



PETERPOST

ALL SAINTS - SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 | YEAR A

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 THE PARISH
OF ST PETER
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

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- Welcome Fr Michael Fava
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WELCOME FR MICHAEL FAVA

On the Solemnity of all Saints, we are very pleased to welcome Fr Michael Fava as our new Parish Priest! Our prayers for him today, that all the Saints in Heaven may intercede for him and help him in his new mission here in Winchester.

Fr Michael Fava was born in Kampala, Uganda, and moved to the UK when he was eight years old. He studied theology at Oxford and in London. He was ordained as a Benedictine monk before later becoming a priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth.



Fr Michael is widely known for his distinguished service as a chaplain in the British Army, where he served for over twenty years in places including Bosnia, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, and Afghanistan. In 2018, he became the first Roman Catholic priest appointed Deputy Chaplain General of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, holding the rank of Brigadier.

He was awarded a CBE in recognition of his outstanding service and was appointed Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen. Since retiring from the Army in 2020, he has served as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Newbury. We are delighted to welcome Fr Michael to our parish community.



Thank you, Fr Mark Hogan

As Fr Mark Hogan concludes nine years as Parish Priest of St Peter's, we offer our heartfelt thanks for his faithful and dedicated ministry among us. Throughout these years, he has hugely enriched our faith and spiritual life, supporting us in times of joy and sorrow, and building an authentic parish fellowship.

We thank Fr Mark for his generous service, leadership, and friendship, and we assure him of our prayers and best wishes for his ministry in St Edmund's Parish in Abingdon-on-Thames.

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.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

Bamenda News

BAMENDA SUNDAY - SECOND COLLECTION

Bamenda Sunday - 1st November: This weekend is Bamenda Sunday, a celebration of a partnership between our two dioceses where we learn, pray and support each other. An important part of the link has been the support we have sent over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact on the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda, and it most sincerely appreciated by them. You can [read](#) how your donations have supported Caroline and Stephen in the Bamenda Sunday newsletter. Please give as generously as your contributions really do transform lives. Follow [this link](#) or use the QR code to see the different donations options and gift aid if you can. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

A mandatory Safeguarding Training Session will take place on Saturday 21st November from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, at St Peter's - Pastoral Centre. Those requiring training will receive an email invitation and must confirm their attendance. Safeguarding training must be renewed every three years in line with national safeguarding standards. Please note that anyone working with children or vulnerable adults must have both a current DBS certificate and up-to-date safeguarding training. Those without these requirements in place will need to step back from their role until they are renewed. To book directly, email safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



✨ **All Hallows' Eve Family Party!: Saturday 31st October | 5.00–8.00pm | Pastoral Centre Hall:** Join us for a wonderful evening of fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World! Enjoy crafts, lantern making, saints show and tell, doughnuts on a string, BBQ food and glow sticks, followed by a lantern procession to St Peter's Church for night prayer. And a goody bag to take home! 🍬 Don't miss out! Bring the family and [click here to sign up](#). Or click the QR code.



Mass of Remembrance – Friday 6th November, 7.00pm: Please join us at St Peter's Church for our special Mass of Remembrance, as we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. During Mass, their names will be read aloud and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. All are warmly welcome, especially families and friends who have experienced bereavement. Please join us afterwards for refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

Sung Compline – First Fridays at St Peter's: Step into stillness with Latin Sung Compline, the Church's Night Prayer, on **Friday 6th November at 9.00pm in St Peter's Church.** This simple, contemplative liturgy brings a peaceful close to the day. No need to sing - simply come and pray. If you'd like to try Gregorian Chant, join the rehearsal at 8.00pm beforehand.

November – Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed: Throughout this holy month, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Through prayer, remembrance, and the blessing of graves, we honour their memory, entrust them to God's mercy, and renew our hope in the promise of eternal life.

Blessing of Graves during November

Sunday 8th - 12:30pm at St Gregory's, Alresford and 12:30pm at St James.

Sunday 15th - 3.00pm at Morn Hill Cemetery.

AI and Human Dignity: From UK Regulation to Papal Thought: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly becoming part of our everyday lives. But what opportunities and challenges does this rapidly developing technology present? Who is responsible for ensuring that AI is used responsibly? And what can Catholic teaching contribute to the debate about AI and human dignity? Join Fr Pedro and Professor Maria Burke for an accessible and thought-provoking evening exploring these questions, including the latest developments in AI, UK government policy and regulation, and the perspectives of the Catholic Church. **Wednesday 11 November 2026, 7.30–9.00 pm at :** St Peter's and the Winchester Martyrs Pastoral Centre. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. No specialist knowledge is required.. There will be an opportunity for questions and open discussion.



Winchester Catholic History Society - Wednesday 18 November, 7.30 pm New Hall, Winchester College:

We are very pleased to welcome Stuart Harvey, an Art Historian, who lives and works in Rome. Stuart will be speaking on 'Raphael in Rome', an in-depth look at the works of Raphael Sanzio, who Vasari described as 'The Prince of Painters'. In this lecture we will take a chronological look at Raphael's works that are easy to visit in Rome today, as well as learning about his powerful patrons, including 2 Popes, various Cardinals and wealthy bankers. Raphael's love life cannot be ignored! We finish at his monumental tomb in the Pantheon. This is a pre booked place only for both Members and Visitors. Please email win.cath.history@gmail.com for more information and to make a reservation. [Click here](#) for the website.

FUNERALS

We pray for:

Rita Zollo RIP - 9th November at 12.15pm, at St Peter's Church
Caroline Mary Hencher RIP. Philip Trueman RIP.

Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.
May God grant them eternal rest.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may bless Father Michael with wisdom, health, and a shepherd's heart as he begins his ministry among us.



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🔑 **A Special Celebration at St Stephen's:** Sunday 11th October was a memorable occasion for the St Stephen's community, as some of its longest-serving and most dedicated members were recognised with the presentation of Diocesan Medals, in heartfelt appreciation of their years of service. The celebrations were made even more special as we gathered for Fr Mark's final Mass at St Stephen's, alongside our school community for their termly Mass. The morning ended with a lovely gathering in the School Hall, bringing everyone together in friendship and thanksgiving. A wonderful occasion and a heartfelt thank you to all those whose dedication has meant so much to St Stephen's over the years!

BOOKSHOP

📖 **Looking Ahead to Christmas?:** Looking for a thoughtful gift or something to enrich your faith journey? Why not pop into our Parish Bookshop? We have a lovely selection of Missals, Bibles and inspiring spiritual books, alongside our newly arrived Christmas cards, Advent calendars and Nativity cribs. Christmas stocks are limited, so shop early! Don't forget our Centenary merchandise, perfect for a meaningful gift or keepsake of this special year. 🌲 Pop in after Mass and have a browse. You might just find that perfect Christmas gift!

📖 **Gifts that inspire.** 🌲 **Keepsakes that celebrate our Centenary.** 🙏 **Resources that deepen faith.**

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR MARK



As I prepare to leave St Peter's and begin a new chapter of ministry in Abingdon, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you all. Your prayers, kindness, generosity, and many good wishes have been deeply appreciated. If I have not had the opportunity to thank you personally, please accept my gratitude and know that your thoughtfulness has meant a great deal to me. Serving St Peter's for the past nine years has been an immense privilege. This parish has been my home, and it has been a blessing to share in so many important moments of faith and life alongside you. The warmth, friendship, and support I have received here will always remain close to my heart.

Thank you for allowing me to walk this part of my priestly journey with you. Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

With every good wish and God's blessing, **Fr Mark Hogan** ✠

COMMUNITY

Calling All Men! A Day to Inspire and Encourage: - Saturday 7th November | 10.00am–3.30pm | Winchester Vineyard Church:

Looking for a chance to recharge your faith, meet other Christian men and enjoy a great day together?

Christian Vision for Men (CVM) is hosting a special Men's Day with the theme "Becoming the Man God Needs You to Be".

Expect inspiring worship, engaging talks, real-life stories and plenty of laughter with award-winning comedian Andy Kind!

Tickets £25, including a delicious hog roast lunch and refreshments. Whether you're looking to grow in faith or simply enjoy some good company, why not come along and bring a friend? CVM is also behind the well-known annual Christian men's festival, **The Gathering**. Discover more about **CVM's vision to reach and encourage men**. 🙌 [Click here for details and to book your place](#).

SCHOOL NEWS - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angel's rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 24(23): 1-2. 3-4b. 5-6.
R. cf.6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

SECOND READING

John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation:
Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Fava

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:

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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.

MASS TIME TABLE: ALL SAINTS - SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 | YEAR A

Mass Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 31 Oct Our Lady	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Cecilia Misquith
	9:30AM to 10.30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL All Saints	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Richard Wheble
Sun 1 Nov All Saints	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's (Family Mass)	The Deceased Members of the Catenians Association
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Mon 2 Nov All Souls	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of David Tutton
	7.00PM	Mass at St Peter's (All Souls)	All Souls
Tues 3 Nov St Martin de Porres & St Winefride	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Soul of Lady Mary Mannock
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Szymanski Family RIP
Wed 4 Nov St Charles Borromeo	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Mrs Giles
	7.00PM	Mass at St Peter's (Remembrance Service for Winchester Hospital)	
Thurs 5 Nov 31st Week in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Frank & Margaret Cullen RIP
Fri 6 Nov 31st Week in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	The Intentions of the Neil Family
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For all who support adults with learning disabilities
	7.00PM	Mass at St Peter's (Remembrance Mass)	
	9.00PM	St Peters Sung Latin Compline	
Sat 7 Nov St Willibrord Sunday VIGIL 32st Week in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Alan & Pamela Maynard 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	The Deceased Members of the Burrell & O'Donoghue Families

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](#)