

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 PEDRO WRITES:

THE BLESSED TRINITY: ETERNALLY SHARED LOVE

We can imagine the amazement of the disciples when Christ told them: *"I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak"* (John 12:49). From then onwards they must have listened to every word of Jesus in its relation to the Father. Saint Paul later understood this relation to be by means of the Spirit, as he wrote: *"no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God"* (1Cor 2:11). Putting these ideas together, we understand that Christ speaks of the Father, and that the Father speaks through Him by the Holy Spirit.

St. Thomas Aquinas describes the Holy Spirit as the tangible love between the Father and the Son, all Three being God eternally existent and self-sustaining. This Love, as is the case of all love, wills to be shared.

Christ reveals how the Father has shared everything with Him: *"All things have been given to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him"* (Matthew 11:27). Keeping in mind St Paul's affirmation that the Spirit of God knows the thoughts of God (cfr. 1Cor 2:11), we gather that the Father shares everything with the Son by the Holy Spirit.

The Father is fully God, the Son is fully God, and the Holy Spirit is fully God, with not one being more so than the other, but all, individually in their Persons and taken as a whole, fully being God. The Love between them is so great that they have willed to share the fullness of Divinity with each other for ever.

God is eternally "Being" through the relationship between the Three Persons that are all One God. For Love must be shared to be, or it would simply not exist. Now God is Love eternally existent for *"He who does not love does not know God, for God is Love"* (1 John 4:8). All Three share deep affection with one another since all Eternity. This is clearly possible in the relational Triune God of Christianity with Father loving Son and Son loving Father perfectly and eternally through the Holy Spirit.

I would like to say thank you to Oliver Russell, a neophyte who was recently baptised at St Peter's Church - Easter Vigil Mass. Oliver kindly wrote an article on The Trinity, from which I have extracted inspiration for my thought for the week.

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.

Pentecost Celebrations and Thanks

✨ **One City. One Faith. One Spirit.** ✨ On Sunday 24th May, St Peter's was filled with joy as we hosted the Churches Together in Winchester Pentecost Ecumenical Service during our centenary year. It was a blessing to welcome Christians from across the city, gathering as one in unity, warmly received by Fr Mark Hogan. We were honoured to be joined by the new Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Jamie Scott, and his wife, alongside local church leaders and congregations. This celebration reflected the heart of Pentecost—bringing people together in hope and mission, a powerful witness to unity in Christ. As we continue our journey as A Place for All, we pray the Holy Spirit will inspire us to share the love of Jesus across Winchester.

🙏 **Our heartfelt thanks to all who made our Pentecost celebrations so special** — across the Masses, Confirmation, and this wonderful ecumenical gathering. In particular, we thank our priests and deacons, visiting ministers and leaders, the Churches Together in Winchester team, volunteers, musicians, readers, and all who helped organise, welcome, and serve. Your dedication, faith, and spirit of collaboration made this such a joyful and meaningful celebration.

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Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed:

Please continue to keep in your prayers the young people and adults of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Philip Egan at St Peter's on Pentecost Sunday. We give thanks for the many ways the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives and pray that they may continue to grow in faith, courage and joy as disciples of Christ.

Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit - Claris Ceser, Isabella Chalmers, Romany Chalmers, Antoine Cottereau, Arthur Cottereau, Sam Duffy, Will Duffy, Anna Felstead, Jino Johnson, Edith Lai, Nicholas Ledwaba, Maeve McNamara, Amanda Makowska, Bella Martinez, Karolina Miller, Joshua Orosz, Anna Rakowicz, Hamish Rijju, Lordina Sarfo, Magnus Scallan, Mia Smith, Maja Freiin von Strachwitz, Sophie Wall, Leo Weekes, Alicja Wenger, Cora Wyatt.

CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion 2027 – Information Evening, Monday 1st June, 7.00–8.15pm, Pastoral Centre Hall: If your child will be in Year 4 or above next academic year and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, please come along to find out more. Families of children currently in Year 2 who may be ready next year are also warmly encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to hear about the preparation journey and ask questions. Please contact Rosanne at fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk for more information or if you have further questions.

POPE LEO XIV - ENCYCLICAL LETTER & PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Please find the **Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas**, on the safeguarding of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence here: [Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Leo XIV Magnifica Humanitas](#).

Pope Leo invites Catholics around the world to join him in praying a **rosary for peace at 6pm on 30th May**. More info [HERE](#).

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CWL Soup and Pud Lunch: The next Lunch will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Friday 5th June, 12.30pm-2pm** supporting Catholic Women's League Charities. Delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings will be served for a suggested donation of £7, all are very welcome to join.

Extended Eucharistic Adoration – First Fridays: There will be an extended period of adoration, from 9am-midday, this coming **Friday 5th June 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. We are, however, specifically looking for 2 people to "cover" each hour, so from 9-10am; 10-11am; 11am-midday. Please let the office know if you are available to cover one of these slots

Sung Compline – First Fridays at St Peter's: Step into stillness with Latin Sung Compline, the Church's Night Prayer, on **Friday 5th June 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.

ENTRANCE GOSPEL

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING

First reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3:52.

53. 54. 55. 56. R. 52b
To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

SECOND READING

Corinthians 13: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf: Ga 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
2 Corinthians 13:13



10.00am Mass at Winchester Cathedral - Saturday 6th June: We are delighted to welcome visitors from Christ the King Parish, Windsor & Ascot, who will be joining us for the Cathedral Mass as part of their visit to Winchester. We look forward to welcoming all those attending and hope they enjoy their time with us in our beautiful city. As many of our visitors will be experiencing the Cathedral and Lady Chapel for the first time, parishioners attending the Mass are kindly invited, where possible, to allow our guests to be seated in the Lady Chapel itself. Thank you for helping us offer a warm Winchester welcome and for your kindness and consideration.

Corpus Christi Sunday 7th June: You're warmly invited to join the Corpus Christi procession after the 10:30am Mass at St Peter's. We'll walk with the Blessed Sacrament through the grounds and briefly along St Peter Street, pausing in the Peterhouse garden for Benediction. (Those needing to leave may do so at the start of the procession.) At 4:00pm, Adoration and Sung Vespers will be held in St Peter's Church. Vespers – the Church's evening prayer – is especially beautiful on this feast. Our musicians will help make it a truly prayerful celebration. All are welcome.

Organist Vacancy – St Peter's Church, Winchester: St Peter's Church, Winchester, is seeking a talented and enthusiastic Organist to support the liturgical life of our parish through music and worship. This part-time role offers an opportunity to become part of a welcoming parish community and contribute to the prayer and mission of the Church. For further details and information on how to apply, please [click here](#). Applications may also be submitted directly via email to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and should be received **by Sunday 7th June 2026**.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass: This year the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass will be on Saturday 20th June 2026, at 11am at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend.

St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs - Centenary Pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham, Norfolk: When August Monday 10th / Tuesday 11th. Departing St Peter's 6.30am by coach. Monday 10th - travel to Holkham Hall for a day exploring the magnificent Hall and gardens, [Holkham Hall & Estate | Norfolk, England](#) before travelling onto our overnight accommodation in Walsingham. [Elmham House - the Shrine's Pilgrim Hotel - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady](#). Tuesday 11th - a day spent at the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady [Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham](#) taking part in the daily programme of services to include Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Pilgrim Mass, and others and the opportunity to explore the Shrine, Slipper Chapel and grounds. Depart Walsingham late afternoon with a meal stop en route (cost not included), return to Winchester by circa 9/9.30pm. What is included in the cost - return transport by coach from Winchester. Overnight accommodation in simple single rooms with shared bathroom facilities, dinner, breakfast, and packed lunch, entrance to Holkham Hall and Gardens. Cost £203 per person. For more information or booking please contact pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

SCHOOL - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vacancy – After School Club Assistant: St Peter's Catholic Primary School is seeking an enthusiastic After School Club Assistant to join the team from September 2026. The role is term-time only, working from 3.30pm–6.00pm, with flexibility for one or two afternoons a week. The position is offered on a casual sessional basis at £43.39 per session. For further details and information on how to apply, please contact the school office or [click here](#).

St Peter's School Summer Fête – Saturday 20th June: Come along to the St Peter's School Summer Fête on Saturday 20th June, 12 noon–3.00pm, for a fun-filled afternoon for all the family. There will be inflatables, games, a circus workshop, cakes, glitter tattoos, books, toys, plants, a raffle and plenty of delicious food to enjoy. This is one of the school's most important fundraising events of the year, so do come along and support the school community if you can. For news and information about our wonderful Catholic Primary School, please [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

FUNERALS

We pray for Vangie Hoare RIP, Edward Gumbrell RIP - 8th June at 2.00pm at St Peter's Church, Mary Mackrill RIP - 10th June at 12.30pm at St Peter's Church, Brigadier Andrew James Paviour RIP - 30th June at 1.30pm at St Peter's Church and Rev Kevin Bidgood RIP.

May God grant them eternal rest.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Thomas Garth & Martha Almeida, who were married on Monday, 25th May at St Peter's. **May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.**

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for all those attending the Acorn retreat this weekend, that they may grow in faith and friendship, strengthening mutual support within our community.



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.



A PLACE FOR ALL



ST PETER'S CHURCH, WINCHESTER CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS – JULY 2026

A Century of Faith, Prayer and Community

This July, our parish family will celebrate a very special milestone - one hundred years since the first Mass was offered in the present St Peter's Church building in 1926. Whilst the church building marks its centenary this year, the Catholic story in Winchester stretches back much further still. From the witness of the Winchester Martyrs to the historic chapel built by Bishop Milner in 1792, generations of faithful people have prayed, worshipped and served here through times of challenge and blessing alike.

Over the course of three celebrations in July, we invite parishioners past and present, friends of the parish and the wider community to come together in thanksgiving for all that God has done through St Peter's and The Winchester Martyrs Parish over the last century.

Whether you have been part of the parish for many decades, joined more recently, were baptised or married here, sang in the choir, attended one of our schools, worshipped with us whilst at university, or simply hold St Peter's close to your heart you are warmly invited.

Our Centenary Celebrations:

- Tuesday 14th July at 7:00pm**
Solemn Ecumenical Vespers for the Vigil of St Swithun
followed by a simple reception. Please [click here](#) to register:
- Wednesday 15th July at 11:00am**
Centenary Mass on the Solemnity of St Swithun
followed by a simple reception. Please [click here](#) to register
- Saturday 18th July at 5:30pm - A Gathering of Parishioners Past and Present**
including the Vigil Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
followed by a simple reception. Please [click here](#) to register

There is no charge to attend any of the celebrations. However, to help us plan appropriately for seating, hospitality and the safe running of these events, we kindly ask that all those wishing to attend complete the relevant registration form(s) by: **Monday 29 June 2026**. We would be especially grateful if those with longstanding connections to the parish could respond as soon as possible, as this will greatly assist our planning for what we hope will be a joyful and memorable occasion for all.

As we expect these celebrations to be very well attended, parking around St Peter's and the Parish Pastoral Centre will be limited across all three events. A small number of on-site spaces, including accessible parking, will need to be reserved in advance for invited guests, clergy and those with particular mobility needs. We would therefore be very grateful if parishioners and visitors could consider making use of public car parks in Winchester where possible, or arranging to be dropped off if convenient. Anyone with accessibility or mobility requirements is warmly encouraged to let us know when registering so that we can do our very best to assist. Please [click here](#) to access a map of nearby Winchester city centre car parks.

We look forward to celebrating together as one parish family and giving thanks for a century of worship, witness and community at St Peter's Church.

Fr Mark Hogan
Parish Priest

PICK UP YOUR CENTENARY EVENTS 2026 FLYER AT THE BACK OF CHURCH!

For more details on events and updates, please check the newsletter, visit the 'Centenary' website page or email us on: centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



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**MASS TIME
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TRINITY SUNDAY - 31ST MAY 2026 | YEAR A

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 30 May Our Lady	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Beatrice Zulu
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL The Most Holy Trinity	5:30PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's	Philomea Powell RIP
	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Sun 31 May The Most Holy Trinity	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Christine Slight & for Her Intentions
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Kevin McLaughlin RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Peter Quick RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Richard Spencer & Concelebrating Local Priests
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Walter G. Sandell (Junior) RIP
	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Mon 1 June St Justin	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Richard Spencer & Concelebrating Local Priests
	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Tues 2 June St Marcellinus & Peter	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's Cancelled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Rupert Prince & for His Intentions
	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Wed 3 June St Charles Lwanga & Companions	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Ryan Kelliher RIP
	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Thur 4 June Week 9 of Ordinary Time	10:00PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary McKenna
	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Fri 5 June St Boniface	8:00AM to 12:00 noon	Morning Prayer & Extended Adoration at St Peter's (8:00am to 12 noon)	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's Cancelled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	CWL Members Past & Present
	9:00PM	Latin Compline at St Peters	
Sat 6 June St Norbert	10:00AM	Winchester Cathedral Mass	Andrew Gardiner RIP
	11:00AM to 12.00 noon	Confession at St Peter's	
	2:30PM	Prayer & Benediction (Windsor Visitors) at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL Corpus Christi	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mollie & John O'Donoghue

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**](#)

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