

PETERPOST

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



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FR PEDRO WRITES:

LEARN FROM MARY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the loving responsibility we ought to show for one another. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God appoints a "guardian" to care for His people, someone who lovingly warns others when they are straying from the path of life. It's not about judging or condemning, but about caring enough to help a brother or sister come closer to God's love.

Saint Paul gives us the key to understanding by stating simply the main rule of the Gospel: "Love one another." Thus, he reminds us that all God's commandments find their fulfilment in genuine love for each other.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us how to deal with conflict within the community, without breaking the rules of charity. Rather than speaking about others behind their backs or allowing resentment to grow, we are called to seek reconciliation with patience, humility and charity. Christ's promise that where two or three gather in His name, He is present among them, encourages the community to stay together in his name, aware of His loving presence that brings light, peace and joy to our relationships within the community.

This week, on 8th September, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's birth is a quiet but decisive sign of hope in God's plan of salvation. Through her, the dawn of redemption began to shine upon the world, anticipating the great joy of the birth of our Saviour. Mary's whole life was marked by lovingly listening to God's voice and generously loving others. She understood all the passages of Sacred Scripture in the light of God's love, and put them into practice better than anyone else. Let us ask her to teach us how to be open to God's word and to bring Christ's love to all those around us.

Our Lady, born for the salvation of the world, pray for us.



🌹 *Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th September* 🌹

As we celebrate Mary's birth, we give thanks for her faithful "yes" to God and ask her to help us grow in charity, reconciliation and love for one another,

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - AWARENESS MONTH

SVP: Friendship, Support and Hope - September is SVP Awareness Month, a time to celebrate the quiet but vital work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our parish.



At the heart of our mission is a simple yet powerful calling: to bring friendship, hope and compassionate support to those who may be lonely, unwell, isolated or facing difficult times. Through visits to people in their homes and care settings, SVP members offer a listening ear, encouragement and the reassurance that no one is forgotten.

Working alongside other parish ministries, we also support the Mass for Healing and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, welcoming all who are suffering physically, emotionally or spiritually. The next Mass will take place on Saturday 10 October at 2.00pm in St Peter's Church.

Perhaps you know someone who would appreciate a visit, or perhaps you feel called to become part of this important ministry. SVP members will be available after all Masses this weekend and would be delighted to answer any questions.

To find out more, request a visit, become a member, or support our work, please contact svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Donations: **Account Name: B170404 SVP St Peter-Winchester; Sort Code: 60-60-04; Account Number: 46075542.** If preferred, please donate via the Contactless machines or use the SVP envelopes at the back of church. "For it is in giving that we receive."

Through simple acts of friendship, kindness and presence, together we can bring Christ's love, hope and dignity to those who need it most. ❤️

FR MARK - FAREWELL GIFT

As Fr Mark prepares to leave the parish, many may be wondering how they might express their thanks and good wishes. While it is customary to offer a farewell gift, Fr Mark would prefer not to receive one, having only recently celebrated his Silver Anniversary and been touched by the generosity shown to him at that time.

Instead, if you would like to mark his departure, he would be very grateful if you would consider supporting **CAFOD's Emergency Response Fund**, which provides vital assistance to communities affected by conflict, disaster and humanitarian crises.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us



Donations can be made most easily by [following this link](#) or by scanning the QR code above.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers as Fr Mark prepares for the next chapter of his ministry.

WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Welcome to the new Season of talks and events with the WCHS. Explore your love of history and art history with our exciting and varied programme from September 2026 to June 2027. Including talks on Raphael, the Mortuary Chests in Winchester Cathedral and Dame Helen Ghosh, the Former Director General of the National Trust, speaking on the many religious buildings in their care. Our Autumn trip is a private guided tour of the amazing Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Learn more about the history of one of the world's most renowned opera houses. For more information please look at our website: www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com

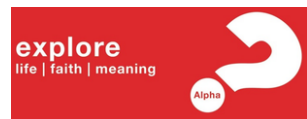
The first talk is on **Wednesday 16th September at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre.** Professor Ryan Lavelle will be speaking on 'Winchester, Wessex & England in the Early Middle Ages'. New members and visitors £7.00 on the evening, most welcome.

All enquiries email: win.cath.history@gmail.com



ALPHA AND JOURNEY IN FAITH - STARTING SOON!

Are you curious about the Christian faith, returning to church after some time away, or interested in becoming a Catholic? Our new Alpha and Journey in Faith (RCIA) programmes begin this autumn and offer a warm, welcoming space to explore life's big questions, deepen your relationship with God, and learn more about the Catholic faith.



Alpha starts on Monday 28th September and is open to everyone, whether you're exploring faith for the first time or looking to reconnect. For more information, please email: alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Journey in Faith is an informal and welcoming programme at St Peter's, open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In each session, we reflect together on Scripture, explore different aspects of Catholic belief and practice, discuss the Sacraments and the teaching of the Church, and make plenty of space for questions and conversation. And there is tea! The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Parish Centre, **starting 1st October 2026.**

There is no commitment involved in coming along, and you are very welcome simply to find out more. For those who wish, the programme can also provide preparation for reception into the Catholic Church. For more information, speak to Alexis or contact the parish office, or visit the Journey in Faith website: sites.google.com/view/journey-in-faith

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are warmly welcome.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps

95(94):1-2. 6-7b, 7c-9. R. 7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
R. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PARISH EVENTS

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.

Winchester Heritage Open Days running from 11th to 20th September - offering a wonderful opportunity to explore the city's rich history, architecture and culture. We are delighted that St Peter's Church will be taking part on **Saturday 12th September**, opening our doors to welcome visitors, friends and neighbours to discover the beauty, heritage and living faith of this special place. The guided St Peter Street Tour on **19th September** has proved extremely popular and is now fully booked, with a waiting list in operation. If you missed out on a place, don't worry. We warmly encourage parishioners to invite family, friends and colleagues to visit St Peter's during Heritage Open Days and experience the rich story of Catholic Winchester. We are also hoping to welcome the Mayor of Winchester, making it an even more special occasion for our parish and community. 😊

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.



If you can spare some time on 19th and would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Tichbourne Mass on Sunday 13th September at 6:00pm. Following a long-standing tradition, the Mass will be offered for the Tichborne family and all the faithful departed. Parishioners are encouraged to join Fr Pedro at this unique celebration of our Catholic heritage in a place that holds a special place in the history of the Church.

Centenary Walking Pilgrimage Across the Parish – Saturday 19th Sept – Stockbridge to Alresford via Winchester Missed out on a place for the St Peter's tour? Why not join fellow parishioners for our Centenary Walking Pilgrimage and experience the parish in a unique way as we journey together in faith, prayer and fellowship.

The pilgrimage begins at St Thomas More, Stockbridge, where walkers will gather at 6:30am for a 7:00am start. The route then continues to St Stephen's (approximately 11 miles, arriving around midday), on to St Peter's (a further 4 miles, arriving around 1:40pm), and finally to St Gregory the Great, Alresford (a further 10 miles, arriving shortly after 6:00pm). There will be a short stop at each church for prayer, refreshments and comfort breaks. Participants are welcome to walk all or part of the route, but should be confident of maintaining a reasonable walking pace for the distance they choose. Whether you're taking on the full pilgrimage or joining for a shorter section, this promises to be a memorable opportunity to celebrate our shared faith and community as we continue our journey towards the Centenary. Booking is essential. Please use the registration form: [link to the form for the Centenary Pilgrimage Walk](#) to sign up and indicate which section(s) of the walk you wish to join.

Please note: Under-18s are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Hearts on Fire - Everyone is welcome to this beautiful and reflective service of adoration and prayer with praise and worship music on **Sunday 20th September at 7pm in the Milner Hall, after 5.30pm Mass.**

Soup & Pud Lunch at St Gregory's on Tuesday 22nd September - 12:30-2pm. We warmly invite you to join us for a special lunch in aid of the Sanctuary Welcome Hub (based at St Peter's) which provides weekly space and support to Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Winchester.

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.

SVP - Mass for Healing and Anointing of the Sick - St Peter's Saturday 10th October at 2pm Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this special Mass, which includes Prayer for Healing and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Mass is open to all, especially those experiencing illness, frailty, emotional challenges, or spiritual difficulties, together with their families, friends, and carers. Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after Mass, providing an opportunity for fellowship and conversation. Please help us spread the word and consider inviting or accompanying someone who may benefit from attending. For further information, please contact: svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Murder Mystery Evening: Saturday 31st October 2026 at 7 pm. Come and join the Geriactors for an evening of mystery, entertainment and good food at the Weeke Community Centre. Tickets are now on sale and purchase can be made via email to: svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. Tickets are £20 per person and include a two course meal. All proceeds will go towards the SVP Christmas Parcels Appeal.

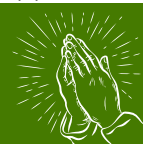
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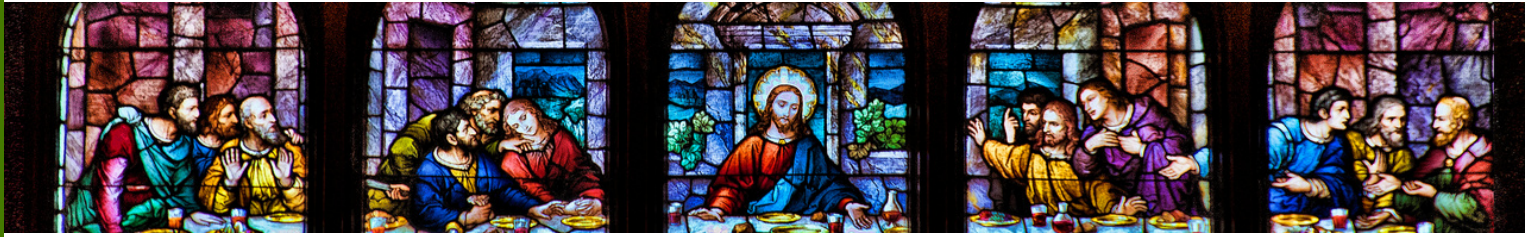
Welcome to Krystabelle Villarin Edet and Julia Green who were baptised on Sunday 30th, August at St Peter's Church.

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

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that, inspired by the SVP, we may be moved to action in serving the poor, vulnerable, and marginalised in our community.





DIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WINCHESTER: NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Churches Together in Winchester is currently seeking volunteers for the roles of Treasurer and Business Champion, while Winchester Street Pastors and School Pastors are also looking for new volunteers to support their valuable ministries within the local community. Looking ahead, parishioners are invited to take part in several city-wide events:

Churches Together in Winchester
Working Together for the City
Part of the Churches Together Network



Heritage Open Days (11-20th September, [What's on?](#)), with St Peter's open days **12th and 19th**. See page 3 of this newsletter for more details.

Winchester Green Week (19-27th September, winchestergreenweek.org.uk), come and see St Peter's art display in our Parish Centre and on **Saturday September 26th 5.30pm**, Mass provided by Fr Pedro, will include a focus on Green issues.

Interfaith Picnic for Peace on 26th September. These events offer opportunities to celebrate Winchester's heritage, care for creation, and promote peace, understanding and community engagement.

Winchester Street Pastors and School Pastors Winchester Street Pastors and School Pastors are seeking new volunteers to support their valuable ministries of care, encouragement and community outreach. If you would like to learn more about getting involved, please visit the Street Pastors website <https://streetpastors.org/locations/winchester/> or contact Mark Hibbert-Hingston.

Please keep these initiatives, and all those who generously serve through them, in your prayers. www.ctwin.org.uk

SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the new term begins, we are delighted to welcome everyone back to school and share the wonderful news that **St Peter's Catholic Primary School has been judged Outstanding in all areas** following its recent Catholic Schools Inspection. This achievement reflects the faith, dedication and hard work of our pupils, staff, governors and families, and is a wonderful affirmation of the school's commitment to providing an excellent Catholic education. We are also pleased to welcome enquiries for places in our Reception classes and selected year groups.

To learn more, please telephone 01962 852820 or email: admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk.

To read the full inspection report and keep up to date with news from our thriving Catholic school community, visit: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/ofsted-and-performance-data/>

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

Congratulations to everyone at St Peter's on this outstanding achievement! 🎉



Parish Priest: Fr Mark Hogan

Assistant Priest: Fr Pedro José Hernández O'Hagan

Deacons: Tony Darlison & Martin McElroy

CONTACTS:

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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.

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 | YEAR A

MASS TIME TABLE:

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 5 Sept St Teresa of Calcutta Sunday VIGIL 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	C&G Retreat and Formation Day Mass at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Winchester Cathedral Mass	John and Mary Perry RIP
	11:00AM to 12 noon	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	C.P.John RIP
Sun 6 Sept 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Odile Haughney RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	For The Repose of the Soul of James Gilroy
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	For the Intentions of the Neil Family
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Patrick Noel Harding RIP
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of the Way & Corcoran Family
Mon 7 Sept Week 23 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead & Founders
Tues 8 Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Richard Spencer & Concelebrating Local Priests
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Wed 9 Sept St Peter Claver	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of the Wilson Family
Thurs 10 Sept Week 23 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rose Margaret Fletcher
Fri 11 Sept Week 23 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	Ian & Susan Kirkaldy 45 th Wedding Anniversary
Sat 12 Sept The Most Holy Name of Mary Sunday VIGIL 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Maria Jose Del Rio 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

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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