

PETERPOST

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



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FR PEDRO WRITES: YOUR NEXT STEP WITH JESUS

Our faith is a journey, it's not about another programme or reaching a finish line. It is a lifelong journey of drawing closer to Jesus, one step at a time. Wherever we find ourselves today, whether confident in faith, full of questions, returning after time away, or simply seeking more, Jesus gently invites us forward. We do not need to have all the answers. We only need an open heart, ready to respond to His next invitation and to trust that God is walking with us every step of the way.

A disciple is someone who learns from Jesus and chooses to follow Him. Before asking us to do anything, Jesus first invites us into a relationship with Him. He says, "Come and see," then "Follow me," and finally "Go." Throughout our lives, we continue to live out these invitations more deeply. Discipleship is not about reaching a certain level of holiness, but about staying close to Jesus and allowing Him to shape our hearts so that we may love and serve others as He does.

Our parish discipleship pathway reflects one journey with Christ through three movements: Sit with Jesus, Become Like Jesus, and Go with Jesus. These are not separate stages that we leave behind once completed. Rather, they are rhythms of Christian life that belong together. We are welcomed into Christ's presence, formed by His grace, and sent out to share His love. The important question is not, "How far have I progressed?" but "Where is Jesus inviting me to take my next step?"

SIT WITH JESUS

Explore – Encounter – Belong

This week we invite you to reflect on the first step. Begin by being with Jesus and discovering that there is a place for you.

Everything begins by sitting with Jesus. Before we can follow Him or serve Him, we need to spend time in His presence. Jesus invites each of us to belong, to ask honest questions, to listen, and to discover that we are deeply known and loved by God. This invitation is for everyone: lifelong parishioners, those returning to the Church, and those still searching for faith. In a busy world, making space to be with Jesus allows His peace and love to touch our hearts.

Sitting with Jesus can be as simple as arriving a few minutes early for Mass, spending time in quiet prayer, reflecting on the Sunday Gospel, or pausing before the Blessed Sacrament. Families can pray together at home, young people can make time each day to speak with the Lord, and all of us can learn to notice God's presence in ordinary moments. When we make room for Jesus, even in small ways, He draws us closer to Himself and gently leads us to the next step on our journey of faith.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION - HOME MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday. This annual appeal supports the Church's mission of sharing the Gospel across England and Wales, helping parishes, schools and communities to reach out with the hope and joy of Christ. Your generosity helps strengthen the Church's evangelising mission and supports initiatives that invite others to encounter Jesus and grow in faith. 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 prayerful support and generosity. ✚❤



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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - AWARENESS MONTH

SVP: Outreach - Welcoming, Supporting and Accompanying

This week's focus: SVP's work extends well beyond home visits and practical support. We are privileged to work alongside other parish ministries in serving some of the most vulnerable members of our community. **At the Wednesday Sanctuary Welcome Hub at St Peter's**, we help provide a warm, safe and welcoming space for people seeking sanctuary in Winchester and the surrounding area. In partnership with dedicated volunteers, support is offered through friendship, English language assistance and help navigating everyday challenges. The SVP contributes both financially and through the time and commitment of volunteers.

SVP members also support the chaplaincy team at HMP Winchester, assisting at the Saturday morning Mass and offering a listening ear, prayer and encouragement to prisoners. Through practical donations, including Bibles, prayer cards and reading glasses, we seek to bring hope, dignity and God's love to those who may feel forgotten.

Together, these ministries reflect our parish mission of being "A Place for All", reaching out with compassion, friendship and faith to those most in need.

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.



THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, **Thursday 24th September - There will be an additional Mass in Latin at 7:00pm at St Peter's** to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Before Mass, **at 6:00pm, there will be Adoration and Rosary**, in thanksgiving for all the work that has been undertaken by parishioners and others to secure the future of the White House, for whatever decision the Diocesan Trustees have made on that day, and to pray for all those who will work on it in the future, and for all those who will use it or live there.

Please do join us for this special evening of prayer and thanksgiving, placing the future of the White House and our parish community into the loving care of Our Lady of Walsingham.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I AM the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145 (144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. r. 18a

The Lord is close to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Paul 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank You from the CWL (Catholic Womens League) to all who supported September's Soup & Pud Lunch, helping to raise £215 for Emmaus Hampshire, who help rebuild lives following homelessness.

The next Charity Lunch will be on Friday 2nd October in aid of Winchester Samaritans.

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

Winchester Green Week & Vigil Mass on 19th September - As part of Winchester Green Week (19-27 September), we invite you to **visit St Peter's Art Display in the Parish Centre**, showcasing creative reflections on caring for our common home.

On **Saturday 19th September at 5.30pm**, Fr Pedro will mark **Winchester Green Week** during the Vigil Mass, offering an opportunity to reflect on our shared responsibility for God's creation and how we can respond in faith and action.

To find out more about the week's events across the city, visit: winchestergreenweek.org.uk . 🌍💚



Event Cancellation Notice - Vox Humana & Gregoriana - Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm - Milner Hall
We regret to inform you that the Vox Humana & Gregoriana recital, due to take place on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm in Milner Hall, has been cancelled due to illness within the ensemble.
We extend our best wishes to those affected and apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience caused. Thank you for your understanding.

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](#).



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.

The Winchester Camerata, conducted by Fr Andrew Moore - a concert of classic works for string orchestra in support of the **Winchester Hospice on Saturday 10th October at 7.00 p.m.** at St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill, SO22 5AB. Tickets £20 (students £5) from [TICKETS](#) or at the door. Further details at www.winchestercamerata.org.uk

☀️ **SAVE THE DATE! A Special Thank You to our Parish Volunteers!** On behalf of Fr Mark, we invite all our wonderful parish volunteers and their families to a special afternoon of celebration and thanksgiving on **Sunday 11th October at 3-5pm, Pastoral Centre**. Whether you serve publicly or quietly behind the scenes, this afternoon is for YOU, our chance to say a heartfelt thank you for all that you give to our parish family.

🍰 Save the date and come along to be celebrated! Full details and registration link in next week's newsletter.

Ministry Leads: Please spread the word amongst your teams so no one misses out!

Coffee Morning in aid of SWVG - Thursday 22nd October 2026 (9am to 11.00am) - Join us for a Coffee Morning at Rick Stein's Restaurant, 8 High Street, Winchester SO23 9JX. All proceeds will support the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group, helping asylum seekers and refugees in our local community (Wednesday Sanctuary Welcome Hub at St Peter's). Why not bring a friend and enjoy a relaxed morning together while supporting this important cause? **£5 entry** for coffee and cake!

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 title: *"A synodal, evangelizing, Spirit-led Church of missionary disciples: Francis, Leo and the 'change of era'".*

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: 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.

BAPTISMS:

Welcome to Tommy, Noah, Nathan & Michael who were baptised on Saturday 13th September at St Peter's Church.

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

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for all who evangelise in our local communities, that through the joy of the Gospel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they may bring people closer to Christ.

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".

FORMATION FOR READERS

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on **Saturday 17th October 2026 (9am to 1:30pm) in the Pastoral Centre**. All the details can be found [HERE](#). If you would like to attend, please email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.

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 3rd November 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](#)



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Looking to deepen your faith, grow in prayer, or explore theology? Rooted in the Ignatian tradition, The London Jesuit Centre offers a wide range of inspiring courses, retreats and events in theology, spirituality, and social justice, welcoming people at every stage of their faith journey. Whether you're just beginning or seeking to go deeper, there's something for everyone. Visit: www.londonjesuitcentre.org to find out more.



WINCHESTER FOOD & BASICS BANK – HARVEST APPEAL

As we approach the Harvest season, please remember the Winchester Food & Basics Bank in your prayers and charitable giving. The Food Bank provides essential support to local individuals and families facing hardship, helping with food, toiletries and other everyday necessities. With rising food prices, donations received through supermarket collection points are no longer meeting demand, and the charity is currently spending around £1,000 each week to supplement supplies. Donations of food and financial contributions are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to those in need within our community.



For more information about their work and how you can help, please see their latest newsletter or visit their website. www.winchesterfoodandbasicsbank.co.uk. **Thank you for your generosity and support.** ♥

SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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.

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 | YEAR A
MASS TIME TABLE:

Mass Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 19 Sept Saint 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 17th Birthday
Sun 20 Sept 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Leigh Davies RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Bernard Barton RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Lidia Otero RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Eva Msquith on her Birthday
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Mon 21 Sept Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues 22 Sept Week 25 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	For the Intentions of Joyce Mbong on her 40 th Birthday
Wed 23 Sept Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration and Mass at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Thurs 24 Sept Week 25 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Thanksgiving for Jorence's 1 st and Giovanni's 10 th Birthday
	6:00PM	Adoration and Rosary at St Peter's - future of the White House	
	7:00PM	Latin Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham at St Peter's	
Fri 25 Sept Week 25 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of William Meader
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Birthday Intentions of Neliska D'Costa
Sat 26 Sept Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Sunday VIGIL 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	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	People of the Parish

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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