

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:

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FATHER MARK WRITES: STOP, LISTEN, GO AND SERVE

Service isn't about what God gets from us. It's about what God wants for us.

The world is full of advice about how to live well. We are encouraged to pursue power, possessions, pleasure, and prominence. And yet, if we are honest, something in us still longs for more. Beneath all the noise, many of us are really searching for meaning and purpose.

Meaning grows when our lives contribute to others. We want to matter - to our families, to our friends, and to our communities. We even dare to hope that the world might be a little better because we have lived in it. That longing is not a weakness; it is a sign that we are made for love, for relationship, and for service.

Easter celebrates the life of the one person whose life changed the world more than any other. Jesus lived, died, and rose again as one continuous act of service for humanity. And the early Church, as the Acts of the Apostles shows us, continued that work by preaching God's love, sharing it in action, and forming communities that modelled that love by serving one another.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus offers us an image that goes straight to the heart: *"He who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep... The sheep hear his voice; he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."* (John 10:3-4)

In Jesus' day, different flocks were kept together overnight in a single sheepfold. In the morning, each shepherd would call, and only his sheep would recognise his voice and follow him. Jesus is teaching us that faith is not just about effort or good intentions; it is about relationship. Fulfilment comes from learning to recognise his voice and choosing to follow him.

One of the great blessings of serving in ministry is that it deepens that relationship. Service is rarely glamorous; often it is quiet, unnoticed, and simple. But when we serve, the love of Jesus is allowed to work through us. In that process, we come to know him more intimately. Just as working alongside others shapes relationships, allowing Christ to work in and through us draws us closer to him.

Jesus continues the image: *"When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."* (John 10:4)

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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.



The shepherd leads to good things: protection, direction, and provision. Psalm 23 expresses this trust beautifully: "The Lord is my shepherd... He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside restful waters; he restores my soul."

We follow because we have learned that the Shepherd leads us away from death and towards life. And that matters, because there are many other voices competing for our attention. These voices promise fulfilment through what we acquire, achieve, or consume. Some of these things may be good, but they are not big enough to satisfy the infinite longings of our heart.

Jesus calls each of us by name and says: Sit with me; Become like me; Go with me. If you're ready to explore going and serving with Jesus in one of our parish ministries, please fill in the form at the bottom of this page -

<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/serve> - or contact the parish office: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or 01962 852804.

Week of Guided Prayer – Perfect for Busy People: *Take some time out. Be supported by a guide. Learn new ways of praying. Spend some quality time with God.*

As part of our Centenary celebrations, we are delighted to offer a Week of Guided Prayer from **10th–16th May**, led by a team of trained prayer guides from the Jesuits. This week is designed to fit alongside your daily life. You are invited to spend around 30 minutes each day in personal prayer, together with a short daily meeting (up to 30 minutes) with an experienced prayer guide who will gently accompany you through the week. Meetings can take place either in person or online.

The week begins with an opening session on Sunday 10th May at 4.00pm, and concludes with a closing gathering on Friday 15th May at 7.00pm. There will also be two optional workshops during the week, open to all, exploring different aspects of prayer. There is no need to feel unsure - the guides are experienced and will help you feel at ease. This is a simple and accessible way to deepen your relationship with God. A suggested contribution of £20 (students) or £50 (others) is invited to help cover the costs of the week.

If this would be difficult, or if you have any questions before registering, please contact the Parish Office at office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. For further information, please [click here](#).

Please [click here](#) to register your interest by 3rd May. But don't worry - you can still join later!

SECOND COLLECTION - DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund takes place on Sunday 26th of April. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 10 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. 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. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Please support our seminarians in their journey by making a donation to this Fund. For more information, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code on the right. Thank you.



Your prayers for them are deeply appreciated as they discern and faithfully respond to God's call to serve.

White House Consultation Update and Next Steps: Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the recent consultation regarding the future of the White House. Following careful reflection, the parish is now taking a short period to explore several key points in more detail before any final decision is made. There is also a final opportunity to share ideas for how the White House might support and develop our parish mission. Please [click here](#) to read the full update and find out more.



THE MAY ROSARY CHAIN 2026

Every year we offer an opportunity for our parishioners to join a chain of prayer. This year our theme is Peace in our World. If you would like to join in please email us and let us know and we will try and find a date that works for you. We hope you will join in! office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



ENTRANCE GOSPEL

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 2:14a, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5.6. R. 1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1 Peter 2:20b-25

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 10:1-10

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



MUSIC

Hearts on Fire – An Evening of Prayer and Worship - You are warmly invited to join us on **Sunday 26 April at 7pm in the Milner Hall**. Come and be part of something truly beautiful: an evening of prayer, Eucharistic adoration, joyful praise and worship music, and quiet time to encounter the Lord. *Come and rest in God's presence, be renewed in faith, and allow your heart to be refreshed through prayer and song. All are very welcome.*



Sung Compline – First Fridays at St Peter's: Step into stillness with Latin Sung Compline, the Church's Night Prayer, on Friday **1st May at 9.00pm in St Peter's Church**. No need to sing - simply come and pray. If you'd like to try Gregorian Chant, join the rehearsal at 8.00pm beforehand. Sung Compline is held on the first Friday of every month - a new rhythm of prayer, beauty and peace at the heart of our parish.

Jubilee Choir at St Stephen's – Sing with Us! Calling all singers - you are warmly invited to be part of our Jubilee Choir at St Stephen's. We will be singing Mendelssohn's "How lovely are the messengers" at the **9.15am Mass on Sunday 3rd May**. Rehearsals take place on Sundays 19th and 26th May, 10.30–11.30am at St Stephen's. Come along and join in! For music scores and more information, please email: ststephens@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Centenary Poem – A Creative Invitation: As part of our Centenary Celebrations at St Peter's Church, we were honoured and privileged to receive a beautiful poem written by one of our parishioners, Kate Lovatt. This was shared during the Light of the World celebrations in February and warmly received by all who heard it. We would now love to celebrate this special piece in a lasting and visually inspiring way.



We are inviting any calligraphers within our parish community whether experienced or emerging, who might be willing to lend their artistic gifts to create a handwritten version of this poem. This would become a treasured keepsake, thoughtfully displayed in St Peter's as a lasting reminder of our centenary year. If you have a passion for calligraphy and would enjoy contributing to this meaningful project, we would be delighted to hear from you. Your creativity could help bring this poem to life in a truly unique and uplifting way. If you feel you may be able to assist, please contact the parish office in the first instance: Email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk, Phone: 01962 852804.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our shared story through art, faith, and community.

SAVE THE DATE! Celebration Mass of Marriages at St Peter's: On Saturday 3rd October at 11.00am, we will celebrate a special Mass marking 100 years of weddings in our beautiful parish church of St Peter's. We warmly invite all couples who were married at St Peter's, whether recently or many years ago — as well as those preparing to be married here — to join us for this joyful celebration. Wherever you are now, in the parish or anywhere in the world, you are very welcome.

Please help us spread the word so that everyone who has celebrated marriage at St Peter's feels invited.

More details and information on how to register coming soon!!



PARISH BOOKSHOP

Parish Bookshop - Celebrating Special Moments in Faith: With First Holy Communion and Confirmation approaching, why not visit our bookshop? You'll find a beautiful selection of cards and meaningful gifts, along with Bibles, prayer books and rosaries to mark these special occasions.

Thank you for your support.



WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Catherine Monk and Ioan Davies who were married on Monday, 20th April at St Peter's. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.

In the coming months, the following couples will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at St Peter's: James Smith & Chanella Luz, Jophina Kottam & Callum Boyden, Helena Mills & Paul North, Martha Almeida & Tom Garth, Denis Stokes & Rosemarie Loveridge.

We look forward to their joyful celebrations.

FUNERAL

We pray for Piotr Ptak RIP - **May God grant him eternal rest.**

BAPTISM

We welcome Elizabeth Maryam Rose Phillips, who was baptised at St Peter's church last week.

May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that we may realise our calling to serve within and beyond our parish with willing and generous hearts.



“The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall want.”
(Psalm 23:1)



DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

The Thomistic Institute: You are warmly invited to an evening with the Thomistic Institute at the University of Southampton, exploring one of life's biggest questions: Does God exist? Professor Gaven Kerr will draw on the rich intellectual tradition of the Church, especially the thought of St Thomas Aquinas. The talk takes place on **Thursday 30th April at 7.00pm at the University of Southampton (Highfield Campus) Building 58, Room 1007**. This is a free event and open to all, whether you are curious or would like to explore the question more deeply. For more details, please [click here](#) and to register your interest in attending [click here](#).



Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP: Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation for the Diocese, is organising a formation morning for EMHC on **Saturday 9th May 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester**. There will be a welcome session from Fr Anthony, a talk by Fr Jeremy Corley focussing on the Eucharist in the sacred scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: “Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the eucharist?”. All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. Please register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Study with the Maryvale Institute: Want to deepen your faith or get more involved in the life of the Church? Explore a range of courses for all levels. To find out more, please [click here](#).

Portsmouth Diocese - Pilgrimage to Lourdes – July 2026: You are warmly invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026. This will be a time of prayer, pilgrimage and community, with opportunities for Mass, the Sacraments and participation in the major liturgies at the Sanctuary. To book or find out more, please email by [clicking here](#) or [click here](#) for the booking form.

Portsmouth Diocese - Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi – July 2026: You are warmly invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026. This pilgrimage offers the chance to explore the lives and witness of St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati, visiting key places connected with both saints, including their tombs and important sites in their lives. The itinerary also includes time for prayer, reflection and visits to significant churches and shrines. Flights, accommodation, meals and local travel are included. To find out more or to book, please [click here](#).



COMMUNITY

Churches Together in Winchester - Arts & Crafts Café – Volunteers Evening: A new arts and crafts café is being launched as part of Renew Wellbeing in Winchester, and volunteers are warmly invited to an information evening on **Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm at Winchester Baptist Church**. Come along to hear the vision, meet others and see how you might get involved. For further information please [click here](#).



Trinity Big Sleep Out – Friday 19th June: This year, Trinity marks 40 years of serving our community and you are invited to be part of their 13th Big Sleep Out. Taking place at Winchester Rugby Club, this powerful event raises awareness and vital funds to help prevent homelessness locally. It's a chance to stand in solidarity with those who face the reality of sleeping without a home, and to make a real difference. Could you take part? To find out more and register, please [click here](#).

SCHOOL - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY 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: www.catholicwinchester.org.uk or email 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 25 Apr St Mark	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Rev. J. Martin
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confessions	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confessions	
Sunday VIGIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Sun 26 Apr FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Whiteman/Brooks Families RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's (Cross Keys Choir)	For the Intentions of Clementine Wilson
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Katherine Smith
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of the Way & Corcoran Families
Mon 27 Apr 4 th Week of Easter	8:00PM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Lord Robin Bridgeman RIP
Tues 28 Apr St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignion de Montfort	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Soul of Rachel Ward
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Wed 29 Apr St Catherine of Siena	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Thur 30 Apr 4 th Week of Easter	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Mary Keating
Fri 1 May St Joseph the Worker	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's Cancelled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub
Sat 2 May St Athanasius	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	With Thanks to God
	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	Nanette Masson

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](#)