

PETERPOST

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



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FR PEDRO WRITES: ANOTHER STEP WITH JESUS

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. Today we want to focus on the 2nd Step:

BECOME LIKE JESUS

LEARN – GO DEEPER IN CHRIST – GROW
“Come, follow me.” (Matthew 4:19)

As friendship with Jesus grows, he forms us through Scripture, prayer, the Sacraments, Christian community, Church teachings and the choices of everyday life.

Jesus loves each one of us exactly as we are, but He loves us too much to leave us unchanged. His invitation, “Come, follow me” is not simply a call to believe in Him, but to become more like Him. To follow Jesus means becoming His apprentice: learning His way of life, allowing His word to take root in our hearts, receiving His grace through the sacraments, and growing alongside others who share the journey of faith.

For most of us, this transformation takes place through simple, faithful steps. We might develop a daily rhythm of prayer, spend time with the Sunday Gospel during the week, receive the Eucharist more attentively, or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation more regularly. Joining a small faith-sharing group, attending a retreat or parish course, or seeking the encouragement of a fellow Christian can also help us grow as disciples.

Children and young people are invited to follow Jesus in ways that are just as meaningful. Younger children can honour their parents joyfully, learn to tell the truth, and practise forgiveness from the heart. Older children and teenagers can grow in virtue by making good choices in their words and actions, celebrating the sacrament of Confession regularly, and learning self-discipline, perhaps by giving up social media or another comfort on Fridays.

Families, too, have a special role in helping one another become more like Christ. Setting aside time for forgiveness and affirmation, celebrating the seasons and feast days of the Church together, and making the most of Advent and Lent can all deepen family faith. Above all, this journey is not for people who are already perfect, but who want to become more like Jesus, who was perfect in charity. The main aim is to stay close to Jesus, trusting Him, and allowing Him day by day to shape us into the people He created us to be.

This Sunday 27th September is also the feast of St Vincent de Paul, as this is the day he died, in Paris on 1660. St Vincent was renowned for his love of the poor and his tireless works of charity. Together with the Daughters of Charity that he founded, he spent his life serving the sick, running schools and hospitals, caring for orphans, and helping prisoners and wounded soldiers. In his care for the needy, he became very much like Jesus, and gave us a wonderful example of authentic Christian faith. Congratulations to all the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in our Parish!

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.

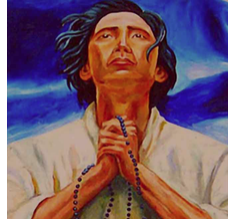
ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

CELEBRATING ST LORENZO RUIZ WITH OUR FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Sunday 27th September | 10:30am Mass | St Peter's

Join us for a joyful celebration as our 10:30am Mass honours St Lorenzo Ruiz (Feast Day 28th Sept) and celebrates the faith, culture and wonderful contribution of our Filipino community to parish life. After Mass, everyone is warmly invited to stay for Filipino food and hospitality, and to enjoy a wonderful opportunity to come together in friendship, fellowship and celebration. All are very welcome to join us for this special occasion! 🇵🇭 🙏



"If I had a thousand lives, I would give them all to God." St Lorenzo Ruiz

Please note: As our Filipino Mass is taking place this Sunday, tea and coffee will not be served after morning Masses. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for refreshments as usual next week. Thank you for your understanding.

ALPHA AND JOURNEY IN FAITH - NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

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: Work Overseas: This week we're focussing on what we do to help the SVP in parishes overseas.

Our SVP Conference is twinned with five SVP Conferences in India. We make regular financial contributions to these Conferences, which ensures vital funding reaches the poorest communities in countries where the SVP exists. We have also been able to respond to special appeals, for example, we contributed to a Special appeal to help set up feeding centres for children in South Sudan. We also continue to sponsor a student in Higher Education through the annual Indian Scholarship Appeal: "This programme enables SVP India to really help children and young people complete their education. The students are those from difficult backgrounds where parent(s) have lost ability to earn through sickness or worse. The scheme is life transforming". We couldn't respond to these appeals without the generosity of our fellow parishioners.

If you are interested in coming to our October fund-raising event (Murder Mystery Evening - see details on page 3), 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.

SAVE THE DATE - THANK YOU VOLUNTEER'S TEA PARTY

On behalf of Fr Mark, we warmly invite all our wonderful parish volunteer's and their families to our annual afternoon of celebration, fellowship and thanksgiving:

Sunday 11th October 🕒 **3:00-5:00pm** 📍 **Pastoral Centre** 🍰 🍵 🥰



Our parish simply wouldn't be the same without the time, talents, kindness and generosity of so many people who give so freely throughout the year. Whether you serve at Mass, support one of our ministries, help with events and hospitality, care for others, welcome newcomers, or quietly lend a hand behind the scenes, every contribution matters and every volunteer is valued.

So please save the date, bring your family and come along to relax, enjoy some lovely company and let us celebrate you! Please find details and the registration link [HERE](#).

🚩 **Ministry Leads: Please help us spread the word amongst your teams so that no one misses out. We want every one of our volunteers to know how much they are appreciated!**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25 (24):4-5b.6-7. 8-9. R. 6a

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Paul 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.
R. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CWL (Catholic Women's League) Soup & Pud Lunch - Friday 2nd October from 12:30 - 2pm. We welcome all to join us for the next charity lunch **in aid of Winchester Samaritans in the Pastoral Centre**. Delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings will be served for a suggested donation of £7, all are welcome to join.

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 this special Mass. If transport would make it easier for you or someone you know to attend, our SVP team will be happy to help arrange this.**
Contact details: 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

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 7:00pm. 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.

☀️ SAVE THE DATE!

St Peter's Christmas Carol Concert - Thursday 10th December | 5:30 - 6:30pm | FREE ADMISSION
Join us for a spectacular finale to our Centenary Year!

The beautiful Light of the World illuminations return to St Peter's for a magical evening of Christmas music and carols, featuring St Peter's School and our wonderful parish choirs.

🌲 In the spirit of our Centenary theme, **A Place for All**, everyone is warmly invited to come together and share in the joy of Christmas as we bring this very special year to a memorable close.

🎅 Come and meet Father Christmas, browse our Centenary gifts, and enjoy festive refreshments, including mulled wine and mince pies, in the Pastoral Centre.

Free to all - Come along, bring family and friends, and share in the celebration!



FUNERALS

We pray for Roy Phillips RIP - Funeral Service on 8th October at 12.30pm at St Peter's.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for the Alpha course starting this week and for those still considering this invitation; that God may open their hearts to His call and renew them through the power of the Holy Spirit.





KEYBOARD/ ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Could You Be One of Our New Organ Scholars? Do you already play the piano or keyboard and would love the opportunity to learn to play the organ?

The Parish of St Peter & The Winchester Martyrs is delighted to be offering a limited number of Keyboard / Organ Scholarships, providing financial support for structured organ tuition and the opportunity to develop your skills on this wonderful instrument.

Applicants should normally have keyboard skills around Grade 5 standard or equivalent and be aged 12 years or over. As part of the application process, applicants will also be asked to provide details of two referees. Up to three blocks of ten lessons may be available, subject to progress. Scholars will also have the opportunity to experience the musical and liturgical life of the parish as their confidence and skills develop.

Interested? Click [HERE](#) to find out more and apply/ register your interest.

Closing date: 16th October 2026

Have any questions? Please click [HERE](#) to contact Mary Siddall, Volunteer Music Group Leader.

WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Winchester Catholic History Society - Our Fantastic Autumn Event & Talk

Monday 26 October, a Private Guided Tour of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Learn about the history of one of the world's most renowned Opera House. See many of the areas not normally open to the public, including rehearsal studios, costume and production workshops. The ticket price is £55.00 to include coach travel, private guided tour of the ROH and time to enjoy the shops and restaurants of Covent Garden. All enquiries -see below.

Wednesday 14 October talk at Winchester College (pre booked ticket)

Converts: Why did so many Extraordinary People become Catholics in the 20th Century?

Dr Melanie McDonagh is a journalist and columnist who has written extensively for many publications including the Tablet, Spectator, Times, Telegraph and Evening Standard on politics, literature, the arts and religion. She is well known for her intellectual and robust style.

In her book she examines the phenomenon of the conversions to Catholicism focusing on 16 British writers, artists and intellectuals including Oscar Wilde, Muriel Spark, Graham Green and G K Chesterton.

To reserve your place for either event please email: win.cath.history@gmail.com or visit:

www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WINCHESTER

Join Churches Together in Winchester on Monday 5 October at 7:30pm for a special Prayer Walk, starting from the Salvation Army, Parchment Street.

Following a short briefing, we'll head out in groups across the city, praying for God's Kingdom, and for the peace and prosperity of Winchester, before returning together for worship and celebration. Come dressed for the weather and prepared to walk for 45-60 minutes. Prefer not to walk? You are very welcome to remain at the Salvation Army and pray there. We will finish by 9:00pm.

🌐 **For more news and events, visit: <https://ctwin.org.uk/>**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection starting Friday 2nd October. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

♥ Please give generously - You can make your Family Fast Day donation as follows:

✉ Using a CAFOD envelope available in church

💳 Via the contactless donation machines at the back of church

🌐 Online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

☎ By calling 0303 303 3030

📱 OR SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OPPOSITE

• Watch the latest video: <https://vimeo.com/cafodtv/harvestffd2026>.

• We are also sharing a link to Bishop Stephen's visit to the region [HERE](#). **Thank your for your time and generosity.**



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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](#)



ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Engaged and Married Couples Retreat – *I will give you hidden treasures* (Is 45:3). Join us from 16th – 18th Oct at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, PO301YR

For more info, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com, www.uk.verbumdei.org

ST ANNE'S SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

St Anne's Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday 7th October, from 6pm to 8pm.

St Anne's Sixth Form is an outstanding 16–18 Catholic mixed gender college, right in the heart of Southampton and with excellent transport links in all directions. While rooted in a strong Catholic ethos, we warmly welcome applications from all families seeking an education shaped

by high standards, care, and a Christian community. The college is unique within the local area.

It is small and offers a personalised and academic pathway for students wishing to progress to university. Our students achieve well and formation is central to their experience, developing the whole person beyond their academic outcomes.

For more information visit our website St Anne's Sixth Form College, Southampton.



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.

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026 | YEAR A
MASS TIME TABLE:

Mass Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 26 Sept Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Sunday VIGIL 26 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
Sun 27 Sept 26 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	The McClane Family RIP
	10:30AM	Filipino Mass at St Peter's	
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of Laura Ferraz
Mon 28 Sept St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ted and Joan Kenny RIP
Tues 29 Sept The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Wed 30 Sept St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Thurs 1 Oct St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Shelagh O'Donoghue RIP
Fri 2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Patricia Smith RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	CWL for Samaritans Supporting People in Crisis
	9:00PM	Sung Latin Compline at St Peter's	
Sat 3 Oct Our Lady on Saturday Sunday VIGIL 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	11:00AM	Celebration Mass of Marriages at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Hogan Family

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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