

PETERPOST

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FR MARK WRITES: ASSUMPTION

We celebrate a beautiful feast this weekend, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rather than focus on our scripture readings, I would like to delve into the "Preface" offered by the Church for today. This prayer gives us a great introduction to the feast, in a sense summarising what we think we are doing as we gather:

*For today the Virgin Mother of God
was assumed into heaven
as the beginning and image
of your Church's coming to perfection
and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people;
rightly you would not allow her
to see the corruption of the tomb
since from her own body she marvellously brought forth
your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.*

Now is the time of God's favour; now is the moment of salvation

The preface begins with the word 'today'. Our understanding of time has been challenged in recent times, not least by developments in modern physics, but liturgical time is the "time" of eternity - God's time. As we celebrate this Solemnity, we are brought into communion with God and, through Him, are connected with the moment of Mary's assumption. We belong to the eternal now of God, where Christ is Lord and time is healed of its brokenness. We are not merely marking an "anniversary" but are participating in a moment of saving grace.

Mary is the Virgin Mother of God

"Virgin Mother of God" - there is a great richness in these four words. "Virgin mother" - this juxtaposition is so familiar to many of us and yet how can this be? How can Mary be a virgin and a mother? This miraculous act of grace, involve in her total assent, is at the heart of the mystery we celebrate today. The title "Mother of God" - *theotokos* - again is so familiar to many of us that we can forget the power of these words. How can it be that a mere human is the Mother of the Eternal God, unless the one Jesus is truly God and truly human? We are reminded again that this feast celebrates a miracle of grace.

Mary is taken into heaven

The feast is called the "Assumption" because Mary is assumed, taken up, body and soul, into heaven. Notice the difference here between Mary's passage to heaven and that of her son. Jesus ascended and Mary was assumed, taken, not by her own power (she is not God) but by the power of God's love.

Where Mary goes first, we hope to follow

Mary is the beginning and image of God's Church coming to perfection. After Jesus, Mary is the first of our human race to be taken into heaven. She is the first member of the Church to "cross the finishing line", to reach perfection in God's heavenly home. She is also the "image" of our future - we can look to Mary in heaven and see a picture of our future destiny. Through faith we too will be transformed into the image and likeness of Jesus and live with him in glory.

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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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Furthermore, Mary's assumption is a 'sign of sure hope and comfort to God's pilgrim people'. Sometimes the road seems long. We can feel lost, uncertain if we are on the right path. We need signs to reassure us. These signs afford us hope that we are on track - to keep persevering. If that sign also contains a picture to remind us of the beauty of our promised land then this can bring us comfort and consolation. Even if now we are caught up in fog or rain, thunder or darkness, unbearable cold, unimaginable heat, we are heading for a place where all will be well, where we discover that proverbial warm supper and a bath awaiting us in a place where there is no more sadness, no more tears, no more pain.

Pope Pius XII, when he was defining the dogma of the Assumption, said this:

"And so we may hope that those who meditate upon the glorious example Mary offers us may be more and more convinced of the value of a human life entirely devoted to carrying out the heavenly Father's will and to bringing good to others... Finally it is our hope that belief in Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective."

CAFOD - BREAK THE CHAINS OF DEBT - PETITION SIGNING

Millions of people across the world's poorest countries are being held back by an unjust debt crisis. Many governments are forced to spend more on debt repayments than on essential services such as healthcare, education, clean water and opportunities for their people to build a better future.

CAFOD is calling for urgent action to help create a fairer world, where communities can flourish rather than simply survive. By supporting this campaign, you can help amplify the call for debt justice and stand alongside our sisters and brothers around the globe. CAFOD representatives will be available after Masses this weekend to provide more information and invite you to add your name to this important campaign. Further details can also be found on the poster at the back of the church.

You can also take part online by signing the petition [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code opposite.

This is a simple action that can make a real difference. Together, we can stand in solidarity with our global neighbours and be a powerful voice for justice, compassion, and human dignity.

Please take a moment to sign the petition. Every signature strengthens the call for change. Every voice matters. Every action brings hope.



OUR CENTENARY NEWS KEEPS SPREADING...

We are delighted that news of St Peter's Centenary Celebrations and the successful events in July is spreading far and wide. If you missed the recent coverage on the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth website, in the Hampshire Chronicle, and on Winchester Radio, helping to share the story of our parish with a wider audience, here they are again:

 **Diocese of Portsmouth:** <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/st-peters-winchester-centenary-celebrations/>

 **Hampshire Chronicle:** hampshirechronicle-winchester-church-holds-special-mass-celebrate-100-years

 **Winchester Radio:** If you missed Episode 190, you can listen back as a podcast on your favourite podcast platform, or catch up via their website: <https://winchester.radio/2026/07/17/episode-190-17-07-2026/> Happy listening!

Please share with family and friends and help us make our Centenary a joyful celebration for the whole community. ✨



WINCHESTER RADIO - ST PETER'S HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

As we continue celebrating St Peter's Centenary year, you can hear more on our local radio station, Winchester Radio, about the two special guided tours which the Parish is running as part of this year's Winchester Heritage Open Days Festival: **Saturday 19th September - 'St Peter Street & Catholic Life' and also 'The Story behind the Door: St Peter's Church and the Medieval Hospital of St Mary Magdalene', in an interview with guests Liz Wald and Simon Roffey.**

The interview will be broadcast on-air next Friday 21st August on the charity's weekly local news programme 'Winchester Now'. You can also catch-up online via your favourite podcast platform or on the charity's website when the Episode comes out - it'll be Episode 195 of the show:

<https://winchester.radio/winchester-now/>

The online box office to book on any of the FREE HODs events opens on Thursday 27th August.

More details here: <https://www.winchesterheritageopendays.org/>



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

FIRST READING

First reading: Revelation 11:19a: 12:1-6a, 10ab

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R. 10b

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

SECOND READING

St Paul 15:20-27

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice.
R. Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-56

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Lk 1:48-49

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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SANCTITY OF LIFE PILGRIMAGE: WINCHESTER TO LONDON

On Wednesday 27th August, four women will begin a 100+ mile pilgrimage from Winchester to London, praying for the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. The pilgrimage will start at St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs at 9:30am, with a blessing from Fr Pedro, and 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 section of the route and to support them through prayer.

Can you help? The pilgrims are seeking overnight accommodation for the first night (27th August). They are four ladies and can be accommodated as two pairs if needed. Anyone able to offer hospitality is asked to contact the organisers: Livia Tossici Bolt: 07423 083298 or Elisabetta Pittino: 07345 176800



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

PARISH EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

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.

St Gregory's Feast Day Mass at St Gregory's Church on Thursday 3rd September at 7.00pm: This special Mass is an opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring St Gregory and reflecting on his witness of faith and service to the Church. Parishioners, families and friends are warmly invited to attend and share in this joyful celebration.

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.** More details and tour timings will follow soon.



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.

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!

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PARISH OFFICE NEWS

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dee Panes as our new Parish Office Manager, with her new role commencing on Monday 24th August.

Many parishioners will already know Dee through her dedicated service in the Parish Office, where she has become a familiar, friendly and invaluable member of our team. Over the past year and a half, Dee has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support parishioners, clergy, volunteers and visitors, always offering a warm welcome and practical assistance. We are delighted that she will bring her experience, knowledge and commitment to this important leadership role.

The Parish Office is often the first point of contact for those seeking information, support or a connection with our parish community. Dee's appointment will help ensure that this vital ministry continues to thrive as we look to the future with confidence, hope and a renewed commitment to serving our parish family.

As Dee takes up this exciting new role, we will also begin recruiting for her replacement, a Parish Administrator to join our team. Details of this opportunity will be shared shortly.

Please join us in congratulating Dee on her appointment and thanking her for the enthusiasm, dedication and many gifts she brings to our parish community. We ask you to keep Dee and all our parish staff in your prayers as they continue to strengthen the life of our parish and advance its mission and ministry through their generous, faithful and joyful service.

MP VISITS ST PETER'S SANCTUARY WELCOME HUB

On 12th August, Danny Chambers MP and his Executive Assistant, Hayley, visited The Hub to meet guests and volunteers and experience first-hand the warm community that gathers each week. After enjoying a bacon butty prepared by Hilary, Danny spent time listening to people's stories and learning more about life at The Hub.

A highlight of the visit was a frank and thoughtful discussion with five guests seeking asylum. They shared the challenges they face, including lengthy delays in decision-making, restrictions on working, travel requirements to submit evidence, and concerns about recent changes to refugee status and asylum support. The conversation also touched on hate crime and the increasingly divisive public debate surrounding asylum. Yet the strongest message was one of gratitude and belonging.

Without exception, guests spoke warmly of Winchester, describing the kindness and welcome they have received. They particularly valued Wednesday mornings at The Hub, football sessions and other activities, and expressed heartfelt thanks to St Peter's and the Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG) for helping them feel at home. The visit concluded with Annabel speaking eloquently about teaching English, describing it as both an honour and a privilege to support our guests as they build confidence, skills and friendships.

The visit was a powerful reminder that behind every asylum application is a person with a story, and that welcome, friendship and community can make a lasting difference.

St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub meets every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to find out more about The Hub, volunteering, or know someone who could benefit from its support, please contact Lesley Sheldon-Browning at: lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

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/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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/OTNBkTR7z8> or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A link will be sent out nearer the time.

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.

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MASS TIME TABLE:

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 15 Aug Our Lady Sunday VIGIL The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Simon Dacosta 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	Special Intentions for Theresa Emery
Sun 16 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Special Intentions for Sindiowe Mtuli
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Calipo Corr RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Mon 17 Aug Week 20 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues 18 Aug Week 20 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of Patrick George
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Repose of the Soul of Alfred Fernandez
Wed 19 Aug St John Eudes, Priest	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's - Cancelled	
	11:00AM	Mass at St Peter's (PLEASE NOTE: change of time)	The Soul of Edmund Wheble
Thurs 20 Aug St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Eileen Gibson
Fri 21 Aug St Pius X, Pope	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Richard Sepencer & Concelebrating Priests
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Sat 22 Aug The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday VIGIL 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For Geraline Rothman's Health
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	<u>Confession at St Peter's</u>	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Hayley Granston

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BAPTISM

Welcome to Madeleine Mahony and Clara McGuire who were baptised on Sunday 2nd August at St Peter's Church.

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



PRAYER CORNER -16TH & 23RD AUGUST

Let us pray that as we reach the height of the summer holidays, we may make time each week to rest, relax, reflect and refocus on the Sabbath, so that we may grow closer to Christ with hope and joy.

Let us pray that we will make room in our lives to be the kind of people who can pray simply, at any time and in any place, so that we may become closer to Christ in hope and joy.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

MASS TIME TABLE:

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 22 Aug The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday VIGIL 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For Geraline Rothman's Health
	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	Hayley Granston
Sun 23 Aug 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Special Intentions for Sheila Way
Mon 24 Aug St Bartholomew, Apostle	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	John and Mary Perry RIP
Tues 25 Aug St Louis; St Joseph Calasan, Priest	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of Rev. P.T. Savage
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Wed 26 Aug Week 21 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
Thurs 27 Aug St Monica	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
Fri 28 Aug St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

First reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138 (137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6., 8bc. R. 8bc

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

St Paul 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 147: 12,14

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.