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The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

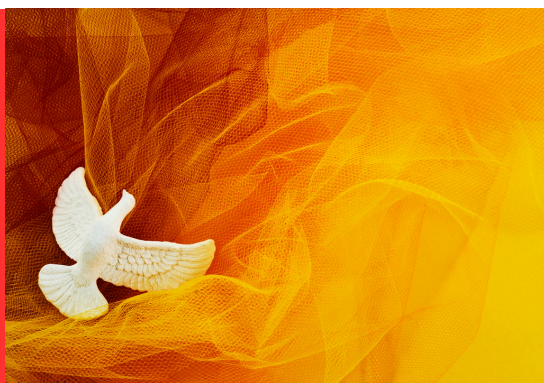
Heart of Hampshire parish with worshipping communities in Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge



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FATHER PEDRO WRITES:

PENTECOST: THE DAY OF THE NEW OFFERING

The first time that Pentecost is mentioned in the Bible it refers to the feast day in which “a **new offering to the Lord**” should be made. God ordered this to Moses at the foot of Mount Sinai (Lev 23:16). That day should be the 50th counted after the offering of the barley harvest. In the original Hebrew language, the name of the feast is *Shavuot*, which refers to the counting of seven days times seven plus one, ($7 \times 7 = 49 + 1 = 50$). In the Old Greek Bible, the feast day was translated as **Pentecost**, which in Greek means literally *Fiftieth* – 50th.

Considering that the 7th day is a Holy Day for the Lord, we can understand that the 7th day of the 7th week was a symbol of a very Holy day. Seven Holy days together made it 7 times Holier. Symbolically, it contained a sense of fullness, achievement, and also of newness.

In Scripture, the Spirit is related to fullness: “the spirit of the Lord **fills** the Earth” (Wis 1:7) and to newness: “Send forth your Spirit Lord, and **renew** the face of the Earth” (Psalm 104:30). The Prophet Ezequiel also associates the Spirit to newness in God’s promise to his people: “I will give you a new heart and put a **new spirit** within you” (Ezek 36:26). And again, on the 50th day, “a **new offering**” was to be presented to the Lord (Lev 23:16). Hence, celebrating the newness of life in Pentecost, the new grains of wheat were offered to the Lord in a humble and joyful act of thanksgiving.

All this can help us understand what Pentecost meant for the Apostles. It was not a random day. It was a great feast of offering thanks to God for the newness of life represented in the freshly cropped grains of the wheat harvest. The feast celebrated that God continued to “send forth his Spirit to renew the face of the Earth” (Ps 104:30). In other words, by the gift of the grains he gave new life to his people.

According to Jewish tradition, it was also on the 50th day of the Paschal Feast, that is seven weeks plus one day after being freed from slavery in Egypt, that God had given the tablets of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Still another important thing was celebrated in Pentecost: according to an old Jewish tradition, King David was both born and died on *Shavuot* – remember, that is the Hebrew name for Pentecost. Now King David was the great-grandson of Ruth and Boaz, who had married in Bethlehem at the time of the feast of Pentecost.

So, you can see, the Apostles already had a lot of things to celebrate for Pentecost, it was already a great feast in the Old Testament, but it came to a great and new fulfilment when the Holy Spirit chose that day to come down to Earth, and fill the heart of Jesus’s disciples with the gift of his Love.

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 2026 - A PLACE FOR ALL

Pentecost isn't just another day on the Church calendar — it is the moment everything changed. When the **Holy Spirit** came upon the Apostles like wind and fire, fear was transformed into courage, and they were sent out to share the message of Jesus with the whole world.

We begin our celebration on **Saturday 23rd May at 5.30pm** with the Pentecost Vigil Mass in its extended form. As part of our journey as A Place for All, this beautiful and prayerful liturgy invites us to listen deeply to God's Word and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Spirit - renewing us in faith and sending us out in hope and joy. The celebration continues on **Sunday 24th May**, as we gather for our parish Masses. At several of our Masses, we are invited to take part in our Pentecost Prayer Relay - a shared moment of prayer, uniting us as a community in openness to the Spirit.

Later that day, **at 2.00pm, we rejoice with our young people at the Confirmation Mass**, as they are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and commissioned to live their faith with confidence and love. Then at **7.00pm, we widen our celebration still further, hosting the Churches Together in Winchester Ecumenical Service** - a wonderful opportunity to gather as one Christian family, witnessing to the unity the Holy Spirit brings.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to light a new fire in our hearts this Pentecost. Because with God, there is always hope and the best is yet to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. MARK

Appointment to Portsmouth Catholic Cathedral Chapter and as Ecumenical Canon in Winchester Cathedral

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Fr Mark has been appointed by Bishop Philip as a member of the Chapter of St John's Catholic Cathedral in Portsmouth. In addition, the Bishop of Winchester has appointed Fr Mark as an Ecumenical Canon of Winchester Cathedral. Fr Mark is delighted and honoured by this generous ecumenical gesture, which reflects the strong and growing relationship between our churches.



His installation as Ecumenical Canon will take place on 6th June at 5.30pm during Evensong at Winchester Cathedral, followed by a reception. All are very welcome to attend and support him on this special occasion.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Fr Mark on these significant appointments and invite you to keep him and his ministry in your prayers at this joyful time.

SECOND COLLECTION - COVENANT WITH THE POOR (CWP)

Our CWP appeal this weekend is to support a community of 250 families in the Andes, Bolivia. Children in the community attend the Torre Torre school - the community would like to replace the current school toilets, which suffer from constant leaks, with a new block of environmentally friendly dry toilets which greatly reduce the chance of disease from contamination. This is a very poor area so without help the project cannot go ahead. Further details are available in the separate leaflet [click here](#). There will be a collection at masses - donations can be made direct to the Parish bank account - please ensure you use "CWP" as a reference. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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.

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**.

ENTRANCE GOSPEL

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104(103): 1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R. cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

1 Paul 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 20: 19-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf: Ac 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

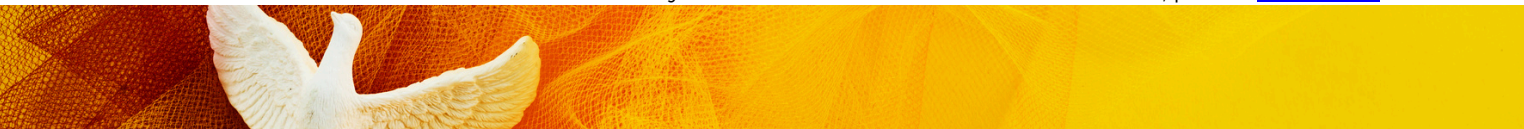
COMMUNITY

Volunteer Opportunity – Jobseekers Support Zone @ The LINK: Could you spare a little time to support people seeking work in our local community? The LINK Winchester is looking for volunteers to offer practical help, encouragement and a listening ear at its Wednesday morning Jobseekers Support Zone. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of others through simple acts of support and kindness. To find out more about the role please [click here](#)

Emmaus Fundraiser – Vine & Vogue: Where Style Meets Sustainability: Emmaus Hampshire warmly invites you to Vine & Vogue, a unique evening celebrating sustainable fashion, community and social impact on **Thursday 4th June, 7.00pm–9.00pm at The Square, Winchester.** Enjoy a stylish evening of pre-loved fashion, curated wine tasting, canapés and community spirit, all in support of Emmaus Hampshire's work helping people rebuild their lives following homelessness. To find out more and book tickets, please [click here](#).



Friends of Music in Winchester – Bach Concert: Support our wonderful local charity Friends of Music in Winchester by joining them for an inspiring afternoon of music at St Paul's Church, Winchester, on **Sunday 7th June at 4.00pm.** Featuring Bach Winchester Voices, rising star soloists and the London Bach Players, the concert will include a selection of Bach cantatas and orchestral works under the direction of Andrew Hayman. To find out more and book tickets, please [click here](#).



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.

OUTREACH

Catholic Legacy Week – 24th–30th May: During Catholic Legacy Week, parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD give thanks for the lasting impact that gifts in Wills make to the life and mission of the Church. Such gifts help support worship, outreach and the many ways the Church continues to serve communities both locally and across the world. If you would like to find out more about this thoughtful and generous way of supporting the Church's future mission, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code on your right.



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. We look forward to welcoming you!

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



FUNERALS

We pray for Mary Mackrill RIP - 17th June at 12.30pm at St Peter's Church. Edward Gumbrell RIP.

May God grant them eternal rest.

BAPTISM

Welcome to Henry Green 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 through the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we may share our faith with others, bringing people closer to Christ in hope and 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

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.

**MASS TIME
TABLE:**

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24TH MAY 2026 | YEAR A

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
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	Confessions	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confessions	
	5:30PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's	Geraldine Morris RIP
Sun 24 May PENTECOST SUNDAY	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
	2:00PM	Confirmation Mass	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	7:00PM	Pentecost Ecumenical Celebration	
Mon 25 May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Bank Holiday Mass at St Peter's	Richard & Sabine
Tues 26 May St Philip Neri	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of Mary Keating
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Wed 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Sindisiwe & Zana Mbuli
	7:00PM	Feast of St. Augustin of Canterbury - Latin Mass at St Peter's	
Thur 28 May Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Good Health of Salvacao Fernandes on Her Birthday
Fri 29 May Week 8 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's Cancelled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Pat Morris RIP
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	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Philomea Powell 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**](#)

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