

PETERPOST

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FR MARK WRITES: DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Over the last few weeks, Fr Pedro has kindly been writing about our parish "Discipleship Pathway". My hope is just to pull this together into one place as we round off the series...

Sit with Jesus

If we think of the disciples at the beginning of John's Gospel, the start following Jesus and, after a short exchange, he simply says to them, "Come and See".

Disciples begin by being with Jesus and discovering there's a place for them with him, alongside him, even in him and with him in us.

Become like Jesus

But, if we want to be a disciple of Jesus we can't just sit with Jesus...there's another step we need to take. Jesus says to us, "Come, follow me".

We need to take time to learn (about him), to grow in our knowledge and trust of him, to go deeper in our relationship with him. Let friendship with Jesus shape your prayer, mind, heart, relationships and life. Allow Him to transform you more and more into his image and likeness.

Go with Jesus

Just before he returns to heaven, Jesus says to his disciples: "Go and make disciples". We are called to become disciples who make disciples. We are sent, but never alone. We are always with Jesus who also says, "I will be with you until the end of time".

Jesus needs us to serve and to bear witness to him and the Gospel message, by word and example. We are invited to offer our gifts in service, share faith, make disciples and take part in Christ's mission in the world. We need to put what we've learnt into practice.

What is a disciple?

A disciple is a learner, an apprentice of Jesus, someone who stays with Him, learns from Him and increasingly lives as he lives in service of others.

Discipleship begins with relationship.

Jesus does not first say, "Get everything sorted." He says, "Come and see." Then, "Follow me." And finally, "Go." We spend our whole Christian life living these invitations more deeply.

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These are our usual Mass times. For any changes or special celebrations, please check the back page for this week's full schedule.

ST PETER'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass, 5.30pm. Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12.15pm. Wednesday and Thursday at 10.00am.

Confessions: Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration 8.00am Monday to Friday.

ST THOMAS MORE'S CHURCH STOCKBRIDGE

Sunday Mass: 9.00am.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

The pathway is not three levels

- Mature disciples still need to sit with Jesus.
- Someone exploring faith may already be serving others generously.
- A lifelong Catholic may discover a fresh need for encounter, healing or conversion.
- At different seasons, one movement may be especially important, but all three belong together.

Each and every one of us is invited to come closer to Jesus Christ, in hope and joy.

That is already at the heart of our parish vision. We believe Jesus can heal and restore our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father holds us as we journey in faith; Jesus transforms us through his Word and Presence; the Holy Spirit fills us and sends us out into the world.

The Discipleship Pathway is simply a way of helping us to notice that journey and respond to it. It is not a new club for the keen, and it is not a checklist for "good Catholics". It is an invitation to ask:

Where is Jesus inviting me to take one step closer to Him as his disciple?

Wherever you are today (settled, searching, returning, uncertain, growing, or serving), there is a place for you in and with Jesus.

Where am I now?

Take a few quiet minutes with Jesus and notice which questions stir something in you.

SIT WITH JESUS

- Do I experience church as a place where I am known, welcomed and able to be honest?
- Is there a question, hurt or longing I need to bring to Jesus?
- Would I benefit from Alpha, prayer or simply slowing myself down and spending more time with him?

BECOME LIKE JESUS

- What is currently helping me to grow more like Jesus, and what has become stuck?
- What rhythm of prayer, Scripture, Sacraments or community would help me? (Do I have a "rule of life"?)
- Is Jesus asking me for a concrete "yes" in some area of my life?

GO WITH JESUS

- Which gifts or experiences might God want to use for others?
- Who is one person I could encourage, serve or invite?
- Where has Jesus already sent me to bear witness to Him? At home, work, school or in the community?

Lord Jesus, what is my next faithful step with you?

Changes to Mass Times: Please note that some Masses, Morning Prayer and Adoration are cancelled next week while Fr Mark, Fr Pedro and parishioners are on pilgrimage. Please see the Mass timetable for details and follow our parish Facebook page for updates from the pilgrimage.

♥ **A Warm Welcome to St Peter's School!** We warmly welcome the St Peter's Catholic Primary School community, joining us for the 9.15am Mass at St Stephen's Church this Sunday. It's lovely to have you with us!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Thank you to everyone who has supported CAFOD's Harvest Appeal, helping families facing food and water shortages. As Fr Mark prepares to leave for Abingdon, he has asked that anyone wishing to give him a leaving gift consider donating to CAFOD instead.

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](#).



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

A Surprise Visitor at the CWL Charity Lunch! There was a lovely surprise at the Catholic Women's League (CWL) October Soup and Pud Lunch when Winchester MP Danny Chambers spotted the sign outside St Peter's Church and popped in! He enjoyed chatting with guests over delicious homemade soups and puddings. A big thank you to everyone who supported the lunch, helping to raise a wonderful **£285** for Winchester and District Samaritans, who provide vital support to people in times of need. **Next Charity Lunch - Friday 6th November**, in aid of Boaz, with a Christmas craft stall featuring handmade gifts and cards. Thank you to the CWL and everyone involved for their generosity and hard work! ♥



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“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.”

Matthew 22:2



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

SVP - Mass for Healing and Anointing of the Sick - St Peter's Saturday 10th October at 2pm: Everyone is warmly invited, particularly those who are sick, frail or in need of healing and prayer, together with their families, friends and carers. Refreshments will follow in the Pastoral Centre. If you or someone you know needs help with transport, the SVP team will be happy to assist. Contact: svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



Parish Volunteers' Thank You Tea Party: On behalf of Fr Mark, we warmly invite all our wonderful parish volunteers and their families to our annual afternoon of celebration, fellowship and thanksgiving. **Sunday 11th October, 3:00–5:00pm at the Pastoral Centre** 🍰☕. A chance to relax, enjoy some refreshments and celebrate the time, talents and generosity of our volunteers who contribute so much to parish life. Please find details and the registration link [HERE](#) OR SCAN the QR code opposite. All volunteers and their families are welcome!



Winchester Catholic History Society - Wednesday 14th October | 7.30pm | New Hall, Winchester College: 🎤 **Dr Melanie McDonagh:** ‘Converts: Why did so many Extraordinary People become Catholics in the 20th Century?’ Join journalist and author Dr Melanie McDonagh for a fascinating talk exploring why prominent British writers, artists and intellectuals converted to Catholicism between the 1890s and 1960s, including Oscar Wilde, Evelyn Waugh, Muriel Spark and G K Chesterton. 📄 Admission by pre-booked ticket only. 📧 **To reserve your place, email win.cath.history@gmail.com** or visit: www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com. 🗨️ Please note: The Winchester Catholic History Society's planned visit to the Royal Opera House on Monday 26th October has unfortunately been cancelled.

Coffee Morning in aid of SWVG - Thursday 22nd October 2026 (9am to 11.00am): Join us at Rick Stein's Restaurant, 8 High Street, Winchester for coffee and cake in support of the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group, helping local asylum seekers and refugees through the Wednesday Sanctuary Welcome Hub at St Peter's. **£5 entry** – coffee and cake included. Bring a friend and come along!

Solemnity of the Blessed Winchester Martyrs on Friday 30th October at 7.00pm: All are warmly invited to the Vigil at St Peter's Church, with guest speaker Austen Ivereigh, Catholic author and commentator, speaking on “A synodal, evangelizing, Spirit-led Church of missionary disciples: Francis, Leo and the ‘change of era’”. The evening will also mark Fr Mark's final Mass as Parish Priest in Winchester, offering a special opportunity to give thanks for his ministry and service to our parish. Please join us for this special evening of prayer and thanksgiving.

Visit of The Relics of St Gerard Majella - Thursday 29th October | St Peter's Church: As part of our Centenary Year celebrations, we are privileged to welcome the Relics of St Gerard Majella to St Peter's, marking the 300th anniversary of his birth (1726–2026). 🙏 **Relics available for prayer and veneration from 1.00pm. Mass at 7.00pm with Sermon & Blessing with the Relics after Mass.** St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, expectant parents and couples hoping to conceive. This is a special opportunity to pray and seek his intercession. All are warmly welcome!

Murder Mystery Evening: Saturday 31st October 2026 at 7:00pm: Join the Geriactors for an evening of mystery, entertainment and good food at Weeke Community Centre. Tickets are £20 per person, including a two-course meal, with all proceeds supporting the SVP Christmas Parcels Appeal. To book, email svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk, including any dietary requirements.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray for all who volunteer in our parish, and that others be inspired to join them, that through their service they may grow in a deeper sense of belonging to our community and to Christ.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord,
should mark
iniquities, Lord,
who could stand?
But with you is
found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Responsorial Psalm: PS 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 6cd

TIn the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for length of days
unending.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Lm 3:25Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

OPPORTUNITIES



A Different Way to Give Something Back: There are so many ways to contribute to parish life, and sometimes the skills we use every day are just what is needed behind the scenes! We have two volunteering opportunities supporting our Parish Finance Office. Could one of them be just right for you?

Finance & Gift Aid Support Volunteer: Do you enjoy working with figures and keeping things organised? We're looking for someone with a good eye for detail to help with Gift Aid records and routine financial administration. 🕒 Time commitment: Approximately 10 hours a month, arranged flexibly. No previous Gift Aid experience is necessary. Take a closer look at this role and [click here](#).

Parish Collection Counter Volunteer: Could you spare three hours every fortnight? Join our friendly team of collection counters, working alongside another volunteer to count, record and prepare parish collections for banking. 🕒 Time commitment: Approximately 3 hours every fortnight, normally on a Tuesday. We're looking for someone reliable, methodical and comfortable working with others. Find out more about this role please [click here](#).

Guidance and training will be provided for both roles. Perhaps one of these opportunities appeals to you, or perhaps you know someone who would be just right for it? Interested or simply curious? We'd love to hear from you! There's no obligation, just an opportunity to find out a little more. [Click here](#) to email the Parish Office.

Could You Be One of Our New Organ Scholars? Already play the piano or keyboard and interested in learning the organ? Our parish is offering a limited number of Organ Scholarships, providing financial support for structured tuition and the chance to develop your musical skills. 🎹 Aged 12+ with Grade 5 keyboard skills (or equivalent)? Up to three blocks of ten lessons may be available, subject to progress, with opportunities to become involved in the musical life of our parish. 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.**

🎓 **NEW Catholic Society at Winchester – A New Generation of Faith!** We're delighted to welcome the newly formed University of Winchester Catholic Society (CathSoc), bringing students together to grow in faith, make friends and become part of our parish community. Following a fantastic response at the Freshers' Fayre, students are already attending Sunday Mass together and discovering parish life, Alpha and Journey in Faith. Come and be part of UoW CathSoc, or perhaps you know a student who might be interested? We'd love to welcome you! **Every Tuesday, 7-9pm, Tom Atkinson 104 ✨ FREE MEMBERSHIP!** Come along, meet new people, make friends, grow in faith and be part of our new Catholic student community. For more information, contact: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and we'll put you in touch with the CathSoc team.

Calling Our New Altar Servers! Fr Mark warmly invites children who made their First Holy Communion this year to consider becoming Altar Servers at any of our four parish churches. Interested? There's no commitment at this stage, just an opportunity to find out more. 🙌 please find the link (or QR code) to fill in the online form here: [st-peters-winchester-altar-servers-forms](#). Children can also get involved in welcoming, reading or music ministry. For more information, contact: 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".



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 Nov 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 here on your right: [FHC - 2027](#)



SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

🌾 **School Council Harvest Collection:** St Peter's Catholic Primary School Council is collecting food and essential items for Winchester Basics Bank and the Carroll Centre. Donations can be brought into school **until 23rd October**, with suggested items listed on school posters. 🍷 Every contribution makes a difference. Thank you for your support!

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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026 | YEAR A

MASS TIME TABLE:

Mass Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 10 Oct St Paulinus of York & St Denis & Companions	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Heward & Scott Family RIP
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Annie Kate Laing RIP
Sun 11 Oct Week 28 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Fr John Jackie O'Neil RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	30 th Wedding Anniversary - Kerry & Jaeson Middleton
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Lidia Otero RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of Way & Corcoran Family
Mon 12 Oct St Wilfrid	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Intentions of the Neil Family
Tues 13 Oct St Edward the Confessor	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Benefactors
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Wed 14 Oct St Callistus I	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Butler Family Intentions
Thurs 15 Oct St Teresa of Avila	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Fri 16 Oct St Hedwig	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's Cancelled	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of Mary, Lady Mannock
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
Sat 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch Sunday VIGIL 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's Cancelled	
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's Cancelled	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's Cancelled	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Margaret Merriman

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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