

# PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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 THE PARISH  
OF ST PETER

& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

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- *Parish Party - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June & Centenary Book Launch!*
- *St Peter's Church Centenary Celebrations - July '26*



## POPE FRANCIS WRITES:

### (HOMILY, SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, 2021)

Two great Apostles of the Gospel and two pillars of the Church: Peter and Paul. Today we celebrate their memory. Let us take a closer look at these two witnesses of faith. At the heart of their story is not their own gifts and abilities; at the centre is the encounter with Christ that changed their lives. They experienced a love that healed them and set them free. They then became apostles and ministers of freedom for others.

*Peter and Paul were free because they were set free.* Let us reflect on this central point

Peter, the fisherman from Galilee, was set free above all from his sense of inadequacy and his bitter experience of failure, thanks to the unconditional love of Jesus. Although a skilled fisher, many times, in the heart of the night, he tasted the bitterness of frustration at having caught nothing (cf. Lk 5:5; Jn 21:5) and, seeing his empty nets, was tempted to pull up his oars. Though strong and impetuous, Peter often yielded to fear (cf. Mt 14:30). Albeit a fervent disciple of the Lord, he continued to think by worldly standards, and thus failed to understand and accept the meaning of Christ's cross (cf. Mt 16:22). Even after saying that he was ready to give his life for Jesus, the mere suspicion that he was one of Christ's disciples led him in fright to deny the Master (cf. Mk 14:66-72).

Jesus nonetheless loved Peter and was willing to take a risk on him. He encouraged Peter not to give up, to lower his nets once more, to walk on water, to find the strength to accept his own frailty, to follow him on the way of the cross, to give his life for his brothers and sisters, to shepherd his flock. In this way, Jesus set Peter free from fear, from calculations based solely on worldly concerns. He gave him the courage to risk everything and the joy of becoming a fisher of men. It was Peter whom Jesus called to strengthen his brothers in faith (cf. Lk 22:32).

Jesus did not judge [Peter or Paul] or humiliate them. Instead, he shared their life with affection and closeness. He supported them by his prayer, and even at times reproached them to make them change. To Peter, Jesus gently says: "I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail" (Lk 22:32)...He does the same with us: he assures us of his closeness by praying and interceding for us before the Father, and gently reproaching us whenever we go astray, so that we can find the strength to arise and resume the journey.

We too have been touched by the Lord; we too have been set free. Yet we need to be set free time and time again, for only a free Church is a credible Church. Like Peter, we are called to be set free from a sense of failure before our occasionally disastrous fishing. To be set free from the fear that paralyzes us, makes us seek refuge in our own securities, and robs us of the courage of prophecy.

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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.

SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL - SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026 | YEARA  
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Like Paul, we are called to be set free from hypocritical outward show, free from the temptation to present ourselves with worldly power rather than with the weakness that makes space for God, free from a religiosity that makes us rigid and inflexible; free from dubious associations with power and from the fear of being misunderstood and attacked.

Peter and Paul bequeath to us the image of a Church entrusted to our hands, yet guided by the Lord with fidelity and tender love, for it is he who guides the Church. A Church that is weak, yet finds strength in the presence of God. The image of a Church set free and capable of offering the world the freedom that the world by itself cannot give: freedom from sin and death, from resignation, and from the sense of injustice and the loss of hope that dehumanizes the lives of the women and men of our time.

Let us ask: to what extent do our cities, our societies and our world need freedom? How many chains must be shattered and how many doors long shut must be opened! We can help bring this freedom, but only if we first let ourselves be set free by the newness of Jesus, and walk in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

## PETER'S PENCE - SECOND COLLECTION 2026

**Peter's Pence Second Collection - Sunday 28 June 2026:** This Sunday's second collection is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide appeal that enables the Holy Father to respond to the needs of the Universal Church and to provide practical assistance where it is most needed. Through this collection, support is given to humanitarian projects, charitable initiatives and those experiencing hardship across the world.



Thank you for your generosity and prayers. Please [click here](#) to find out more or Scan QR code to make a donation.

## PARISH PARTY - SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



We warmly invite everyone across the parish community to **join us for our Annual Parish Party on Sunday** – another wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Centenary Year! On behalf of Fr Mark and Fr Pedro, this is an open invitation to all – whether you are a long-standing parishioner or newly joining us – to come together in fellowship and celebration.

**Please join us after the 10.30am Mass for our Patronal Feast in the grounds of St Peter's.** Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided, offering a wonderful opportunity to gather as one community and celebrate this special year in the life of our parish.

**Please note:** Due to preparations for this event, the usual refreshments won't be served after the 8.00am Mass or after the 10.30am Mass. Thank you for your understanding. **We very much look forward to celebrating with you all.**



**First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations** - This Saturday, 27th June, we joyfully celebrate our children making their First Holy Communion, a special moment in their journey of faith, surrounded by their families and our parish community. In the evening, we also warmly welcome those completing their Confirmation journey who were unable to be present when the Bishop visited. On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at the 10:30am Mass, we are pleased to welcome Robin Owens. Please continue to keep in your prayers all those from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost with Bishop Philip Egan. 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 His gift.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

### FIRST READING

**First reading: Acts 12: 1-11**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34(33): 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R. 5**  
From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

### SECOND READING

**2 Paul 4:6-8, 17-18**  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
**R. Alleluia**

### GOSPEL

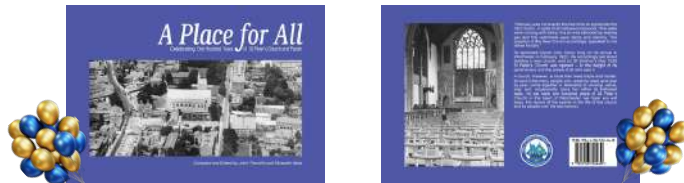
**Matthew 16:13-19**  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**Cf: Mt 16:16,18**  
*Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.*

## Centenary Book Launch - A Lasting Piece of Parish History

Be among the first to purchase our special Centenary Book, celebrating the rich history, faith and community of St Peter & The Winchester Martyrs.

The official launch will take place at the Parish Party on **Sunday 28th June**, where copies will be available to buy. Beautifully produced and filled with fascinating stories and memories, this unique publication is a wonderful keepsake for parishioners, families and friends, as well as a lasting record of this landmark year in our parish's history. Copies will also be available at selected Centenary events throughout July, including the St Stephen's celebrations on **12th July**, the Centenary Mass on St Swithun's Day, **15th July**, and the former priests' gathering and Fr Mark's Silver Jubilee celebrations on **18th July**.

Don't miss the opportunity to own this special commemorative book and celebrate 100 years of faith and fellowship in our parish.



☀ **New Arrivals in Our Parish Bookshop:** There's always something new to discover in our parish bookshop. We now have a wonderful selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts, along with fresh stock of the popular YOUCAT Bible and copies of the new encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. Whether you're looking for a thoughtful present or something to enrich your own faith journey, we'd be delighted to welcome you.

## GIVING THANKS FOR 25 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

As we continue our Centenary celebrations, we also look forward to another joyful occasion as Fr Mark Hogan celebrates 25 years of priestly ministry on 21 July 2026. To mark his Silver Jubilee, a parish collection is being organised as a token of our gratitude for his faithful service and dedication.

If you would like to contribute, any gift, however great or small, will be warmly received and presented to Fr Mark with our prayers and best wishes.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

- An envelope marked "Fr. Mark Silver Jubilee"
- 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 "Fr. Mark Silver Jubilee"



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**CWL Soup and Pud Lunch:** Join us for the next CWL Soup and Pud Lunch on **Friday 3 July, from 12.30pm to 2.00pm** in the Pastoral Centre. This month's lunch will support Winchester Hospice, helping to provide specialist palliative and end of life care for adults in our local community. Enjoy a selection of delicious homemade soups and tempting puddings for a suggested donation of £7. Everyone is warmly welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.

### A cup of flowers.....

Last month the Catholic Womens' League spent part of their meeting making teacup flower decorations. Teacups are not just for tea! If you only have a few flowers and a little greenery then making a floral decoration in a tea cup might work for you! Getting together and sharing a project brings people together.



### The CWL meets monthly in the Parish Center usually on the third Thursday of the month, 4-6pm.

A lovely opportunity to meet with other ladies, share faith, skills and friendship. If you are interested in joining us please contact Sue Dailly via the parish office. We support charitable projects via our Soup and Pud lunches each month. Many of you kindly come and support us. The money we raise is donated to local charities.

**Final Opportunity to Book - Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** There is still time to join our Centenary Pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham on **10-11 August 2026**, but additional **bookings close on 13 July**. The two-day pilgrimage includes travel by coach from Winchester, a visit to Holkham Hall and Gardens, overnight accommodation in Walsingham and the opportunity to take part in the Shrine's daily programme of prayer and worship. The cost is £203 per person. If you would like to book or find out more, please contact [pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) before the closing date.

## FUNERALS

**We pray for:** Brigadier Andrew James Paviour RIP - 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm at St Peter's Church. Rev Kevin Bidgood RIP. Jennifer Patta RIP.

**May God grant them eternal rest.**

## PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for our First Holy Communion children, their families and catechists, that receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend may bring them a wonderful outpouring of God's grace.



# SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL - SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026 | YEAR A 13<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**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!!**



**Save the Date - Murder Mystery Evening:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday 31st October 2026 at 7.00pm** and join the Geriactors for an evening of mystery, entertainment and good food at Weeke Community Centre. The event is being held in aid of the SVP Christmas Parcels Appeal. Tickets are £20 per person, including a two-course meal, and will be available to purchase in due course. More details will follow, but for now, save the date and get ready for a fun-filled evening!

## ST PETER'S CHURCH - NEW CARPETS UNVEILED 🥰

As part of our Centenary building works, we are delighted to share that the new carpets in St Peter's Church have now been completed – and they look truly wonderful. While the previous carpet had served us faithfully for over 30 years, it was time for renewal. The new carpet has been carefully chosen in consultation with Historic Churches to closely match the existing style, preserving the beauty, dignity, and heritage of our church.

**We would like to offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Sean**, whose dedication, commitment, and care in overseeing this project have been simply outstanding. From the earliest stages of planning through to final completion, Sean has given generously of his time and expertise, ensuring that every detail was thoughtfully considered. His sensitivity to the needs of the parish, his respect for the sacred space, and his calm, steady oversight have been instrumental in delivering such an excellent result. We are deeply grateful for all he has done to support the life of St Peter's in this way.



We also thank everyone for your patience and understanding while the work was carried out, and for your flexibility during the temporary relocation of Masses and services to Milner Hall.

If you haven't already had the chance, do come and see the refreshed space for yourself – we hope you'll agree it looks fantastic and provides a beautiful and welcoming setting as we continue our Centenary celebrations.

**Thank you, as always, for your continued support.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2026 - 2027

Applications are now open for the First Holy Communion Preparation for 2027. Please click the link: [FHC - 2027](#) or SCAN QR code for the online registration form. Children who will be Year 4 (or above) next academic year may register, however if your child is presently in Year 2 and you feel they may be ready next year, please do get in touch with Rosanne at: [fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).



## ADOREMUS 2026 – A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Its purpose is to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist and to renew and encourage the practice of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament within our communities.

We are delighted to share that the next Adoremus event will take place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. The day promises to be a beautiful and prayerful gathering of Catholics from across the country, featuring Holy Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction.

Our parish hopes to offer this special opportunity to attend, allowing parishioners to take part in this national act of worship and witness. Further details on how to book and reserve your place will be shared soon—please watch this space in the coming weeks. To find out more about the day, please [CLICK HERE](#)



Let us look forward to coming together in faith to honour Christ truly present in the Eucharist

## SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire St Peters School community for their incredible support at this year's Summer Fete. Through your generous donations, hours of volunteering, cake baking, enthusiasm, and community spirit, **we were delighted to jointly raise an outstanding £6,021** -- Every penny of which will go directly towards funding valuable school projects that will benefit our children for years to come. Thank you for all your amazing support, Kirstie - PTA Chair.



**Newsletter:** For news and information about our wonderful Catholic Primary School, please [Click here](#)

**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.



# 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: (SCAN QR code or click on the link)



**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](mailto:centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)



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**MASS TIME TABLE:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Intentions</b>	
<b>Sat 27 June</b> St Cyril of Alexandria	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's		
	<b>9:30AM to 10:30AM</b>	<b>Confession at St Peter's Cancelled</b>		
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass at St Peter's</b>		
	<b>Sunday VIGIL</b> St Peter & St Paul	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
		5:30PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's	Victor Okon (GCSE Success)
<b>Sun 28 June</b> Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Apostles	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 29 June</b> Week 13 In Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's		
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Jo Phelan	
<b>Tues 30 June</b> First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's		
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Leo Gibbons for His Intentions	
	<b>1:30PM</b>	<b>Funeral Service at St Peter's - Brigadier Paviour RIP</b>		
<b>Wed 1 July</b> St Oliver Plunkett	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's		
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Rev. John Martin	
<b>Thur 2 July</b> 13 Week in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration & Mass at St Peter's		
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Linda Mlotshwa & Family Special Intention	
<b>Fri 3 July</b> St Thomas	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's		
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Neil Intentions	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For All Those Receiving Palliative Care At Home Or In A Place of Care	
<b>Sat 4 July</b> St Elizabeth of Portugal	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead In Cemeteries	
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's		
	<b>Sunday VIGIL</b> 14 Week in Ordinary Time	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
5:30PM		Mass at St Peter's	Richard Luker RIP	

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\*\*](#)