




PETERPOST

THE PARISH OF ST PETER & THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026| YEAR A

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

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Fr Michael Fava CBE Writes: Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us not only of the end of the liturgical year, but also of the end of all things and the end of the preparations we need to make to reach heaven. The main theme of the three readings is the invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant!... Come and share the joy of your master."

We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given, and ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our community and wider society. Also, do we make use of our talents in our parish? We can always show willing to share our abilities in worship and in various parish ministries. Most of us are far more able than we give ourselves credit for.



As disciples of Christ, we are called not only to cherish the gifts God has entrusted to us, but to steward them wisely and courageously, ensuring they continue to serve His mission for generations yet to come.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND - SECOND COLLECTION

On Sunday 15 November, we will hold a special Second Collection to support our retired priests. Our priests have walked alongside us on our journey of faith and are still part of it when they retire. They deserve a dignified retirement, secure in the knowledge that the care and support they need will always be there for them. Our Priests' Retirement Fund ensures that all priests who have faithfully served Christ and His Church are cared for in their retirement.

Monsignor John Nelson, chair of the fund, reflects on how the fund began and the work it continues to do in ensuring support and practical assistance as our retired priests enter a new chapter of their life. Please follow this **link to the Priests' Retirement Fund page** on the website to find out more about this special collection and to hear Monsignor John Nelson's introduction to the fund.
Donate Today or scan the QR code opposite.

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.

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THE WHITE HOUSE - PARISH MEETING ON 29TH NOVEMBER



In the two weeks that I have been in Winchester, I have been on a journey of discovery learning about so many aspects of this amazing parish, and its mission. The week prior to my starting work, a meeting took place between key figures in the diocese and the parish committee working to scope the possibilities of re-purposing and salvaging for the future the unique and historic building known as the 'White House'. Clear outlines were set which prioritise the requirement for a professional Feasibility Study to bring clarity to the options. I have learnt that many parishioners share the vision to save the White House from further deterioration for parish use if at all possible. This is clearly a laudable aspiration which we must give every chance of success. Given the scale of restoration needed, however, there are many challenges to be met!

It is important that the parish as a whole is briefed about where the project sits at present, and so it is intended to hold an open parish **meeting in the Parish Pastoral Centre following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 29th November**. At the meeting the full picture will be shared, and there will be the chance to gain clarity and ask questions. In anticipation of our meeting, everyone can access the latest update, the project vision, and a useful 'Question and Answer Summary' on the parish website – together with a short video showing the White House. **You are encouraged to put 29th November in your diaries.** Have a peaceful and blessed week! Fr Michael Fava ✠

📹 Watch the short You Tube video about the White House:
https://youtube.com/watch?v=zy2z6r8jBBw&feature=shared

Or SCAN QR CODE for Website details:

📄 **Further Information:**
The White House Campus - Vision Statement and The White House - Q & A and The White House - Parish Newsletter Update



💷 **Could Your Finance Skills Make a Real Difference?** Are you good with figures? We'd love to hear from you! We're looking for a Finance Continuity & Resilience Volunteer to help keep our Parish Finance Office running smoothly by providing occasional cover when our Finance Administrator is away. Perhaps you're a retired accountant, an experienced bookkeeper, a former finance administrator or someone who has managed the finances for a business, charity or community organisation?

Whether you're retired, working part-time or simply have a few hours to spare, your experience could be invaluable to our parish. ⏰ Just 6 hours a month, arranged flexibly, with additional cover by mutual agreement when needed. Some tasks may be carried out from home, and guidance and training will be provided. You don't need to commit straightaway! We'd be delighted to have an informal chat about how you might be able to help. Know someone who might be interested?
👉 Click here for more information about this volunteering opportunity and 👉 click here to contact the parish office.



🛡️ Safeguarding Training: Is Yours Up to Date? Don't Miss This Opportunity!

Saturday 21st November | 1.30–4.30pm | St Peter's Pastoral Centre: Could your safeguarding training be due for renewal? If so, this is an important opportunity to get it completed right here in our parish! Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Keeping our knowledge up to date helps protect the children and vulnerable adults in our care and ensures our parish remains a safe and welcoming place for all. A few important reminders:

- Safeguarding training is mandatory for relevant roles and must be renewed every three years.
- Those due for training will receive an email invitation and should confirm their attendance.
- Volunteers whose roles require DBS clearance and safeguarding training must keep both up to date. If either requirement lapses, they will need to pause their role until it is renewed.

Please don't put it off! If your training is due, we'd really encourage you to attend this local session rather than leave it until later. 📧 **Click here to book your place directly with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team**. Your time, commitment and willingness to keep learning help make our parish safer for everyone. Thank you!

FUNERALS

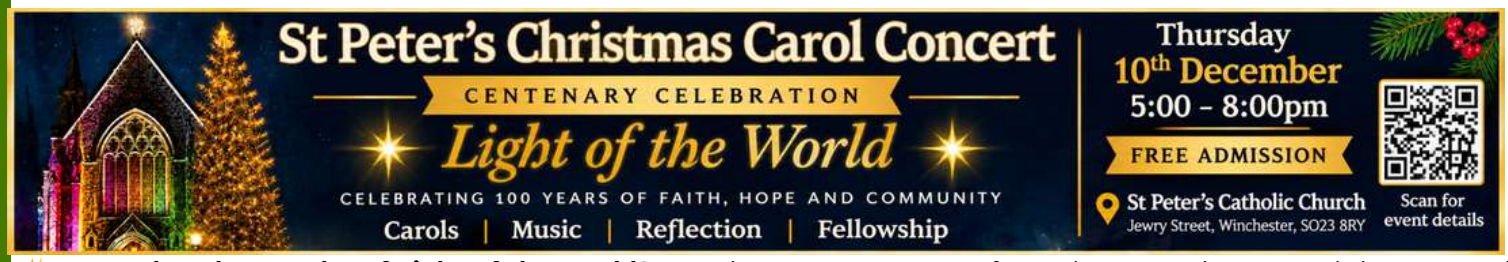
We pray for:
Peter James Lees RIP - 16th November at 1.00pm, St Stephen's Church.
Caroline Mary Hencher RIP - 23rd November at 1.30pm, St Peter's Church.
Jacqueline Rolo RIP - 2nd December at 12.00noon, St Peter's Church.
Philip Trueman RIP - 3rd December 12.30pm, St Peter's Church.

Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for all retired priests experiencing declining health, loss of mobility or loneliness, that they may enjoy a dignified retirement, assured of the care, love and support they need.





✨**Remember the wonder of Light of the World?** Experience St Peter's transformed once again at our Christmas Carol Concert on 10th December, 5.00-8.00pm. Enjoy an inspiring evening of carols, music, reflection & breathtaking illuminations as we celebrate Christmas and bring our Centenary Year to a spectacular and joyful finale. Free admission. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

As we reflect on the hope of eternal life promised through Christ, all are warmly invited to the **Blessing of the Graves at Magdalen Hill Cemetery, Winchester, on Sunday 15th November at 3.00pm.**
Together, let us gather in prayer, remembrance, and hope for all those who have gone before us in faith.

Come Along for Pies & Puds lunch - Wednesday 18th November from 1pm in the Pastoral Centre: We'll have pies, all the vegetables you can eat, proper puddings with custard, and vegetarian and G/F options. No booking or commitment necessary, just turn up, but do contact moirar@msn.com with any questions or to be added to our mailing list. Why not take a break from your day and share lunch with friends, old and new? We look forward to welcoming you! 😊🍰☕

Winchester Catholic History Society - Wednesday 18th November, 7.30 pm New Hall, Winchester College: We are very pleased to welcome Stuart Harvey, an Art Historian, who lives at works in Rome. Stuart will be speaking on 'Raphael in Rome', an in-depth look at the works of Raphael Sanzio, who Vasari described as 'The Prince of Painters'. In this lecture we will take a chronological look at Raphael's works that are easy to visit in Rome today, as well as learning about his powerful patrons, including 2 Popes, various Cardinals and wealthy bankers. Raphael's love life cannot be ignored! We finish at his monumental tomb in the Pantheon. This is a pre booked place only for both Members and Visitors. Please email win.cath.history@gmail.com for more information and to make a reservation. Click here for the website.

🎶 **Sing Your Favourite Hymns for St Cecilia! Sunday 22nd November | 3.00–4.00pm | St Stephen's Church:** What's your favourite hymn? Come and celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music, with a joyful afternoon singing some of our best-loved hymns! Have a special hymn you'd love to hear? You can even dedicate it to someone special or request one in memory of a loved one, whether or not you're able to attend. 🎵 **Click here to request your favourite hymn** or simply come along and join in! ☕ Tea, cake and a warm welcome await everyone!

🌸 **Flower Arranging Coffee Morning – Come and Join Us! Tuesday 24th November | 10.00am | Hotel Chocolat Café, 128 High Street, Winchester**: Our wonderful flower arranging team may be small, but they certainly make a big difference in keeping our church looking beautiful! They're getting together for a friendly coffee morning and would love to welcome some new faces. Whether you enjoy arranging flowers, fancy getting involved or simply want to find out more, why not pop along? There'll be a chat about Christmas decorations and plans for the coming year, with plenty of time for a cuppa and a natter! Everyone is welcome, no need to book, just turn up! For more information, please **click here** email the parish office.

Indian Mass – Feast of St Francis Xavier, Thursday 3rd December | 6.00pm | St Peter's Church: Come and join us for a special Indian Mass celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier, a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, prayer and fellowship. Following Mass, everyone is warmly invited to continue the celebrations in St Peter's Room, Pastoral Centre. All are welcome! We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

A Big Thank You from the Catholic Women's League!: A huge thank you to everyone who supported November's Soup & Pud Lunch, helping the Catholic Women's League (CWL) raise a wonderful £260 for The Boaz Project! Based in Sutton Scotney, this inspiring farm-based charity helps adults with learning disabilities enjoy new opportunities and build brighter futures. Your generosity really does make a difference! Next Charity Lunch: **Friday 4th December**. Do come along for delicious food, friendly company and another chance to support a good cause!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jr. 29: 11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R. 1a
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:
Jn 15:4a, 5b

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 14-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Fava
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.

DIOCESE NEWS



Caritas Charity Mass and Networking Event for the World Day of the Poor: Saturday 14th November 2026, 10:30am -3pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. RG24 9DX. **Register** your interest and download a **flyer** for more information.

ADoRE Online Mini-Retreat: The Power of Love Saturday 28th November | 10.00am–1.00pm | Online via Zoom: Discover how God's love can help us overcome fear and face life's spiritual challenges at this inspiring free Catholic mini-retreat. Featuring guest speaker Joe Livingston, Catholic evangelist and author, the morning includes Mass, Adoration, praise, prayer and reflection on the theme "The Power of Love: How to Have Victory in Spiritual Warfare." ✨ Everyone is welcome! Advance registration is required. 👉 **Click here to register** or visit **www.altonrenewal.com** for more information.

COMMUNITY

Help Shape the Future of Catholic Education! Could you spare a little time to make a big difference? St Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College in Southampton is looking for Foundation Governors to help support its Catholic mission and the education of young people. You don't need previous governance experience, just enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to contribute to Catholic education. Full training is available! Whether you're working, retired or simply keen to give something back, your skills and experience could be invaluable. 👉 **Click here to find out more** or email **pahead@st-annes.uk.com** for an informal chat. A wonderful opportunity to help shape the next generation!

Winchester Chaplaincy: Making a Difference in Our Community: For over 20 years, Winchester's chaplaincy service has offered friendship, encouragement and spiritual support to people across the community.
Now developing as an independent charity, Winchester Churches Together Chaplaincy and Initiatives (WINCI) is looking to build on this valuable work.
WINCI is seeking financial supporters, new trustees and volunteer chaplains to help secure its future and reach more people in need of care and encouragement. Whether through volunteering, financial support or prayer, there are many ways to get involved. 👉 **Click here** to read WINCI's latest update and find out how you could make a difference.

A Musical Christmas Treat for All Ages! The Kings Chamber Orchestra returns to Hope Church Winchester on Saturday 28th November with two wonderful concerts to get everyone into the festive spirit! 🧸 Teddy Bears' Concert | 3.00–3.50pm | £7A delightful family-friendly concert for little ones and their favourite teddy bears! Fireside Christmas Concert | 7.30–10.00pm | £14
A magical evening of classical favourites, Christmas carols and festive storytelling. 📍 Hope Church, Middle Brook Centre, Winchester. Doors open 30 minutes before each concert, with refreshments available. 🎟️ Book your tickets here: **Teddy Bears'** Concert Fireside Christmas Concert. Two lovely opportunities to enjoy some Christmas music with family and friends!



BOOKSHOP: HAVE YOU POPPED IN LATELY?

🎄 **Your Christmas Shopping Starts Here!** 🎄

Looking for Christmas gifts with real meaning? Visit our Parish Bookshop and discover a wonderful selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Nativity sets, books, Bibles, Missals and special Centenary keepsakes to mark this memorable year in our parish's history.

✨ **This Christmas, take home more than a gift. Browse our beautiful collection of handcrafted olive wood treasures from the Holy Land, created in the very place where Christ was born.**

🎁 Share the wonder of Christmas. Treasure the story. Support Christian families.

Your Parish Bookshop is the perfect place to find thoughtful gifts while supporting a valued parish resource.

All items individually priced.



🌟 **St Stephen's Travelling Nativity – Could You Offer Mary and Joseph a Home?**
This Advent, Mary, Joseph and their little donkey are setting off on their journey to Bethlehem, and they'd love to stop at your home along the way! The Travelling Nativity visits a different family each night before being passed on to the next. It's a lovely way to share the spirit of Advent, meet other families and enjoy a moment of prayer together. The journey begins on Sunday 29th November, the first Sunday of Advent. 🏠 Would your family like to take part? We'd love to hear from you!
👉 **Click here to email the Parish Office** to join the rota or find out more.

SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter: For news and information about our wonderful Catholic Primary School, please **Click here**.

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MASS TIME TABLE:

Mass Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 14 Nov Our Lady	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Antonio Leitao RIP
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Deceased Members of the Kearney & Coote Families
Sun 15 Nov 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Richard Baines RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Lidia Otero RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Elaine, Zena says Trust in God
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Eric & Marie Fry RIP
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Intention of the Way & Corcoran Families
Mon 16 Nov St Edmund of Abingdon	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	The Soul of Julia Cave
	12:15PM	**Mass at St Peter's Cancelled**	
	1:00PM	**Funeral Service Peter James Lees RIP at St St Stephen's**	
Tues 17 Nov St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln & St Elizabeth of Hungary	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	John Richardson RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Wed 18 Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	Margaret Gardiner RIP
	10:00AM	**Mass at St Peter's Cancelled**	
Thurs 19 Nov 33 Week in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Albert Edward & Suzanne Marie Nott
Fri 20 Nov 33 Week in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Hero Roy & Sudha Rani Hall RIP
Sat 21 Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Philip Trueman RIP
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Special Intentions of Theresa Emery

*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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