

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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



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FATHER MARK WRITES: LET THE RIVER FLOW: BECOMING CHANNELS OF HEALING

As we journey together toward the Centenary of St Peter's, we're invited to pause and reflect—not just on our history, but on our identity. Who are we, really? And why do we do things the way we do? Over the past few weeks, we've explored our love for Scripture, our commitment to simplicity, and our calling to be saints—each of us, no matter our story, are welcomed into a parish that strives to be *A Place for All*.

This week, we turn to the theme of healing. And we begin with a striking image from Ezekiel: a river flowing from the temple, deepening as it moves, bringing life to barren lands—even to the salty, lifeless Dead Sea. This river transforms everything it touches. Trees bear fruit every month. Waters become fresh. Leaves become medicine. It's a vision of divine abundance, of healing flowing from the heart of worship.

Ezekiel's river is more than a poetic image—it's a theological portrait of the Church. The temple, once the dwelling place of God, is now fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the new and living Temple. "Destroy this temple," He said, "and in three days I will raise it up." He was speaking of His body. In Jesus, we encounter the fullness of God's presence, the source of forgiveness, the centre of worship, and the ultimate sacrifice of love.

And now, through the Holy Spirit, that presence dwells in us. We are the living stones, the spiritual house, the holy temple. The sacraments—especially Baptism and the Eucharist—are the river that flows from Christ's pierced side, bringing grace, healing, and renewal to a thirsty world. Pope Benedict XVI called this "the fountain" of life. Pope Francis speaks of "a wealth of life and salvation" flowing from the temple.

But this isn't just theology—it's mission. Ezekiel's river flows into a desert. It heals the Dead Sea. And so must we. Who are the spiritually thirsty among us? The lonely, the disconnected, the migrant seeking safety, the one numbed by endless doomscrolling, the person battling mental health struggles or searching for meaning. These are the places where the river must flow.

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These are our usual Mass times. For any changes or special celebrations, please check the back page for this week's full schedule.

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 at 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.

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And healing isn't just for others—it's for us too. Many of us carry wounds: things said or done, regrets, fears, losses. Hurt people hurt people. But healed people? Healed people become channels of healing for others.

Already, we see little fountains of grace springing up across our parish, like at a "splash park" or "play fountain". A parent blessing their child at bedtime; someone stepping into church and encountering peace in the Eucharist; a colleague offering prayer; a friend having the courage to ask for healing. These are the trickles. But what if they became tributaries? What if they merged into a mighty river?

To do that, we need to be intentional. We need to create a culture where it's normal to pray for one another, to bless and be blessed, to risk praying for those around us. Like the paralysed man lowered through the roof, we don't need to do much—just be humble and open. And healing will come.

Because we are the Church. We are the winning team—not because of anything we've done, but because Jesus is the Healer, the Saviour, the Victor. Everything we do—our giving, serving, small groups, outreach, sacraments—is a celebration of that victory. But more than celebration, we are called to reflect it. To be ambassadors of healing, wholeness, and resurrection.

So let the Light shine. Let the Water flow. Let us become channels of God's immense healing—here, now, in Winchester, Alresford, Stockbridge and beyond.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - This Sunday, 9th November – replacing the 32nd Sunday of the Year - we keep the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the oldest and most important of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, and is the official seat of the Holy Father as the Bishop of Rome (not St. Peter's Basilica as many mistakenly think). In ancient times, this was the church in the city where everyone was baptised. It is the oldest church in the Western world, built in the time of Constantine and consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput). It then became a feast kept throughout the Church as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter, and a day to pray for the Pope's intentions.



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

 **Mass of Remembrance: St Peter's Church on Friday, 7th November at 7:00pm.** You are warmly invited to our annual Mass of Remembrance, a special time to honour and pray for loved ones who have died - especially, though not exclusively, those lost in the past year. This gentle, prayerful gathering offers space for reflection, comfort and connection through shared faith and remembrance. During the Mass, the names of loved ones will be read aloud in prayer.

 **Sung Compline – First Fridays at St Peter's:** Step into stillness with Latin Sung Compline, the Church's Night Prayer, on **Friday 7th November at 9.00pm** in St Peter's Church. In just 20 minutes, this simple, contemplative liturgy brings a peaceful close to the day. No need to sing - simply come and pray. If you'd like to try Gregorian Chant, join the rehearsal at 8.00pm beforehand. From now on, Sung Compline will be held on the first Friday of every month - a new rhythm of prayer, beauty and peace at the heart of our parish.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

FIRST READING

First reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R.5

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation: R. Alleluia, alleluia

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. 1 Pt 2:5

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES CONT'D...

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**, when we honour the service and sacrifice of British and Commonwealth military and civilian personnel in the World Wars and in conflicts since. It is observed on the Sunday closest to Armistice Day (11th November), marking the end of the First World War in 1918. At 11am, a two-minute silence is held across the nation. Ceremonies take place at war memorials in towns and villages, attended by civic leaders, veterans, armed forces personnel, cadet groups, and youth organisations.

The red poppy, which grew on the battlefields of Flanders, remains a powerful symbol of remembrance.



November - Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed - a sacred time to remember and pray for all who have gone before us. In the Catholic tradition, November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, beginning with All Saints' Day (2nd Nov) and All Souls' Day (3rd Nov). It's a time to live out the beautiful truth of the Communion of Saints - that our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of love can help the faithful departed reach the fullness of Heaven.

✦ Why It Matters

Our prayers are powerful. The souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves -they rely on us. Every Mass offered, every prayer whispered, every act of charity brings hope and mercy.

🙏 How You Can Take Part

- Attend Mass and offer it for loved ones who have died.
- Visit cemeteries and pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence can be gained during the first eight days of November by doing this.
- Pray the Eternal Rest prayer:
- "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

🙏 Blessing of Graves:

- Sunday 9th November at 12:30pm – Alresford
- Sunday 9th November at 12:30pm – St James' Cemetery
- Sunday 16th November at 3:00pm – Morn Hill.



PARISH NEWS

Thank You for Supporting Bamenda Sunday: Last weekend was our Bamenda Sunday Appeal, and we would like to thank everyone who supported this vital campaign. If you missed the Bamenda newsletter, you can view it by [clicking here](#). Archbishop Andrew reminds us: "Your support is more than aid - it is a lifeline of hope, a sign they are not forgotten."

A Place for Mothers to Pray and Belong: You're warmly invited to join our Mother's Prayers group — a gentle, welcoming space to pause, reflect, and pray together in friendship and faith. Each gathering is simple and heartfelt, ending with relaxed conversation and refreshments. Two groups are already flourishing in our parish, and new members are always welcome. Please contact Isabelle at: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. Please visit www.mothersprayers.org for more information.

FUNERALS

Martin Howell RIP - 13th November 11.30am.
Raymond Burke RIP - 14th November at 12.15pm.
Laura Wilson RIP - 24th November at 12.15pm.

Colette Battye RIP.
Eamon Hogan RIP.

Funerals will take place at St Peter's Church. Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Suki Mariani who was baptised last week at St Peter's Church. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

As we move through the season of remembrance, let us ask all the saints in heaven to join us in praying for our departed loved ones.



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DATES FOR DIARY - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Advent Jesse Tree Activity, Led Adoration and Start of First Holy Communion Preparation: Taking place, **Sunday, November 30th after the 10:30am Mass.** Open to all parish families

Kingdom Seekers Advent Retreat Theme: 'Our Hope is in Jesus': Taking place **Saturday, December 13th 9:00am - 1:00pm.** Open to all those who have made their First Holy Communion aged 9 - 14 .

Baptism Annual Celebratory Mass and Buffet: Taking place **Saturday, January 10th at 10:30am.** For all who have had children baptised in the parish during 2025.



🌲 **Prepare for Advent and Christmas at the Parish Bookshop** 🌲 Get ready for the season of Advent and Christmas! We have a wide selection of Advent calendars, Christmas cards (including CAFOD cards), Advent booklets, cribs, and other religious Christmas items to help you celebrate the season of faith and joy. You'll also find 2026 pocket diaries, new Liturgical Bible diaries, and the newly arrived Daily and Weekday Missals, along with Morning and Evening Prayer books. Coming soon: copies of a new encyclical begun by Pope Francis and completed by Pope Leo. Come in and browse - all proceeds support the parish. Thank you for your continued support!

OUTREACH

Laudato Si: The Vatican is sending an official delegation to COP30 which will take place from 10-21 November in Brazil. This conference is seen as a vital opportunity to encourage global co-operation to tackle the climate crisis in the face of mounting challenges. CAFOD has produced a list of key areas where action is badly needed. [Click here](#) to read more.

CHARIS Portsmouth: Is happy to welcome you to Cast out your Nets, an online evening of renewal focussing on evangelisation, on **Thursday 13th November from 7.15 -9.15pm.** Our main speaker will be Fr Chris Thomas, involved in running the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, while Mike Watson, a member of CHARIS Portsmouth CDSC will also give his testimony. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! To join the meeting, please register [click here](#) for the Zoom link to be sent to you nearer the time. Closing date to register is 12th November.

NEWS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

ADoRE: Pilgrims of Hope – Signposts to the Kingdom - 22nd November, join the final ADoRE Pilgrims of Hope meeting for 2025 on zoom. Discover how we can share hope and point others to Jesus. Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce will speak on guiding others with faith and hope. The day also includes live-streamed Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, and prayer, helping us all become beacons of light in our communities. To register and attend remotely please [click here](#). More information about ADoRE [click here](#).

Women's Retreat Day - Saturday 29th November, Catholic Mothers Portsmouth and Catholic Mothers Southampton invite Catholic Women, including those with babes in arms, to join them from 9.30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Church in Waterlooville (PO7 7SR) for a Women's Retreat Day. The speaker will be Fr Thomas Hiney. Lunch will be provided and a donation of £10 per person is suggested. You can book via the QR code on the poster (click on the picture) or by emailing [Catholic Mothers Southampton - Click here](#).

Pilgrimage to Portugal (Lisbon and Fatima): Join St Swithun Wells Parish on a pilgrimage to Portugal from **Thursday 30 April to Monday 4 May 2026.** We'll visit Lisbon, birthplace of St Anthony, Fatima, site of Our Lady's Apparitions, and Tomar. Each day includes Mass, with a beautiful candlelight procession in Fatima. The cost is £879 per person (half-board, breakfast and dinner included), staying in three-star hotels—two nights in Lisbon and two in Fatima. The price is valid until 14 November 2025, with coach transport to and from Heathrow available. To book, visit www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/Is1103. If you have any questions, please email Fr. Raffaele Cossa - [click here](#).

Interfaith Week: Mgr Vincent Harvey reminds us that Interfaith week will be between **Sunday 9th and Saturday 15th November 2025.** For more information, resources and activities, please [click here](#). Additional information can also be found on the 'Faith & Belief Forum' [click here](#). If you have any interfaith activity, during Interfaith Week or at any other time, please let Mgr Vincent know: vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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MUSIC

🔥 **Hearts on Fire! Praise & Adoration - Sunday 16 November | 7:00–8:00pm | Milner Hall:** Get ready to lift your heart and your voice! 🌟 Join us for an unforgettable evening of Adoration, prayer, and powerful praise & worship music that will ignite your spirit and bring our parish alive in song. Whether you've never been to Adoration before or you love to sing your heart out - this is your moment to connect, to celebrate, and to let your faith set your heart on fire for Jesus!

Let's fill Milner Hall with joy, energy, and worship - because every voice matters and every heart can burn bright with His love.

"Every knee shall bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." – Philippians 2:10–11



Sing for St Cecilia – St Stephen's Church, Saturday 22nd November, 10am–12noon: Celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, with a joyful morning of song at St Stephen's. Everyone is warmly welcome to drop in, sing favourite hymns, and share in the happiness that music brings. Stay for the whole session or come for a few songs — the choice is yours. Tea and coffee will be served throughout, giving voices a chance to rest and friends time to chat. To request a hymn you love, email music@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by Friday 7th November, and we'll do our best to include it. Come and lift your voice in celebration and praise.



Parish Centenary Pilgrimage Plans 2026 - UPDATE:

Camino Ingles Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: This walking Pilgrimage in **June 2026** is now fully subscribed. If you wish to be added to a wait list or would like more information please contact pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Parish pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk ([Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham](#)): There are still a few spaces available on this Pilgrimage on the **10/11th of August 2026**. If you would like to join those already booked to attend or would like more information please contact pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk as soon as possible please. We have an option on some remaining rooms that will expire shortly.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi October 2026. Details of this Pilgrimage are being finalised and booking will commence soon. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic School: [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Hogan
Assistant Priest: Fr Pedro José Hernández O'Hagan
Deacons: Tony Darlison & Martin McElroy

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Deadline for items for newsletter requests submit by **Wednesday mid-day!**

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 (e.g. offertory, SVP, etc). You can also use the Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 8 Nov Our Lady on Saturday Sunday VIGIL Dedication of Lateran Basilica	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Alma Broom-Smith
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Kearney & Coote Families
Sun 9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Brian Morris RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peter Whiteman RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's (Family Mass)	Whittaker & Kilroy Families
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's (Family Mass)	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Albert Edward & Suzanne Marie Nott
Mon 10 Nov St Leo the Great	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Holy Souls
Tues 11 Nov St Martin of Tours	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Repose of the Soul of Mary Cross
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Anna Salley & Roseann Lynch
Wed 12 Nov St Josaphat	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Mary, Lady Mannock
Thur 13 Nov Week 32 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
	11:30AM	Funeral Service at St Peter's - Martin Howell RIP	
Fri 14 Nov Week 32 in Ordinary Time	8.00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Benefactors
	12:15PM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's - Raymond Burke RIP	
Sat 15 Nov St Albert the Great & Our Lady on Saturday Sunday VIGIL Week 33 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Eric Fry RIP
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Burrell & O'Donoghue Families

Watch live or catch up later on our [YouTube channel](#) — all services from St Peter's, including Morning Prayer and Adoration, are livestreamed. [St Peter's - Livestreaming Notice September 2025](#)