

PETERPOST

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WHAT'S INSIDE THIS WEEK:

- *Fr Pedro Writes: Love Is Forgiving*
- *Second Collection - Education Sunday*
- *Centenary Walking Pilgrimage Across The Parish - 19th Sept*



FR PEDRO WRITES: LOVE IS FORGIVING

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the transforming power of forgiveness. Sirach warns us against clinging to anger and resentment: if we are honestly grateful for God's tender mercy and forgiveness, we must also be willing to show God's mercy in our relationships to others. Our Lord makes this teaching vivid in the parable of the unforgiving servant. Do you think you could identify yourself with any of the attitudes of this parable? Parables generally don't use names so that we can apply them to anyone, even to ourselves!

As the servant who was forgiven, we too, have benefitted many times from God's mercy. Hence, it is fair to be forgiving to others. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask to be forgiven as we forgive others. Forgiveness does not pretend that wrongdoing does not matter, nor does it always remove the need for justice or wise boundaries. Rather, it means refusing to let anger and resentment have the final word.

Pope John Paul II wrote that God's mercy "implies the acceptance of 'brotherhood', precisely because God is the Father of all, even of our erring brother" (8/Sept/1999). To forgive is therefore to recognise that the person who has hurt us remains someone loved by God—and that we ourselves depend upon the same mercy. St Paul reminds us that "whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Rom 14:7-9). Hence, all our relationships, conflicts and responsibilities must be lived before the Lord.

This week, let us bring to prayer anyone against whom we still hold resentment, or someone who holds resentment to us. Perhaps we can take one small step towards reconciliation: a prayer, a conversation, or simply the decision to release the desire for revenge.

On Monday, 14th September, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the sign of Christ's extreme and forgiving love; on Tuesday, 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows, remembering Mary's forgiving compassion at the foot of the Cross. Both showed their extreme love by forgiving the worst, may we learn from them always to forgive.



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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY - SECOND COLLECTION

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (13th September, in 2026) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 178 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Click the link to find: [More information](#). Donations can also be made via the Contactless card machines at the back of church. **Thank you for your support.**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - AWARENESS MONTH

SVP: Christmas Parcels - This week, we continue to share information about our work in the Parish focussing on our annual Christmas Parcels distribution.

Over recent years we have provided over 100 parcels to families and individuals in the local area, containing seasonal and basic food items as well as a voucher to help with the expense of this time of year. We rely on the generosity of parishioners to finance this initiative, and this year on 31st October we're holding a fund-raising evening to help towards the cost of the parcels (see details under Parish News, page 3).

If you are interested in coming to our October fund-raising event, finding out more about our work and/or becoming a member please email: 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." ❤️



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.

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.

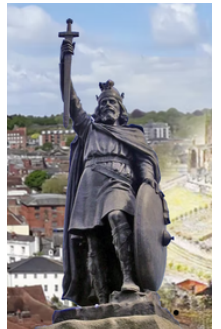
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WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your

FIRST READING

First reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103 (102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R. 8

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35 COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Winchester Heritage Open Days running from 11th to 20th September - As part of Winchester Heritage Open Days (11-20 September), **St Peter's Church will be open on Saturday 12th and 19th September, 12 noon to 4pm**, welcoming visitors to explore our rich heritage, beautiful architecture and vibrant Catholic faith. If you missed out on spaces for the tours, we warmly encourage you to visit the church and invite family, friends and neighbours to discover the story of Catholic Winchester. We are also delighted to be hoping for a visit from the Mayor of Winchester, making the occasion even more special. To see the full programme, simply search for Winchester in the Heritage Open Days [What's on?](#) section. All events are free of charge. **No booking required – just come along!**



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.

Pies & Puds is Back! - Weds 16th September at 1pm. After our summer break, it's time for our monthly lunch event, on at the Pastoral Centre. 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 the editor of the Hampshire Chronicle, Kimberley Barber, is coming to visit us. No booking or commitment necessary, just turn up, but do contact moirar@msn.com with any questions.

Centenary Walking Pilgrimage Across the Parish – Saturday 19th Sept – 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 complete 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.

Monday Movers is a weekly creative dance group for the over 65yr olds. Do come and try a class. Term starts Monday 14th Sept 10am in St Peter's Pastoral Centre. There is also a seated class at 11.15 for those less mobile. Please call Julia for more information or leave a message: 07964 361598.

Vox Humana & Gregoriana - Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm - Milner Hall - we saw them at the Centenary 'Light of the World' celebrations - are giving a recital of early sacred music from the first Millennium through to the late Mediaeval period, a glance at some early instruments and a motet or two. **Price £12, children free.**

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. Loads of parking! And the soups and puds are truly worth coming for!

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 this special Mass, particularly those who are sick, frail, struggling, or in need of healing and prayer, along with their families, friends, and carers. Refreshments will follow in the Pastoral Centre. Please consider inviting someone who may benefit from attending. 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.

WEDDINGS:

We offer our warmest congratulations to Daniel Christmas & Nicola Tesheira who were married on Friday 4th September at St Peter's Church.

May they be richly blessed as they begin their married lives together.

BAPTISMS:

Welcome to Theodore Simpson who was baptised on Saturday 5th September at St Peter's Church.

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

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for all members of our new Alpha group and those beginning their Journey in Faith, that their encounters with the Lord may strengthen them and draw them closer to Christ in hope and joy.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Please join us as we pray a novena in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/novena/>) for the **intention of the future of the White House**, for all those who are working and have worked to secure its future, for those entrusted with decisions, and for our parish. This can be prayed alone or in groups, and you are invited to join us as we **start the novena in St. Peter's Church at 6:00pm on Tuesday 15th September**. On the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, **Thursday 24th September, there will be Mass at 10:00am** as usual, **Adoration at 6:00pm**, and an **additional Mass in Latin at 7:00pm**.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WINCHESTER

Looking ahead, parishioners are invited to take part in several city-wide events:

Heritage Open Days (11-20th September, [What's on?](#)), with St Peter's open days **12th and 19th**. Please 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 19th at 5.30pm**, Fr Pedro will highlight Winchester Green Week in the Vigil Mass.

Creative Voices for Peace on 26th September. These events offer opportunities to celebrate Winchester's heritage, care for creation, and promote peace, understanding and community engagement. visit their webpage:

<https://winchesterquakers.org.uk/voicesforpeace> or get in touch with them at creativevoicesforpeace@gmail.com.

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.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2027

Applications are still open however they will close end of September. Children who are in Year 4 (or above) may apply, however if your child is presently in Year 3 and you are a regular parishioner and feel they may be ready this year, please do get in touch.

The **compulsory parents' session will be on Tuesday November 3rd at 7pm** in the Pastoral Centre adjoining St Peter's Church, Jewry Street. If you have any queries before completing the form, please email Rosanne Walker at: rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Please find the link (or QR code) to register below: [FHC - 2027](#)



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Mark would like to invite any of our children who have made their First Holy Communion this year to become Altar Servers in our parish.

Altar Serving is a wonderful privilege and blessing and also a commitment that I personally value very much. I remember being nervous when my dear dad took me along to my first training session, but loved it and served regularly in my home parish until I went away to study.

We will be hosting an **information and training session on Saturday 10th October, 11am – 12 noon** at St. Peter's Church. Parents and children will be able to ask any questions, and we will also give them some basic training, including how to put on the alb.

The training is valid for anyone wishing to serve in our parish, at any of our 4 churches.

There's no commitment at this stage – just an opportunity to find out more. There will be another training session later on in the year.

If you and your child would like to come, there will be a brief consent form to fill in, but for now please do save the date. Of course, there are other ways in which our children can serve God and the parish at Mass, such as welcoming, reading, or in the children's music ministry. Please contact: Andrea H - welcoming@stpeterswinchester.org.uk; Sarah W - readers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk; or Rosanne W (music) - rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and they can tell you about the "next steps".

SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

On Friday 18 September at 9.15am we will celebrate a School Welcome Mass at St Stephen's. All welcome.

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.

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026 | YEAR A
MASS TIME TABLE:

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
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
Sun 13 Sept 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Fr Thomas Biddy & Charmaine - all Cancer Patients to be Heard
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Family Mass at St Stephen's	Kathleen Docherty RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Annie Muir RIP
	11:00AM	Family Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Veronica Ziegler RIP
	6:00PM	Tichborne Mass	The Deceased Members of the Tichborne Family
Mon 14 Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Souls of Bruce and Kathleen Cowling
Tues 15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Hugh & Noeline Ormerod RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Wed 16 Sept St Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Jim to be delivered from all Addictions
Thurs 17 Sept St Robert Bellarmine and St Hildegard of Bingen, Doctors of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 18 Sept Week 24 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Benefactors
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Bob and Teresa Frith RIP
Sat 19 Sept St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr Sunday VIGIL 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions for Kathleen's Family & Husband
	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	Celebrating Victor Okon's 17 th Birthday

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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