

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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Centenary Concert



FATHER MARK WRITES: RETURN AND BE HEALED - LISTEN TO HIM: THE PATHWAY TO HEALING

What if the healing you long for begins with one simple instruction: "Listen to Him"?

This week, in our Lenten journey of healing, the Scriptures take us up a mountain. And in many ways, the mountaintop is the perfect place to reflect on what we have learned so far. In Week 1, we discovered three surprising truths: that we are all wounded in various ways, that healing was central to Jesus' life and mission, and that healing always contains mystery. In Week 2, we dug a little deeper into the human condition itself: that wounds of every kind - physical, emotional, relational, spiritual - are part of our fallen world, part of what Scripture calls **original** sin, as well as **personal** sin.

Some wounds are shallow, some painfully deep; some are old companions, others fresh and raw. There are those among us who are struggling with a debilitating diagnosis or suffering from chronic pain. They are physically wounded. Others bear

- emotional wounds like anger or anxiety, or
- spiritual wounds like doubt or despair, or
- self-inflicted wounds especially from our own selfishness.

And then, there are wounds that are imposed on us from loss and grief. These wounds of the heart can be the deepest of all. Whatever their form, the question is not *whether* we have wounds, but *what we do with them*.

According to the Gospel, there are ultimately only two choices: we can rely on **ourselves**, or we can rely on **the Lord**. Self-reliance offers only limited success; reliance on the Lord opens **unlimited possibilities**. Into this truth, the Church gives us today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, and a window into who Jesus is, and how healing happens.

Jesus "took Peter, James and John... and led them up a high mountain" (Matthew 17:1). Mountains in Scripture are places of revelation. And there, in prayer, Jesus is **transfigured**: His divine glory shines through His humanity. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, and the Father's voice echoes from the bright cloud:

"This is my beloved Son... listen to him." (Matthew 17:5)

That simple command is where I want to focus this week: if healing comes through an encounter with Christ, then healing requires that we listen to Him.

The scene dazzles the apostles, but it doesn't last long. Like all mountaintop moments, those times when we glimpse something of the beauty and majesty and power of God, it fades. And yet such moments matter. They strengthen us for what lies ahead.

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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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The Transfiguration foreshadows another mountain: Calvary. There, Jesus will again be “lifted up” but this time it will be between two criminals, not two heroes. His clothes will not shine with light but will be stripped from Him. At the Transfiguration, the hidden glory of Jesus is revealed; at the Cross, Jesus is publicly humiliated. And yet the Father is just as present on both mountains. The link between the two reveals two key spiritual insights.

Firstly, God can use our wounds. They are not meaningless. Jesus' wounds led to His victory: “Behold, I make all things new” (Revelation 21:5). The same is possible for us. While God does *not* directly cause our wounds, His infinite love can **transform** them. Out of them He can bring about victory. He can even use them for your *benefit*. We offer Him our pain, our grief, our brokenness; He offers us His peace, His grace, His victory.

Secondly, Jesus willingly lays down his life for us, to take it up again. What does that mean? If Jesus didn't die, we couldn't live. If he wasn't wounded, we couldn't be healed. Jesus is the wounded healer, which is why we can reliably *listen* to him.

It is always annoying to hear people who don't know what they're talking about *talk*. Their advice is largely useless, if not misleading, because it's not based on experience. You can listen to the Lord, though, because he knows what he's talking about, he knows the truth of your wounds from his own wounds.

Healing looks different for each of us because each wound is unique. Jesus heals through touch, through words, through silence, through sacraments, through prayer, through moments of grace we may not even notice at first. But it always begins here: **listen to Him**.

And so, this week, take time simply to be with Him, perhaps in Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your wounds honestly. Name them. And then sit quietly and listen. It is an opportunity to be in God's presence and *listen to him*. Just give yourself some time to present any wounds you have. Ask Jesus to help you call them to mind. Share with him how your heart is hurt. Then *listen to him*.

His *Eucharistic* presence is a *healing* presence to *heal* your heart. The Lord wants a personal relationship with you. And here's the thing. He wants a *growing* relationship with you, he wants to *grow* in intimacy with you, and often that can happen most effectively precisely through his healing of our wounds.

CAFOD Lent Appeal: Help Families Put Food on the Table

This Lent, we're invited to “love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31).

Around the world, many families are going hungry as floods and droughts destroy crops.

CAFOD is helping communities grow food in new ways - from floating gardens in South Sudan to solar-powered eco-gardens in Zimbabwe. Your support this Lent can help families put food on the table.

How to give

- Donate at cafod.org.uk, call 0303 303 3030, click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code
- Pick up a donation envelope in church this weekend or use the contactless machines
- Online donations will be match-funded until CAFOD reaches £378,000

You can also join the Big Lent Walk - alone or with a group - and help communities working for a better future.

Every gift helps a family grow, survive and thrive — thank you.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us



CENTENARY EVENT - MARCH

🎵 FR ANDREW MOORE'S CENTENARY CONCERT - A NIGHT OF SACRED BEAUTY 🎵
SUNDAY 8TH MARCH AT 7PM - ST PETER'S CHURCH



The Winchester Camerata, conducted by Fr Andrew Moore, will be giving a concert in St Peter's as part of our centenary celebrations on **Sunday 8th March at 7.00 p.m.** The programme includes works by Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi, Britten and others, including Fr Andrew, and will reflect the liturgical and spiritual life of a church. Tickets are £20 (£5 for students) and are available by [clicking here](#), Scanning QR code or purchasing at the door.

Notice: evening Mass will be celebrated earlier at 5:00pm.

All proceeds from the event will support Trinity Winchester a charity dedicated to helping people experiencing homelessness. Come and share in an evening of music that lifts the soul and shines light into our community.

BOOK NOW!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33(32): 4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R. 22

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Stations of the Cross – Walking with Jesus this Lent: Throughout Lent, you are warmly invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross, a beautiful and prayerful way to walk with Jesus on his journey to the Cross and to reflect more deeply on his love for us. This traditional devotion offers a gentle space for silence, prayer and contemplation in the midst of busy lives. Stations will take place across the parish as follows:

- **Mondays at 7.00pm at St Stephen's,**
- **Wednesdays at 11.00am at St Thomas More**
- **Fridays at 11.30am at St Peter's**
- **Sundays at 5.30pm at St Gregory's.**

All are welcome to come and pray together as we journey through Lent.

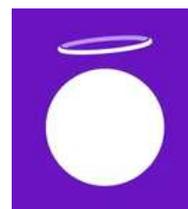
Small Groups - LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP – [click here](#) to join a small group during Lent to watch some beautiful videos on this subject from the John Paul II Institute for healing with Dr Bob Schutts and Sister Miriam Heidland, followed by a time of personal reflection and sharing

Contemplative Healing Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Night Prayer, in the Lady Chapel. Join us on **Weds 4th March at 7:45-9pm and Weds 11th March at 7:30-9pm** for quiet prayer and reflection as part of our Lenten journey, offering space to pause, breathe and turn our hearts back to God.

Pray Together This Lent with Hallow:

As part of our parish Lenten journey Return and Be Healed, we invite you to join our parish prayer community on the Hallow app. This will allow us to pray together each day through the Lent Pray40: The Return challenge, wherever we are. It's a simple way to stay connected in prayer throughout Lent. If you are new to Hallow, please follow these instructions:

- [Click on this link](#) on your phone, tablet or computer
- Search for our parish by name (St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs" or post code (SO23 8RY)
- Choose whether to redeem the 6-month parish trial (followed by 25% discount) or to skip and
- access the free version (we can always give you a discount code later)
- Follow the instructions to create an account
- Sign up for the "Lenten Challenge" – Lent Pray40: The Return
- Start praying with our parish community!
- If you're already on Hallow, simply search for our parish on the "Church" button at the bottom of the page and sign up for the Lenten Challenge.



Tip: Fr Mark suggests going to Settings - General - Privacy & Sharing and turning off "prayer completion sharing" until you're familiar with the app. Whether you're new to prayer or already have a routine, this is a gentle and supportive way to pray with your parish community throughout Lent.



Parish Families - exploring service and charity together in Lent: Join us with other families each Saturday in Lent from 3-4pm in St Stephen's Room, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre. We will explore acts of charity, serving the poor, solidarity and forgiveness in ways that our littlest family members can be part of. As we serve others, we are drawn closer to Jesus and live out our faith. **Whilst most suited to primary age, all are welcome as one parish family.** For more information, please contact: hpope@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

✦ **Lent Formation Day for Catechists:** Canon John Cooke warmly invites all new and experienced catechists to a Lent Formation Day at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham, on Saturday 14th March, 9.30 am–3.30 pm. Led by Sr Hyacinthe OP and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph from Sway, this day offers prayer, reflection, and inspiring formation to refresh and support your ministry during this Lenten season. Please bring a packed lunch, and if you hope to join us, email the parish to reserve your place. [Click here](#) to register.

❓ **Alpha – It's Not Too Late to Join:** Alpha has begun, but there's still time to come along! Join us for a warm meal, relaxed conversation and a safe space to explore life's big questions. Whether you're curious about faith or want to bring a friend, everyone is welcome. For more information or to sign up: alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



POPE LEO XIV - PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

March – For Disarmament and Peace: Pope Leo XVI invites us this month to pray that nations pursue effective disarmament, especially nuclear, and that leaders choose dialogue over violence. Let us join in his intention, lifting up our leaders and communities, asking God to guide hearts toward reconciliation, understanding, and lasting peace. In our prayers, may we help build a world that reflects the justice and mercy of Christ.

FUNERALS

Paul Gardner RIP.
Margaret Lanni RIP.

Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.

May God grant them eternal rest.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that as we continue our Lenten journey, our parish's "Return and Be Healed" initiatives lead us to healing, renewal, and hope.



PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Extended Eucharistic Adoration: There will be an extended period of adoration, from 9am-11am, this coming Friday 6th March in St. Peter's Church. This is a beautiful opportunity for anyone and everyone to simply spend some time "gazing at the Lord, whilst He gazes at you". You can come and go as you please during this time and stay for as little or as long as you wish.

🌙 **Compline – Evening Prayer at St Peter's:** Join us for Compline, the quiet, reflective night prayer of the Church, on **Friday 6th March at 9:00–9:30pm at St Peter's Church**. Come and experience this gentle, meditative service of scripture, chant, and silence – a perfect way to end the day in peace. 🎵 **Optional Rehearsal:** Anyone who would like to sing is warmly invited to join a rehearsal beforehand at 8:00pm. All are welcome – whether you wish to pray, listen, or sing.

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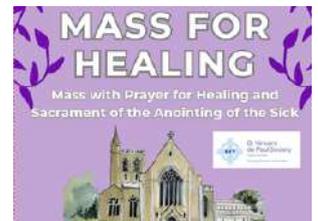


SPWM Youth Choir: 🎵 We are excited to announce that a new parish-wide Youth Choir is being formed, and we are inviting young people aged roughly 8–16 to get involved. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, grow in confidence, and use your voice in worship and celebration across the parish. If you'd like to find out more, come along to our next launch and information event on **Saturday 7th March, 12:00noon to 1:00pm** in Milner Hall. Parents and family are very welcome to attend and take part too. For more information or questions, please email: music@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

🎵 **Parish Organist Opportunity:** We are delighted to invite applications for a Parish Organist to support the worshipping life of St Peter's and The Winchester Martyrs. This paid role (fixed term to August 2026) includes playing for the monthly 10:30am Choir Mass at St Peter's, Cathedral Masses, rehearsals and other parish liturgies as agreed. We are looking for a skilled organist and pianist who values the richness of Catholic liturgy and would love to help lead our community in prayer through music. For further information, please [click here](#).

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SVP Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick: All are warmly invited to a special SVP Mass with Prayers for Healing and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday 21st March at 2.00pm at St Peter's Church**. A time of prayer, comfort and hope, followed by light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to attend and require transport - or if you are able to offer someone a lift - please email: SVP@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



St Peter's Minibus Ministry: Do you hold a D1 Licence? Could you help bring someone to 10.30am Sunday Mass, on the first Sunday of the month? We are looking for volunteer drivers with a D1 licence to assist our rota. Just 4 hours every 3-4 months could make a world of difference. If you've been thinking about volunteering and helping our Parish, come and join our team! To find out more, please contact: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Parish Consultation - Proposed Sale of the White House: The parish warmly invites all parishioners to review and reflect on the proposed sale of the White House (the old Covenant). This is an important step under the Charities Act 2011, ensuring transparency and giving everyone the opportunity to understand the proposal and share their views. We encourage you to read the details, consider the implications for our parish community, and take part in this consultation process. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Catholic Womens League (CWL) Soup & Pud: Join us for our welcoming Soup & Pud gathering on Friday 6th March 2026, 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm in the Pastoral Centre. Enjoy delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings for a suggested donation of £7 and take the opportunity to meet, chat, and share in the warmth of our parish community. Everyone is very welcome - come along, bring a friend, and leave nourished in body and spirit! All proceeds will be for Gold.

Winchester Catholic History Society – Medieval Monastic Gardens: Join us for an enlightening evening with Anna Withers at St Peter's Church Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 6.30 pm. Her talk, "Medieval Monastic Gardens", will explore how these gardens provided food, medicine, and places of peace and reflection for monastic communities, revealing the spiritual and practical life of the Middle Ages. For enquiries or to reserve your place, please email: win.cath.history@gmail.com

Winchester Catholic History Society – Talk by Diarmaid MacCulloch: Join us for an engaging evening with Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch at Winchester College, New Hall, on Thursday 24th April 2026 at 7.00 pm. His talk, "Smashing Images During the Reformation: Why Did They Do It, and Why Did They Stop?", explores the fascinating story of religious iconoclasm and its historical impact. This is a pre-booked event only, as places are limited and the College requires an accurate list of attendees for safeguarding. Enquiries or to reserve your place, please email: win.cath.history@gmail.com

BOOKSHOP

Lent Resources in the Parish Bookshop: As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, our Parish Bookshop is also well stocked with a thoughtful range of prayer books, Lent booklets, Stations of the Cross, Bible devotionals, and Bibles to support your journey of prayer and reflection. You'll also find a lovely selection of crosses, rosaries, and seasonal cards, including St Patrick's Day and Easter. Whether you're looking for something for yourself or a simple gift for someone else, these resources can help make Lent a more prayerful and meaningful time.

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SAFEGUARDING

A Gentle Message to Parents and Families - From Deacon Gerard – Parish Safeguarding Representative:

As a parish community, we truly cherish seeing families and children of all ages at St Peter's. From babies to teenagers, every child is a gift to our parish, and every family is a valued part of our community. Your presence brings life, joy, and warmth to our church, and we are deeply grateful for all that you contribute to parish life.

As a parish and as part of our wider diocesan family, we take safeguarding, care, and protection very seriously. We are committed to doing all that we can to ensure that St Peter's remains a safe, welcoming, and nurturing place for everyone. With that spirit of care, I would like to gently ask parents and carers to help make children aware of some of the everyday risks around the pastoral centre and parish grounds — such as people carrying hot drinks, some elderly parishioners who may be less steady on their feet, and cars moving through the car park and grounds.

For their safety and wellbeing, we kindly ask that children remain within your eyeline at all times, or that you know where they are. This includes ensuring they are not running up and down the stairs in the Pastoral Centre.

This message comes from a place of care, not criticism. It is simply part of our shared responsibility to look after one another — especially the youngest among us - and to keep St Peter's a safe, peaceful, and welcoming space for all. Thank you for your understanding, your kindness, and your continued support in caring for our parish family.

With gratitude and blessings, Deacon Gerard, Parish Safeguarding Representative.

PILGRIMAGE

✨**Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026** ✨ Bishop Philip warmly invites you to join the 2026 diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking place from **Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July**, departing from London Heathrow. Pilgrims will stay at the Hotel La Solitude, just moments from the Sanctuary, offering comfortable ensuite rooms, shared meals, and a welcoming base for this special journey. The pilgrimage includes visiting places connected with St Bernadette, taking part in the main pilgrimage celebrations, moments of quiet reflection, and opportunities to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. It is a beautiful opportunity to grow in faith, encounter God, and share in prayer with others.

The parish also has a limited fund available to offer financial support for assisted pilgrims or their carers (such as young helpers) who might otherwise be unable to take part. If this would help you, please speak to one of the priests or contact the parish office in confidence.

This pilgrimage is a chance to grow in faith, encounter God, and share a journey with fellow pilgrims.

✉ Email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

📅 Booking Form: [Click here](#)

YOUTH

Bosco Boys Camp – Adventure, Faith & Friendship: Calling all boys in Years 6–11! Come and discover the joy, friendship and adventure of the Bosco Boys Camp. Then, this summer, the Portsmouth Diocesan Don Bosco Boys' Camp takes place from **Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August at St Cassian's, Kintbury**. The week is packed with sport, trips, games, competitions and laughter – all rooted in our Catholic faith with daily Mass and prayer. It's a place where boys grow in confidence, friendship and faith. Cost: £280 (includes all food and activities) For more information, [click here](#) or Or email: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A Huge Thank You to Our Bosco Boys! Our heartfelt thanks for serving delicious bacon butties after the Sunday morning Masses at St Peter's last weekend - and to everyone who supported them with such generosity.

Your kindness helps inspire and empower the next generation of young people in our parish.

SCHOOL - ST PETER'S PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

For news and information about our wonderful Catholic Primary School, please [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Hogan

Assistant Priest: Fr Pedro José Hernández O'Hagan

Deacons: Tony Darlison & Martin McElroy

CONTACTS:

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

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office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

to be directed to the correct person. Parish Office Tel: 01962 852804

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 28 Feb of the 1 st Week of Lent	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Phelan Family, Living and Dead
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5.00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Victor Okon 50 th Birthday
Sun 1 Mar Second Sunday of Lent	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jenny, Len & Diana Westwood RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Liam Evans & Family
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	In Memory of Liz Slinn RIP
	10:30AM	Family Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's (with Grace Notes choir)	Peggy & Alec Kickham
Mon 2 Mar of the 2 nd Week of Lent	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Lady Chapel	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's, Lady Chapel	Richard Spencer & Celebrating local Priests
Tues 3 Mar of the 2 nd Week of Lent	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Lady Chapel	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Dead & Founders
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's, Lady Chapel	Sergio, Elena and All Deceased Family & Friends
Wed 4 Mar of the 2 nd Week of Lent	8:00AM	Mass & Morning Prayer at St Peter's Lady Chapel	Stainer Family
	10:00AM	Mass Cancelled	
	7:45PM to 9:00PM	Contemplative Healing Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Night Prayer - Lady Chapel	
Thur 5 Mar of the 2 nd Week of Lent	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Lady Chapel	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's, Lady Chapel	Neil Intentions
Fri 6 Mar of the 2 nd Week of Lent	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Lady Chapel	
	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Extended Eucharistic Adoration at St Peter's Lady Chapel	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Soul of Joannis Wells
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's, Lady Chapel	For Charities Supporting Adults with Learning Difficulties
Sat 7 Mar of the 2 nd Week of Lent	10:00AM	Cathedral Mass	Avril Ver Dury
	11:00AM to 12NOON	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory

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](#)