

# 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:

*Return and Be Healed*

*Easter Receptions*

*Holy Week & Easter Services*



## FATHER MARK WRITES: RETURN AND BE HEALED

At the beginning of Lent, we heard the Word of God through the prophet Joel: "Return to me with all your heart". This is what we've been trying to do, together as a community, during this Lenten season – to return to God, not half-heartedly or even 95%-heartedly but wholeheartedly. As we try and give our hearts completely to Him, we become increasingly aware of those things to which our hearts have become attached. For some of us, there are the "classics" that we try and give up each Lent (the chocolate, the alcohol, the meat, etc.). For some of us, we become more aware that we're attached to certain patterns of behaviour (the "habitual sins" that we can't seem to shift, like the gossiping or the lying or the acts of passive aggression). For some, the Lord has started to reveal to us the more serious sins in our lives, or the areas where we need to let go of resentment or bitterness and forgive (others, ourselves, God); or the Lord has shown us areas of our heart where we've kept him out, through shame or embarrassment or simply because we had closed that door to Him and forgotten it was even there.

In all of this, Jesus Christ wants to bring us healing. This Good Friday we will hear the Word of God again through the prophet Isaiah: "*with his wounds we are healed*".

### Holy Week & Easter

We are entering into the holiest and most beautiful week of the Church year, as we accompany Christ on his final steps towards the shameful death on the Cross and beyond to the joys of the Resurrection. This Holy Week, we get to see "close up" the wounds which our sin has inflicted upon Jesus, Our Saviour and Redeemer. We will hear how they were inflicted upon Him during His Passion and we will hear how the power of the Father's love overcame them. And, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we will hear how the Risen Christ is able to show His wounds to St. Thomas and to invite him to place his hands inside those wounds, by which we are healed.

This Holy Week and Easter, let us even more intentionally walk alongside Jesus, so that we may share in His Victory over death and the freedom and healing which He has won for us. May it be a blessed time for each and every one of you.

*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.



## SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS EASTER

Easter is a time of hope, new life, and gratitude. It's also a moment to appreciate the people who quietly make a difference in our lives – especially Fr Mark and Fr Pedro. Week after week, they guide us, pray for us, support our families, and lead our parish with care, wisdom, and kindness. Their work often happens behind the scenes, but it means so much to our whole community.

The Easter Offering is a special opportunity to give thanks and to support the life and ministry of the parish. Any contribution you can make will help sustain the work of the parish and its priests. If you cannot give financially, your prayers remain deeply valued and appreciated. All donations given on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, along with any applicable Gift Aid, will go towards supporting the priests of the parish. Every contribution over this weekend helps continue the mission and ministry of the Church.

This Easter, let's come together to show Fr Mark and Fr Pedro how much they are appreciated. Thank you for your generosity, your kindness, and your support. To help with the Easter Offering, you can make your donation in one of the following ways:

- An envelope marked "Priest's Easter Offering"
- Using the contactless terminals at St Peter's or St Stephen's
- By bank transfer (please see page 5 for details)

Please remember to reference "Easter Offering."

### Proposed Sale of The White House – Parish Consultation:

Following the recent email sent via ChurchSuite regarding the proposed sale of The White House, a briefing note has now been prepared explaining the background to this proposal and outlining the possible next steps in the process. Parishioners are warmly invited to read this information and to share any questions or comments with the parish office - [office@stpeterswichester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswichester.org.uk).

There will also be an opportunity to discuss the proposal in person at a parish meeting on **Wednesday 8th April at 7.00pm in the Pastoral Centre**. Daniel Bowyer, Diocesan Director of Estates, and Piotr Nahajski, Chair of the Parish Finance and Property Advisory Committee, will be present to listen to parishioners' views and answer questions.

Please [click here](#) to read the briefing note.

Please [click here](#) to read public notice under section 121 (2) of the Charities Act 2011

Please [click here](#) to read the parish report dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Stations of the Cross – Walking with Jesus this 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. Stations will take place across the parish as follows:

- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am at St Stephen's**
- **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Good Friday - 11.00am at St Thomas More**
- **Good Friday - 12.00noon at St Peter's**
- **Palm Sunday - 5.30pm at St Gregory's.**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP

**Journey in Faith Candidates to be received into the Church at Easter:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

**Catechumens:** Joe, Oliver, Ewan, Alec. **Candidates:** Simon, Mark, Kieran, Oscar. Martha. **Candidate already received in January:** Joshua. **Adult Catholics being confirmed:** Tom, George.

### ENTRANCE GOSPEL

Mathew 21:1-11

### FIRST READING

*First reading: Isaiah  
50:4-7*

*Responsorial Psalm: Ps  
22(21): 8-9. 17-18a. 19-20.  
23-24. R. 2a*

My God, my God, why  
have you forsaken me?

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Gospel Acclamation: Ph 2:8-9*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of  
eternal glory.**

Christ became for us obedient  
to the point of death, even  
death on a cross. Therefore  
God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the  
name that is above every name.

### GOSPEL

Matthew 26: 14-27:66

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Cf. Mt 26:42**

Father, if this chalice  
cannot pass without my  
drinking it, your will be  
done.



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Holy Week:** The week preceding Easter, from Passion (Palm) Sunday through Holy Saturday inclusive. During this week the Church commemorates the Passion of Christ, and all the ceremonies reflect this attitude of sorrow, yet joined with gratitude for God's mercy in becoming man in order to suffer and die for a sinful mankind.

**Palm Sunday:** The Sunday before Easter and the sixth and last of Lent, and the beginning of Holy Week. On this day the Church commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when olive and palm branches were strewn in his path. In the liturgy the memorial of this event is included in every Mass, with the procession.

**Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday:** Palm Sunday wouldn't be the same without palm fronds and the beautiful crosses made from them. With a little practice, these simple yet meaningful symbols can be made in just a few minutes. If you would like to learn how to make one, [click here](#) for a helpful step-by-step guide.



**The Sacred Paschal Triduum:** Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, the keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen. As we enter these sacred days, all are warmly invited to take part in the **Family Way of the Cross at 9.45am on Friday, 3rd April at St Peter's** - a prayerful and accessible opportunity for families and parishioners of all ages to walk together with Christ on the path to the Cross."

**Easter Food Blessing - Święcone:** The Easter blessing of food is taking place at **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon at St Peter's church**. All are welcome!

**Bookshop:** The parish bookshop has a lovely selection of Easter cards, perfect for sharing the joy and hope of the Resurrection with family and friends., along with Bibles, missals, prayer books, crosses, rosaries and small gifts. Do stop by and have a look, and thank you for supporting the parish bookshop and its place in the life of our parish community.

**Travelling to St Gregory's during roadworks:** Due to ongoing gas main renewal works in Alresford, access to St Gregory's via Jacklyns Lane is currently closed. Please use the following alternative routes: Alternative routes:

- From Cheriton – use Salisbury Road and Roseberry Road.
- From Ropley / Four Marks – continue past Perins on West Street, turn left into Bridge Road, then left again into Grange Road. If using satnav, the postcode is SO24 9HB (1 Grange Road, Alresford).

**CWL Soup and Pud Lunch:** The next Lunch will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Friday 10th April, 12.30pm-2pm** supporting Naomi House and Jackspace, who offer care and support for seriously ill children, young adults and their families. Delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings for a suggested donation of £7, all are welcome to join.

**St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub:** Are you new to this country and looking for information about seeking sanctuary, or would you like support with learning English? St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub offers a warm welcome and practical help for those who may need guidance or companionship as they settle into life here. For more information or to get in touch, please contact Lesley Sheldon Browning at [LSBrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:LSBrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk). [Click here](#) for further information.

## GOOD FRIDAY SECOND COLLECTION - HOLY PLACES, FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

The Good Friday Second Collection supports the care of sacred sites and Christian communities in the Holy Land. Each year, donations from churches around the world help the Franciscan friars maintain important holy places such as the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, the Basilica of the Nativity, and the Basilica of the Annunciation, while also supporting schools, homes, jobs and pastoral work for local Christian families.

Your generosity helps sustain the Christian presence in the land where Jesus lived, died and rose again.

Please [click here](#) for the Press Release from the Holy See. [Click here](#) to donate or find out more about the appeal.



## SCHOOL - ST PETER'S PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## NEWS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

**Bishop Philip: Statement on Decriminalisation of Abortion:** Bishop Philip has issued a pastoral message to the clergy and faithful of the Diocese following the recent vote in the House of Lords on proposed legislation concerning the decriminalisation of abortion. In his statement, he reflects on the dignity and sanctity of human life, encourages prayer for the protection of the unborn, and invites us as Catholics to continue witnessing to the value of every human life with compassion and hope. [Click here](#) to read Bishop Philip's full message.

## FUNERALS

Victoria Kilkenny RIP - 12.15pm , 14<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter's.

Francis Martin RIP. Michael Walton RIP.

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

**May God grant them eternal rest.**

## PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that our Holy Week liturgies may be a time of prayer and blessing, drawing us into deeper union with Christ through his journey.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 28 Mar</b> of the 5th Week of Lent	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Maria Agullo RIP
	9.30AM to 10.30AM	Confessions at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5.00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
<b>Sunday VIGIL</b> Palm Sunday	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Martínez del Cerro Families RIP & Maria Agullo RIP
<b>Sun 29 Mar</b> Palm Sunday	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Richard Spencer & Concelebrating Local Priests
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Violet Freeston RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Yvonne Morris RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Repose of the Soul of Richard Corbett
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For Those Preparing to be Received at Easter
<b>Mon 30 Mar</b> of Holy Week	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Jose Francisco Palomino Family & Martinez de Cerro Family
<b>Tues 31 Mar</b> of Holy Week	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer, Adoration &amp; Mass at St Peter's</b>	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Neil Intentions
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral</b>	
<b>Wed 1 Apr</b> of Holy Week	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Margarite Thatstart
<b>Thur 2 Apr</b> Maundy Thursday	7:30PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Peter's followed by Altar of Repose	People of the Parish
	8:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Gregory's followed by Altar of Repose	People of the Parish
	11:40PM	Night Prayer at St Peter's	
<b>Fri 3 Apr</b> Good Friday	9:30AM	Stations of the Cross at St Stephen's	
	9:45AM	Family Way of the Cross St Peter's	
	12.00noon	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's	
	3:00PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Gregory's	
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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Thank You This Easter:** As we come to the joy of Easter, we want to take a moment to thank you for your engagement with the Lenten season. Whether you joined us in prayer, Mass, confession, small groups, or acts of service, your participation has made this a truly living and growing community of faith.

Lent was a time to reflect, to pause, and to make space for God in our lives. Holy Week and Easter show us that even the darkest moments are not the end—because Christ's love brings light, healing, and hope. By walking this journey together, we learn that faith is not just something we believe, but something we live and share with one another.

May the joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes. May you feel renewed in hope, strengthened in love, and inspired to share God's life with those around you. Thank you for being part of our parish family, for your prayers, your kindness, and your witness. Every small step, every prayer, every act of love helps to bring God's light into the world.

Let us go forward together in this Easter season, celebrating the life and joy that Christ offers each one of us.

**Divine Mercy Sunday – 12th April, 3.00pm:** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



**Prayer Corner:** Let us pray that our Easter celebrations may help us experience the wonder of new life in Christ's resurrection, bringing hope and joy to our parish and all our welcome guests.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I HAVE risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### FIRST READING

*First reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

*Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118(117): 1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. 24*

This is the delay the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

### SECOND READING

*Philippians Colossians 3:1-4*

*Gospel Acclamation: 1 Co 5:7b-8a*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

*R. Alleluia.*

### GOSPEL John 20:1-9

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*Cf. 1 Co 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**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:

[www.catholicwinchester.org.uk](http://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk) or email

[office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto: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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 4 Apr</b> Holy Saturday	9:00AM	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at St Peter's	
	12:00noon	Blessing of Food	
	8:00PM	Easter Vigil at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8:00PM	Easter Vigil at St Peter's	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 5 Apr</b> Easter Sunday	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 6 Apr</b> Monday within Octave of Easter	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Souls of Jack & Teresa Laishley
<b>Tues 7 Apr</b> Tuesday within Octave of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Soul of Ann Wheble
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Hancock Family RIP
<b>Wed 8 Apr</b> Wednesday within Octave of Easter	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer, Adoration &amp; Mass at St Peter's</b>	The Soul of Peter & Kathleen Cook
<b>Thur 9 Apr</b> Thursday within Octave of Easter	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Deceased Members of Fumani Family
<b>Fri 10 Apr</b> Friday within Octave of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Benefactors
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the repose of the Souls of Sister Barbara & Sister Joan Henry
<b>Sat 11 Apr</b> Saturday within Octave of Easter  <b>Sunday VIGIL</b> Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
	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	Souls in Purgatory

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