

PETERPOST

Heart of Hampshire parish with worshipping communities in Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge



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MISSION APPEAL: ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (KILTEGAN FATHERS)

This weekend, we are privileged to welcome Fr Tim Redmond SPS from the St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers), who will share the remarkable story of a missionary society that has been bringing hope, faith, and practical support to some of the world's poorest communities for more than 90 years.

Founded in Ireland in 1932, the Kiltegan Fathers have dedicated their lives to proclaiming the Gospel in Africa, South America, and the Caribbean. Their mission extends far beyond the church walls. Working alongside local communities, they help provide education for children, healthcare for families, support for vulnerable people, and opportunities for communities to build a brighter future. Through their ministry, countless lives have been transformed by both the love of Christ and compassionate action.

At a time when many communities around the world face poverty, injustice, displacement, and hardship, the work of missionaries remains as vital as ever. They serve where the need is greatest, often in challenging conditions, offering hope, dignity, and a tangible reminder that no one is forgotten.

Fr Tim will celebrate:

- **Sunday 30 August, 9.15am Mass at St Stephen's**
- **Sunday 30 August, 11.00am Mass at St Gregory's**

We encourage all parishioners to support this year's Mission Appeal prayerfully and, if possible, financially. Your generosity helps sustain life-changing projects and enables missionaries to continue sharing Christ's love with those most in need.

To make a donation or learn more about the work of the St Patrick's Missionary Society, please use the contactless giving machines available in church or visit: www.spms.org

Donation Details

- Account Name: St Patrick's Missionary Society (UK)
- Account No: 4084 2214
- Sort Code: 20 97 09

As a parish community, let us stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world and support those who dedicate their lives to serving them. Every prayer, every gift, and every act of generosity helps bring hope where it is needed most.

A special word of thanks to, Fr Tim, for joining us this weekend and for sharing the inspiring work of the St Patrick's Missionary Society. Your dedication, and that of the Kiltegan Fathers, is a powerful reminder that even the smallest acts of faith, generosity, and compassion can bring hope, dignity, and Christ's love to those who need it most.

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 VINCENT DE PAUL - SEPTEMBER AWARENESS MONTH

Throughout the month we will be highlighting different aspects of the Society of St Vincent de Paul's work in our parish. Through Peterpost and other parish communications, we will share how the SVP offers friendship and support through home and care home visits, assists those facing hardship, supports parishioners through the Mass for Healing and Anointing of the Sick (Saturday 10th October at 2pm in St Peter's Church), and provides practical help to people in need within our local community.

SVP members will be available after weekend Masses to answer any questions about our work and how you can become involved. If you would like to find out more about the SVP or explore becoming a volunteer, please email svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Donations to support our work can be made in the usual ways, including by bank transfer:

Account Name: B170404 SVP St Peter-Winchester

Sort Code: 60-60-04; Account Number: 46075542

This photo shows Mike, an SVP member, accompanying Mary to her weekly Sunday Mass at St Stephen's Church, reflecting the friendship, compassion and practical support at the heart of the SVP's mission.



CAFOD THANK YOU & MARATHON SPONSORSHIP

♥ THANK YOU to everyone across the Parish who supported the CAFOD Debt Justice Campaign on 16th August. If you didn't get to sign the petition, it's not too late! Please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.

Please take a moment to sign the petition. Every signature strengthens the call for change.

Supporting CAFOD Through the Royal Parks Half Marathon

One of our parishioners, Luke Griffin, who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, is taking on the Royal Parks Half Marathon on 11th October in support of CAFOD. Luke is aiming to raise £420 for CAFOD's vital work supporting communities around the world and would be very grateful for any support from the parish community.

If you would like to sponsor Luke and help him reach his fundraising goal, donations can be made via his JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/sponsorluke-cafod-royalparkshalf>

Thank you for supporting Luke's efforts and CAFOD's mission to build a more just and compassionate world.

Please keep Luke in your prayers as he prepares for both his Confirmation and the challenge of the half marathon! 🏃🙏



ASSISTED DYING BILL UPDATE

The issue of assisted dying continues to be debated in Parliament. The proposed Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise assisted dying for certain terminally ill adults in England and Wales, remains under parliamentary consideration and has generated significant discussion both within society and among people of faith. As Catholics, we are called to uphold the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural death, while responding with compassion and love to those who are suffering. We encourage parishioners to stay informed, pray for our legislators, healthcare professionals, patients and families affected by these decisions, and continue supporting high-quality palliative and end-of-life care that offers comfort, dignity and hope. Please find some useful links to help keep you informed:

- Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/campaigns/assisted-dying/>
- Right To Life UK (pro-life perspective): <https://righttolife.org.uk>

ALPHA AND JOURNEY IN FAITH - STARTING SOON!

Are you curious about the Christian faith, returning to church after some time away, or interested in becoming a Catholic? Our new Alpha and Journey in Faith (RCIA) programmes begin this autumn and offer a warm, welcoming space to explore life's big questions, deepen your relationship with God, and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Alpha starts on Monday 28th September and is open to everyone, whether you're exploring faith for the first time or looking to reconnect. For more information, please email: alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Journey in Faith is an informal and welcoming programme at St Peter's, open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In each session, we reflect together on Scripture, explore different aspects of Catholic belief and practice, discuss the Sacraments and the teaching of the Church, and make plenty of space for questions and conversation. And there is tea! The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Parish Centre, **starting 1st October 2026**.

There is no commitment involved in coming along, and you are very welcome simply to find out more. For those who wish, the programme can also provide preparation for reception into the Catholic Church. For more information, speak to Alexis or contact the parish office, or visit the Journey in Faith website: sites.google.com/view/journey-in-faith

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are warmly welcome.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63 (62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R. 2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-27

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 30-20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PARISH EVENTS

CWL Soup and Pud Lunch for Charity - The next charity lunch will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Friday 11th September, 12.30pm-2pm** in aid of Emmaus Winchester, who support adults experiencing, or are at risk of homelessness. Emmaus also gives people opportunities to gain skills and work experience which help them to rebuild their lives. Delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings will be served for a suggested donation of £7, all are welcome to join.

Winchester Heritage Open Days running from 11th to 20th September - returns to Winchester this year, offering a wonderful opportunity to explore the city's rich history and heritage.

We are pleased to share that **St Peter's Church will be open on 12th September**, and we are delighted to be taking part in the programme with two special guided tours:

- **Saturday 19th September – St Peter Street & Catholic Life**
- **Saturday 19th September – The Story Behind the Church Door**

These tours will uncover fascinating aspects of our parish history and the traditions of Catholic life in Winchester, giving visitors a deeper appreciation of the story of St Peter's and its place within the city. A quick look at the Heritage Open Days programme reveals a wide range of events taking place at churches and historic sites across Winchester. To see the full programme, simply search for Winchester in the Heritage Open Days [What's on?](#) section. All events are free of charge, but advance booking is required. **Registration for the St Peter's tours will open on 27th August. If you can spare some time on 19th and would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!**

Centenary Walking Pilgrimage Across the Parish – Saturday 19th Sept – Stockbridge to Alresford via Winchester

Here is a [link to the form for the Centenary Pilgrimage Walk](#) across the Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs on Saturday 19th September.

We will gather at St. Thomas More, Stockbridge at 6:30am, ready to begin walking at 7am, calling at St. Stephen's (about 11 miles, arrive approx midday) and then on to St. Peter's (another 4 miles, arrive approx 1:40pm) and then finally on to St. Gregory the Great, Alresford (another 10 miles, arrive just after 6pm). There will be a brief (approx 30 minute) pause in each church for some prayers, some light refreshments and a chance to use the facilities. (NB public toilets will be few and far between along the route!)

You are welcome to join us for all or part of the walk and you will need to be sufficiently physically fit to walk at a reasonable pace (average 3mph) for the distance you sign up for.

Under 18s may join us, but only if accompanied by an adult, who is totally responsible for them and must keep them in line of sight at all times.

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. If you would like to attend please register by clicking: [Celebration Mass of Marriages 3rd October 2026](#).

Veneration of the Relics of St Gerard Majella on Thursday 29th October, from 1.00pm: As part of our Centenary Year celebrations, we are privileged to welcome the relics of St Gerard Majella to St Peter's Church. Beloved as the patron saint of mothers, children, expectant parents, and couples hoping to conceive, St Gerard's relics are touring England and Wales in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth (April 1726).

The relics, including an ex scapulis relic (from his clothing) and an ex ossibus relic (from his bones), will be available for veneration from 1.00pm. This is a special opportunity to pray through the intercession of St Gerard and bring your personal intentions before the Lord. All are warmly welcome.

Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs on Friday 30th October at 7.00pm: Everyone is warmly invited to the Vigil of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs at St Peter's Church. We are delighted to welcome Austen Ivereigh, renowned Catholic author and commentator, who will speak during this special evening of prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving.

The Vigil will also mark Fr Mark's final Mass as Parish Priest here in Winchester, providing an opportunity for our parish community to gather in gratitude for his dedicated ministry and leadership.

Please join us for this significant and memorable occasion as we honour our local martyrs, celebrate our parish heritage, and give thanks for Fr Mark's faithful service.

SVP - Mass for Healing and Anointing of the Sick - St Peter's Saturday 10th October at 2pm Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this special Mass, which includes Prayer for Healing and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass is open to all, especially those experiencing illness, frailty, emotional challenges, or spiritual difficulties, together with their families, friends, and carers. Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after Mass, providing an opportunity for fellowship and conversation.

Please help us spread the word and consider inviting or accompanying someone who may benefit from attending. For further information, please contact: svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

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!

BAPTISMS:

Welcome to William Hood who was baptised on Sunday 16th, and Alaina Storrie baptised on Saturday 22nd August at St Peter's Church.

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

WEDDINGS:

We offer our warmest congratulations to Theresa Woodford and Russell Mann who were married on Saturday 1st August and Jakub Bojdoł & Niamh Conway who were married on Saturday 22nd August, both at St Peter's.

May they be richly blessed as they begin their married lives, and may their journeys together be filled with love, faith, and lasting joy.

PRAYER CORNER

As we reach the end of the summer holidays, let us pray that we are all well rested and restored so that we are ready to refocus on our mission to bring people to Christ in hope and joy.

FUNERAL

We pray for John Crofton RIP - Funeral Service on Thursday 3rd September at 2.30pm at St Peter's.

May God grant him eternal rest.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WINCHESTER: NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Churches Together in Winchester is currently seeking volunteers for the roles of Treasurer and Business Champion, while Winchester Street Pastors and School Pastors are also looking for new volunteers to support their valuable ministries within the local community. Looking ahead, parishioners are invited to take part in several city-wide events:

Churches Together in Winchester
Working Together for the City
(Part of the Churches Together Network)



Heritage Open Days (11-20th September, [What's on?](#)), with St Peter's open day (12th) and two special guided tours (19th). See page 3 of this newsletter for more details.

Winchester Green Week (19-27th September, winchestergreenweek.org.uk), come and see St Peter's art display in our Parish Centre and on Saturday September 26th 5.30pm, Mass provided by Fr Pedro, will include a focus on Green issues.

Interfaith Picnic for Peace on 26th September. These events offer opportunities to celebrate Winchester's heritage, care for creation, and promote peace, understanding and community engagement.

Winchester Street Pastors and School Pastors Winchester Street Pastors and School Pastors are seeking new volunteers to support their valuable ministries of care, encouragement and community outreach. If you would like to learn more about getting involved, please visit the Street Pastors website <https://streetpastors.org/locations/winchester/> or contact Mark Hibbert-Hingston.

Please keep these initiatives, and all those who generously serve through them, in your prayers.

www.ctwin.org.uk

SANCTITY OF LIFE PILGRIMAGE: WINCHESTER TO LONDON

On Wednesday 27th August, following a blessing from Fr Pedro at St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs, four women began a pilgrimage from Winchester to London, praying for the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Their journey will conclude at the March for Life in London on 5 September.

The pilgrims warmly invite parishioners and local Christians to join them for any part of the route and would be grateful for your prayers and support.

If you would like to make a donation or check their progress on Facebook, please scan the QR codes opposite.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to a generous parishioner who kindly offered accommodation for the ladies on the first night of their journey.

Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers as they undertake this inspiring witness of faith.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

Alpha Forum for Parishes in Portsmouth Diocese on Monday 7th September | 7:30 – 8:30pm | online

Has your parish run Alpha, or are you thinking about starting one? Join the Formation for Mission team for an online Alpha Forum designed to encourage, support, and connect parishes across the Diocese. This informal gathering is an opportunity to share experiences, learn from one another, explore best practice, and discover fresh ideas for running Alpha in your parish. To register for the meeting please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0TNBkTR7z8> or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A link will be sent out nearer the time.

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese on Sat 10th October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. Inspired by Jesus' words, "Go therefore and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend.

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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

Please submit newsletter requests by **Wednesday mid-day!** Email: newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

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.

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME- SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026| YEAR A

MASS TIME TABLE:

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 29 Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist Sunday VIGIL 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Bob Trith RIP
	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	Robert Townend
Sun 30 Aug 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Special Intentions for Suzi
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's with Fr Tim Redmond	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Maria Pérez Bracho RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's with Fr Tim Redmond	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Martin Gilligan RIP
Mon 31 Aug Week 22 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Bank Holiday Mass at St Peter's	Xavier Dacosta RIP
Tues 1 Sept World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration and Mass at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of James Wheble
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Wed 2 Sept Week 22 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rev. J.Martin
Thurs 3 Sept St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Kathleen McNicholas RIP
	2:30PM	Funeral Service at St Peter's for John Crofton RIP	
	7:00PM	St Gregory's Feast Day Mass at St Gregory's	
Fri 4 Sept Week 22 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Intentions of the Neil Family
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	CWL - For Those Helping Others to Rebuild Their Lives Through Support of Emmaus
Sat 5 Sept St Teresa of Calcutta Sunday VIGIL 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM	Winchester Cathedral Mass	John and Mary Perry RIP
	11:00AM to 12 noon	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	C.P.John 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**](#)