

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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FATHER MARK WRITES: A PLACE FOR ALL; A MISSION FOR MANY

This parish is a very special and blessed place. We've been witnessing over the last few years how God has been moving among us as:

- ✦ Increasing numbers of people, young and not so, are finding their home in the Catholic Church and being baptised or received into full communion.
- ✦ Our incredible outreach ministries are serving the local community, such as our SVP, our Hub and our key role in the local Street and School Pastors.
- ✦ We celebrate beautiful liturgies, giving thanks and praise God and encounter Him in beautiful sacred spaces.
- ✦ Countless amazing volunteers have been stepping up as part of the local mission of bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy.

Over the past few weeks, we've been reflecting together on what it means to be a parish shaped by love rather than obligation, by discipleship rather than consumption. Jesus "went about doing good" and then entrusted this mission to his followers, filling them with His love through the Holy Spirit poured out into their hearts. I want to conclude this series of reflections this weekend by gently offering some invitations to help us take those reflections a little further.

Because we are one parish community made up of many different people, from many different nationalities, and many different backgrounds, at many different stages of faith and life, those invitations will not all be the same. And that's exactly as it should be.

Some people among us have been able to be extraordinarily generous with sacrificial giving over the past few years, especially through the Closer to Christ campaign. Their giving has borne visible fruit: in the care of our church buildings, in music and worship, in evangelisation and faith formation, and in the confidence with which we are celebrating the centenary of St Peter's. For those donors, the invitation is simply to pause and prayerfully reflect on what the next chapter might look like, as some of those time-limited commitments draw to a close over the next few months. There is no assumption and no expectation, simply gratitude and a gentle invitation to discern.

Many others have been giving regularly and generously to the parish through standing orders. For them, the invitation may be to reflect on whether their giving still reflects their circumstances, particularly in light of rising costs and the ongoing needs of parish life. Even a small adjustment can make a real difference when offered freely and prayerfully. For others still, parish life may feel more occasional: attending Mass when able, joining us for special celebrations, or keeping in touch through newsletters and events.

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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.

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The invitation here is simply to consider whether now might be the right time to take one small step towards regular support, or perhaps to become more connected through Peterpost or volunteering. Regular giving is not about large amounts; it's about shared responsibility and belonging.

And for some, the invitation may simply be to stay open, to remain curious, and to know that this parish is a place where you are welcome as you are. No one is ever defined here by what they give or don't give.

Underlying all of this is a deeper truth: stewardship is not about what God wants from us, but about what God wants for us. God does not need our money. What God desires is our heart: freely given, trustingly offered, shaped by love rather than fear. Financial giving, like prayer and service, is one of the ways disciples learn to participate more fully in the life and mission of the Church.

I've shared some of these thoughts at Masses last weekend and will conclude this weekend in St. Peter's, with some simple ways to respond if you wish. For those who would like to sign up for the weekly news or would appreciate some help or talking things through, you can [follow this link](#), use the QR code below (or in church) or contact the parish office (01962852804 or office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Please hear this clearly: these are invitations, not demands. They are offered with gratitude, respect, and confidence in God's work among us.

Thank you for being part of this parish, at whatever stage you find yourself. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us, not all in the same way, but always together.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE

Following on from Fr Mark's thought, we introduced our Stewardship invitation at St Stephen's, St Gregory's and the Sunday 5:30pm Mass at St Peter's last weekend. Parishioners attending the remaining Masses at St Peter's on **16-17th May** will also be invited to reflect prayerfully on how they might financially support the life and mission of our parish community. This is simply an invitation, and we remain deeply grateful for all that is already given in so many ways.

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SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Sunday 17th May marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications. This year's theme is Preserving Human Voices and Faces. The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communication the Good News of the Gospel. For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day 2026, please [click here](#). Please visit and share our Give as you Live page by [clicking here](#). You can also scan the QR code here.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

TRAVEL NOTICE - St Gregory's : The annual **Watercress Festival takes place in Alesford on Sunday 17th May**. As a result, **East Street, West Street and Broad Street will be closed** to traffic. If you are travelling to St Gregory's, please allow extra time and use alternative routes, particularly if coming from the Ropley or Old Alesford directions.

'The Upper Room' – A Time of Prayer and Worship: All are warmly invited to **Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 16th May, 6.30-8.00pm**—an evening of prayer and worship held between Ascension and Pentecost as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. With worship music, Taizé prayer, interactive prayer spaces and guest speakers, the evening will centre on praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our churches and our world. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Ecumenical Stations of the Resurrection In collaboration with the Upper Itchen Benefice, our parish will be offering an ecumenical Stations of the Resurrection — reflecting on the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. All are warmly invited to join us at **St Andrew's Church, Tichborne, at 2pm on Sunday 17th May**. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the unique Tichborne Family Chapel, a Catholic chapel within a pre-Reformation church - one of only three of its kind in England.

ENTRANCE GOSPEL

Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R. 13

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11a

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf: Jn 17:22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

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Thank You – International Hospitality Italian Lunch: What a joyful celebration of community, culture, and connection we shared last Sunday at our Italian International hospitality Lunch. Following the 10.30am Mass, the Pastoral Centre was alive with warmth, laughter, and the generosity of parishioners coming together over wonderful food and friendship. Our heartfelt thanks go to Valentine and all who cooked, prepared, served, and helped behind the scenes, and to everyone who took part and made the space so welcoming. Moments like this beautifully reflect the heart of St Peter's -A PLACE FOR ALL - a parish where everyone belongs, relationships are nurtured, and our diverse cultures are celebrated with joy. We look forward with gratitude and excitement to many more gatherings that strengthen our parish family. Grazie di cuore!



Pies & Puds: It's time for our monthly lunch event, on **Wednesday 20th May at the Pastoral Centre, 1.00pm**. We'll have pies, all the vegetables you can eat, proper puddings with custard, and vegetarian and G/F options. And afterwards a talk: this month on the wonderful work done at The Passage charity for the homeless, based near Westminster Cathedral in London. There is no booking or commitment necessary, just turn up, but do contact moiar@msn.com with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

Winchester Catholic History Society – Reminder: Change of speaker and subject for this month's meeting: The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 20th May at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**. Please note a change to the advertised speaker and topic. Unfortunately, Professor Maria Hayward is no longer able to give her talk, and we are pleased to welcome Charles Harris, who will speak on Art and Design on the London Underground. Visitors are very welcome.



Novena to the Holy Spirit: The days between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost are a beautiful time to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit, joining the Church in prayer as we prepare for Pentecost. Pope St John Paul II encouraged the faithful to enter into this rhythm of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. There are lots of versions available but you can find one example [here](#). Let's unite in prayer during these 9 days.



St Peter's Church Hosts Churches Together in Winchester – Pentecost Service St Peter's Church on Sunday 24th May at 7.00pm: We are delighted that St Peter's will be hosting this year's Churches Together in Winchester Pentecost Service. This special city-wide service brings together Christians from across all denominations to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the unity we share in Christ. Please do encourage people to attend and share in this important occasion.

Latin Mass for St Augustine of Canterbury: All are warmly invited to a Latin Mass for the Feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury on **Wednesday 27th May at 7.00pm at St Peter's Church**. Come and celebrate the rich spiritual and musical heritage of the Church through this beautiful liturgy.

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 3 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.

SCHOOL - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For news and information about our wonderful Catholic Primary School, please [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

FUNERAL

We pray for Piotr Ptak RIP - 20th May at 10.00am - St Peter's Church. **May God grant him eternal rest.**

WEDDINGS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Paul North & Helena Mills, who celebrated their wedding on Saturday 9th May. We pray that they will be richly blessed as they begin their married life, and may their journey together be filled with love, faith and lasting joy.

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

BAPTISM

Welcome to Damian Morohunrantiade Sola-Adejumobi who was baptised last week at St Peter's Church. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that our Parish Stewardship Initiative encourages a generous and sustainable sharing of God's gifts, bringing people closer to Christ in hope and joy.



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 16 May 6 th Week of Easter after Ascension	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	John Wheadon RIP
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confessions	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confessions	
Sunday VIGIL SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Good Health of Socorro Da Costa on His Birthday
Sun 17 May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Benefactors
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Frank Hinds
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Private Intention of Christine Slight
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions & Wellbeing of Maeve Kelly
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of the Way & Corcoran Families
Mon 18 May 7 th Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Tues 19 May Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Soul of Primus & Emma Steiert
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Patrick and Mary Josephine Geoghegan
Wed 20 May St Bernadine of Siena	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's - Piotr Ptak RIP	
Thur 21 May St Christopher Magallanes & Companions	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Isaac & His Family
Fri 22 May St Rita of Cascia	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Soul of Eleanor Neil
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	In Memory of Terry Bohle RIP
Sat 23 May 7 th Week of Easter	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of William Meader
	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	Geraldine Morris 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](#)