If you're a parent or guardian of a child currently in Year 3 or above and would like them to prepare for their First Holy Communion next year, we warmly invite you to this important information evening. This evening is especially for families who haven't had a child on the programme in the last two years. Most children making their First Holy Communion are in Year 4, but if your child is currently in Year 2 and you feel they'll be ready next year—and your family attends Sunday Mass regularly—please do get in touch. We also welcome enquiries about older children. ✉ Contact us at: fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Parish Mini-retreat, We Dare to Hope: There will be a parish mini-retreat on the theme of Hope on Sunday 1 June at the Pastoral Centre, starting with a picnic lunch at 1:00 and finishing at 4:30. All are welcome, young and old, families and singles. More details to follow.

Book Shop: We now have a variety of First Communion gifts available. Please do come and have a look.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School & Little Fishes Pre-School: Newsletter, [Click here.](#)

A Heartfelt Thank You to Brian Mustoe: We would like to express our deep gratitude to Brian Mustoe for his outstanding work editing CrossKeys over the past 16 years. His dedication, skill, and attention to detail have been truly remarkable—we can only imagine the countless articles and words he has carefully refined during his tenure!

Brian is now stepping down, making way for someone new to take on this important role. If you are interested in continuing his legacy or would like more information, please contact: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

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NEWSLETTER:

Deadline for items for newsletter requests please submit by

[Wednesday mid-day!](#)

CONTACTS:

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

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PARISH BANK DETAILS:

If you wish to make a payment or donation, please use the following details:

Parish Bank Account Name:

CDP St Peter & Winchester Martyrs,

Sort Code: 30-93-04,

Account Number: 00890996 & Reference details

(eg: offertory, SVP, etc). You can also use the

Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

Mass Timetable

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 10 May - St John of Avila (Priest Doctor of the Church, optional memorial) Fourth Sunday of Easter VIGIL	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Margaret Mary Robertson
	9:30 to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
Sun 11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Francis Alexander Graustoum Cutler RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Violet Freeston RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rachael Ward RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Patrick & Mary
Mon 12 May Fourth Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
Tues 13 May Our Lady of Fatima	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at Gregory's	John Blake RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Mary Margaret Robson
Wed 14 May St Matthias	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Dixon Marland and Walker Families
Thur 15 May Fourth Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Albert Bingham
Frid 16 May Fourth Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's Canceled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	John Snow RIP
Sat 17 May (St Dunstan, Bishop, optional memorial) Fifth Sunday of Easter - VIGIL	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Health of Celine Tauro
	9:30 to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Claire Bryant RIP

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.