

PETERPOST

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: I BORE YOU ON EAGLES' WINGS

The image of the eagles' wings inspires us with thoughts of a high flight of freedom, far above all dangers of slavery, traps or imprisonment.

The eagle is one of the favourite symbols of liberty in cultures and flags around the globe. It is in fact inspiring to see an eagle fly: strong, fast, confident, and freely swirling around while it cuts through the air with its wide wings. What a deep effect this expression must have had in the minds of the Israelites! I can imagine their happy faces as they listened to Moses speaking on behalf of God: "I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself" (Exodus 19:4).

Yes, God had freed them from slavery in a way comparable to a flight on eagle's wings. Wasn't the crossing of the Red Sea an experience similar to flying? The text does say that a great strong wind had blown all night to divide the waters (Exodus 14:23). Perhaps that wind felt on their faces as if they had been flying on eagle's wings. And they had all landed safely on the other side of the sea and now had a huge horizon of freedom before them.



The image of the flight on eagles' wings is a powerful evocative of God's salvation from danger, frustration or death. We may have felt a similar experience at some point in our lives. Perhaps there seemed to be no escape to a difficult or frustrating situation, and suddenly, with the swiftness of an eagles' flight, God raised us to a higher level and opened a new and wider horizon for us, with huge possibilities of growth and development in a free and fresh new opportunity to start again.

That was the experience that founded the faith of the people of Israel. God had freed them on eagles' wings to bring them to Himself in a higher horizon and with a dignity that exceeds by far that of slaves: "you will be Mine among all the peoples, a kingdom of priests a holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6).

Jesus in the Gospel refers precisely to that Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 10:7) sending his apostles to all the people, that all may be freed from the slavery of sin and death, and come closer to the God of Heaven "on eagles' wings".

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.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

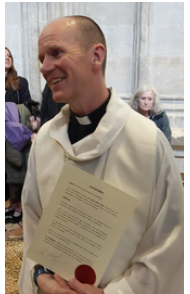
Matthew 9:37



CELEBRATING FR MARK

Installation as Ecumenical Canon ✨ A Day of Joy, Faith and Celebration at Winchester Cathedral ✨ Saturday 6th June 2026

Many who filled the Cathedral for last Saturday's morning (quarterly) Mass — with standing room only — returned in the evening for a moment of great pride and joy, as Fr Mark Hogan, our Parish Priest, was installed as Ecumenical Canon of Winchester Cathedral and a member of the Portsmouth Cathedral Chapter during Choral Evensong. In the beauty and prayerfulness of the liturgy — enriched by sacred music and set before the High Altar — the deeds of appointment were proclaimed, marking a deeply moving and symbolic moment.



People of different traditions and communities stood together in faith, hope and mutual respect — a powerful expression of unity and a visible reminder that our calling is not only to believe, but to build bridges, fostering understanding across all. More than a ceremony — a witness. The heart of our mission: to show, through word and action, that faith is a force for unity, peace and hope in our world.

Fr Mark, we thank God for your faithful ministry, your leadership, and your generous heart. We are deeply proud to walk this journey with you.

🙏 Please keep Fr Mark in your prayers as he begins this new chapter.



Giving Thanks for 25 Years of Priesthood - Celebrating Fr. Mark Hogan's Silver Jubilee

As a parish community celebrating the Centenary of St Peter's Church this year, it is especially fitting that we also recognise a very important personal milestone for our Parish Priest, **Fr. Mark Hogan, who will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination on 21st July 2026.** This marks 25 years of faithful service as a priest, and gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank Fr. Mark for the care, support, and dedication he has shown to so many people through his ministry in the parishes where he has served, and through his work within the Diocese over the past quarter century.

Throughout his priesthood, Fr. Mark has accompanied people through some of the most important moments of their lives — celebrating joyful occasions, offering comfort in difficult times, and faithfully serving our communities with generosity, compassion, and kindness. We are deeply grateful for all that he has given, and this Jubilee is a special chance for us to show our appreciation and support in return.



As is customary for such anniversaries, a collection is being organised and will be presented directly to Fr. Mark as a gift from the parish community. We warmly invite parishioners to make a personal contribution, however large or small, as a sign of gratitude and good wishes on this special occasion.

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 4 for details). Please remember to reference "Fr. Mark Silver Jubilee"

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100(99): 1-2. 3. 5. R. 3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf: PS 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Pies & Puds - Wed 17th June - It's time for our monthly lunch event, on Wednesday 17th June at the Pastoral Centre, 1pm. 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 work done by the Emmaus charity, who have a big complex at Bar end. There is no booking or commitment necessary, just turn up. Email: moirar@msn.com with any questions or to be added to the mailer.

Family Mass at St Gregory's and St Stephen's – Sunday 14th June - Join us for our Family Mass this Sunday, 14th June at:

- St Stephen's - 9:15am
- St Gregory's, Alresford - 11:00am

Our Family Mass offers a wonderful opportunity for families, children, and parishioners of all ages to come together in faith, joy, and community. Whether you attend regularly or are considering coming along for the first time, you will receive a very warm welcome. **All are invited to attend.**

Winchester Catholic History Society: The last meeting of this Season will take place on **Wednesday 17th June** when Professor Michael Wheeler will be speaking on his new book 'William Ewart Gladstone: The Heart & Soul of a Statesman', 6.30pm the Pastoral Centre. Visitors are most welcome to attend. Please contact:

win.cath.history@gmail.com for more information.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ anniversary? This year Bishop Philip invites you to a special Mass followed by a buffet lunch on **Saturday 20th June 2026, at 11am at St Bede's**, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. A wonderful way to celebrate and witness to marriage. Please inform the parish office if you wish to attend.



Winchester City Chaplaincy - Saturday 20th June at 5pm: Join us for a Choral Evensong Celebration of all things Chaplaincy in Winchester Cathedral. This will include the commissioning of our Volunteer Chaplains and celebration of Winchester City Chaplaincy becoming a Charity (CIO). All welcome to attend.

Hearts on Fire - Evening of Prayer and Worship - You are warmly invited to join us on **Sunday 21st June at 7pm in the Milner Hall**. Come and be part of something truly beautiful: an evening of prayer, Eucharistic adoration, joyful praise and worship music, and quiet time to encounter the Lord. Come and rest in God's presence, be refreshed through prayer and song. **All are very welcome.**



Feast of St Thomas More: On Monday **22nd June**, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Thomas More with Mass at **7pm at St Thomas More's Church**, Stockbridge. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring St Thomas More as a man of deep faith, courage, and conscience. His witness - remaining faithful to Christ and to truth even in the face of great personal cost continues to inspire us today.

All are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. We look forward to celebrating together.

SPANISH MASS by Fr Mark - St Stephen's Church: Misa en español (Spanish Mass): El padre Mark les invita a la celebración de la Santa Misa en español el miércoles 24 de junio (Natividad de San Juan Bautista) a las 19:00 h en la iglesia de St Stephen's. Todos son bienvenidos. Por favor, traigan un plato típico de su país para compartir en el salón parroquial de St Stephen's después de la Misa. Fr Mark would like to invite you to a celebration of the **Holy Mass in Spanish. Wednesday 24th June (The Birth of St. John the Baptist) at 7pm in St. Stephen's Church**, Oliver's Battery, SO22 4JB. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a typical dish from your country for us to share in the St Stephen's hall after the Mass.

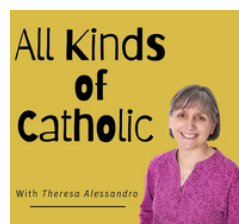


CELEBRATING OUR CENTENARY: "ALL KINDS OF CATHOLIC" PODCAST

As part of our Centenary celebrations at St Peter's, we were delighted to be approached by Theresa Alessandro, creator and host of the *All Kinds of Catholic* podcast, to mark this milestone in a meaningful and lasting way. The podcast episode featuring our parish went live on 10th June, and we warmly invite you to listen and share it with others by clicking: allkindsofcatholic.com.

In this rich and engaging conversation, **four members of our thriving parish community—Virginia, Patrick, Oscar and Lesley—share their personal faith journeys with honesty and warmth.** They reflect on how their faith has been both nurtured and challenged, and how it continues to inspire them to play an active part in the life of the parish and the wider community. They also speak movingly about the enduring witness of the Winchester Martyrs, whose courage and faith continue to inspire both long-standing members of our parish and those discovering faith anew today. Together, their stories offer a powerful and uplifting testimony to the living faith at the heart of St Peter's—revealing the warmth, diversity, and spirit of welcome that make our parish truly "A Place for All."

We hope this podcast will encourage and inspire many, both within our parish and beyond. Our heartfelt thanks to Theresa and to all who took part for bringing our Centenary year to life in such an authentic and meaningful way.



FUNERALS

We pray for: Brigadier Andrew James Paviour RIP - 30th June at 1.30pm at St Peter's Church. Rev Kevin Bidgood RIP.

May God grant them eternal rest.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Baptism of Kathleen Clarence Libao who was baptised at St Peter's church Saturday, 6th June. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for our parish pilgrimage on the Camino, that their journey may be spiritually enriching and draw them closer to Christ in hope and joy.



WHITE HOUSE - FOLLOW UP MEETING

White House consultation - follow up meeting - We will hold the follow up consultation meeting regarding the proposed sale of the **White House on Monday 29th June, 7-9pm in the Pastoral Centre**. Further details of the research work that has been carried out since the consultation meeting on 8th April will be shared shortly.



BOOKSHOP

Parish Bookshop Update: Our parish bookshop is well stocked with items to support faith, celebration, and special occasions. We have copies of the new encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, with more arriving soon. You'll also find First Holy Communion cards, Silver Jubilee cards for Fr Mark, and a wide range of Bibles, prayer books, rosaries, missals, and gifts. Do pop in—there's something for everyone. With thanks, Susan Henry.

NEWS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

ADoRE Mini-Retreat – Love One Another, Saturday 27th June (Online): How can we become better witnesses to God's love in today's world? Join ADoRE for an inspiring online retreat exploring Jesus' call to "Love One Another" (John 13:35) and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The retreat includes teaching, Holy Mass, Adoration and prayer, offering an opportunity for spiritual renewal and encouragement. To find out more and register, please [click here](#).

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL - A Catholic festival for all the family - 15th - 19th August, Worth School, West Sussex. Join us this summer for the CELEBRATE Festival in the beautiful Sussex countryside. Set around our welcoming Big Top, this relaxed, faith-filled festival offers something for everyone—uplifting worship, inspiring speakers, and a joyful community atmosphere. Whether you come for a day or stay for the whole event, it's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, make new friendships, and simply enjoy time together in a peaceful and hope-filled setting. To find out more and book tickets: celebratefestival.org

PARISH OFFICE MANAGER VACANCY - ST PETER'S, WINCHESTER

We're looking for a talented and motivated Office Manager to join our friendly and purpose-driven team in Winchester. This full-time, permanent role (£35,000, 37.5 hours per week) is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys bringing order, energy, and a people-focused approach to a busy workplace. You'll lead the day-to-day running of the parish office, support a small team, and help create a positive and welcoming experience for everyone who connects with us. As part of an ambitious 10-year vision, you'll contribute to work that makes a real difference across communities in the South. We offer a supportive environment, generous benefits, and the chance to be part of something meaningful.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (subject: Office Manager) by **Closing date: 23 June 2026**—we encourage early applications.

For more information, please see the links below:

[Catholic-Diocese-SPWM-Parish-Office-Manager](#). Application Pack, please [click here](#).

SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Peter's School Summer Fête – Saturday 20th June: Come along to the School Summer Fête on **Saturday 20th June, 12 noon–3.00pm** Join us for a fun family afternoon with games, inflatables, food and more. This is a key school fundraiser, so do come along and support if you can. You can also support the school by entering the online raffle, with 45 prizes worth over £2,000.

Tickets are available now (online only), and the draw will take place at 2.30pm on 20th June.

Enter here: [enter-school-fete-raffle](#)

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

Sad News from St. Peter's School

We are sorry to share some particularly sad news. At the very end of last half term, Miss Buxton took some compassionate leave as her mother had been taken suddenly ill. Sadly, she did not recover and died peacefully last week. Just days later Miss Buxton's brother, who had been suffering with a chronic illness for a long time, also died. He leaves behind a wife and a 16 year old son. Miss Buxton will not be in school for the time being and we ask that you keep Miss Buxton and the rest of her family in your thoughts and prayers.



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.



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



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**MASS TIME
TABLE:**

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, 14TH JUNE 2026 | YEAR A

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 13 June St Anthony of Padua	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Platt & Gilbert Family
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:30PM	Vigil Mass at St Peter's	Michael Laing RIP
	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
Sun 14 Jun Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
	11:00AM	Family Mass at St Gregory's	For the Soul of Rev. T. Patrick Savage
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Jean Mary Buckley
	Mon 15 June Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Benefactors
Tues 16 June St Richard of Chichester	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Wright Sisters RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Charlotte Thaw for Her Intentions
Wed 17 June Week 10 of Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration and Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of Anthony Joseph Dawling & His Parents
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Thur 18 June Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00PM	Mass at St Peter's	John Blake RIP
Fri 19 June St Romuald	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's Cancelled	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Myra Squire RIP
Sat 20 June St Alban	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Michael MacCartay 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	Tom Hughes 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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