

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS WEEK:

Conclave

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Society

*Hants & IOW Speak Their Name
Suicide Memorial Quilt Display*

The May Rosary Chain



JESUS IS THE HOPE THAT FILLS US – AND EMPOWERS US TO BEAR WITNESS IN OUR LIVES

FATHER MARK WRITES Ted Lasso, is unexpectedly recruited to coach a fictional English Premier League football team, AFC Richmond, despite having no experience coaching the sport (his background is American Football). The night before a crucial game against Manchester City, with Richmond needing something to avoid relegation, Ted went to The Crown & Anchor pub to discuss tactics. Some of those he was with had already mentally conceded defeat to Man City and Ted wondered why they didn't have any hope. It's then that one of the characters comments that "It's the hope that kills you". The phrase is commonly used in English football and refers to the thought that it might be best for fans not to raise their expectations and hopes because that just makes it feel even worse if (and often when) their team fails.

This negativity infuriated Ted and inspired his team talk just before kick off:

"So, I've been hearing this phrase y'all got over here and I ain't too crazy about it. 'It's the hope that kills you.' Y'all know that? I disagree, y'know. I think it's that lack'o'hope that comes and gets ya. See, I believe in hope. I believe in believe. Now, where I'm from, we got a sayin' too. Yeah. A question, actually. Do you believe in miracles?"

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ST PETER'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

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

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

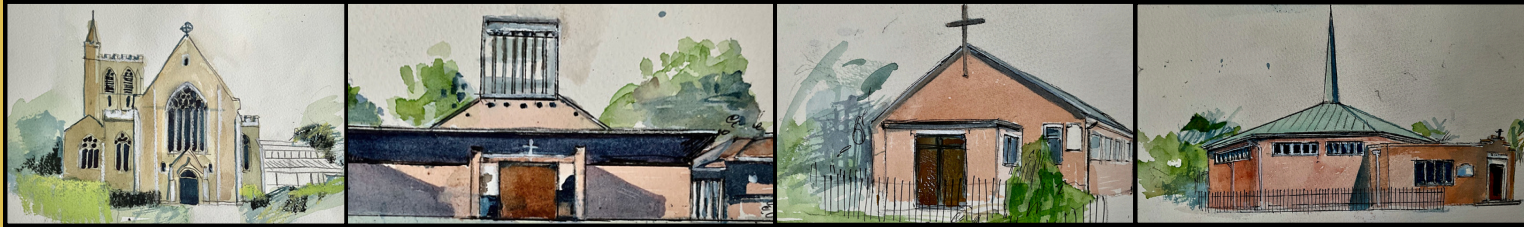
Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Friday at 10.00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 4TH MAY 2025 | YEAR C



Artwork of St Peter's Church, St Gregory, St Thomas More and St Stephen's — kindly provided by Stephen Harte

I've spoken and written before about different degrees of hope: casual hope, precious hope and ultimate hope. On the first level we find casual hopes, like "I hope it doesn't rain today". Then come our precious hopes. For example, you hope for good health and long life. Casual and precious hopes are good for us but we also have our ultimate hope, that which we rest our hearts and souls upon.

When our hopes are in their proper places, attached to the right things, we are preserved from hundreds of heartbreaks and thousands of heart aches, and we flourish as more successful individuals. When our hopes are properly ordered it's a mark of maturity, a fruit of good character. The problem, of course, is that we mix up these different levels of hope all the time. We turn casual hopes into precious hopes and make a precious hope our ultimate hope.

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. We have been given 50 days of Easter, 50 days of celebrating the miraculous victory of life over death, 50 days of hope! These 50 days have been given to us as a gift, to remind us of our ultimate hope – Jesus Christ – and the miracle on which our ultimate hope is founded, namely his resurrection from the dead.

When Jesus becomes our sole ultimate hope, then we can truly say that "He is the hope that fills us". Jesus is our ultimate hope, our anchor, and he fills us with love and life and peace and joy and all that we need. This hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5).

In our first reading this weekend, from the Acts of the Apostles, we're reminded how those first disciples, so soon after Good Friday when they'd given up hope in Jesus, were willing to be beaten for the privilege of teaching in his name. We hear that they left the council, "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name".

"We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

They were filled with the Spirit of Jesus, filled with hope, and this empowered them to bear witness to Jesus and to his Resurrection. Now they really believed in miracles and this was a "game-changer".

Are you filled with the ultimate hope of Jesus this Easter? Do you really believe in miracles? Enough to be willing to suffer a little discomfort or embarrassment to bear witness to Him in your daily life this week?

Maybe we can make this prayer of Pope Francis ours during the week ahead:

"Lord, give us the grace to receive the Holy Spirit who will remind us of Jesus' words, who will guide us in truth throughout our lives and prepare us to bear witness in our lives, with small everyday martyrdoms, or with a great martyrdom, according to God's will. Amen!"

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading: Acts 5: 27b-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30(29):2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12a, 13b. R. 2a

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 21: 1-19

**COMMUNION
ANTIPHON:**

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, Alleluia.



CONCLAVE: STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE PAPAL INTERRUGNUM

What happens at the Conclave? On 21st April, 2025, The Holy Father, Pope Francis, died. After nine days of official mourning, the Cardinals will meet in Conclave on 7th May 2025 to elect a new successor of Peter. Bound by oaths of secrecy, they can never reveal what is said behind the closed doors of the Sistine Chapel. For centuries this had been termed the Conclave, derived from the Latin words cum and clave meaning 'under-lock-and-key'. Literally they are locked in and others are locked out. To help you understand this process, [Click here](#) to access a useful presentation from the Gaudete Trust.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP has served our parish for over 100 years. We're now asking for your help to continue supporting local families with Christmas food parcels. Last year we delivered 129 parcels — but 2025 funding is uncertain. If you can donate (cash, card, or standing order), please do so at the back of church. Gift Aid envelopes are available. SVP members will be available after Mass to answer questions or talk about getting involved. You can also visit the Outreach ministries page on the parish website. [Click here](#). We welcome new members, especially younger volunteers, and value your prayers. Pope Francis recently called the SVP "an extraordinary force for good".



THE MAY ROSARY CHAIN 2025

Every year, we offer an opportunity for parishioners to join a chain of prayer. This year, our hope-filled theme is Peace in our World. If you would like to take part, please email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and we will do our best to find a date that works for you. We hope you'll join us!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-2026 - INFORMATION EVENING

 When? Monday, 19th May |  7:00–8:00pm.  Where? Pastoral Centre Hall, St Peter's Church

If you're a parent or guardian of a child currently in Year 3 or above and would like them to prepare for their First Holy Communion next year, we warmly invite you to this important information evening. This evening is especially for families who haven't had a child on the programme in the last two years.

Most children making their First Holy Communion are in Year 4, but if your child is currently in Year 2 and you feel they'll be ready next year—and your family attends Sunday Mass regularly—please do get in touch. We also welcome enquiries about older children. ✉ **Contact us at:** fhc@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

FUNERALS & DEATHS

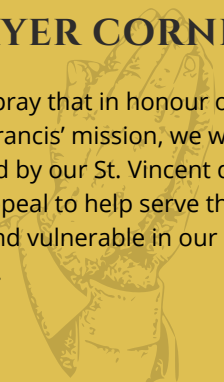
Rex Chester RIP. The funeral will take place on 27th May at 12.00 at the church of Our Lady, Warnford - the church is actually off the main road in Warnford Park - see the link here <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16882/>

Shirley O'Shea RIP - Funeral Service at Chesil House on Thursday 8th May at 10.30pm.

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

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that in honour of Pope Francis' mission, we will be inspired by our St. Vincent de Paul appeal to help serve the poor and vulnerable in our society.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

St Peter's Winchester - Hants & IOW Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt Display: St Peter's Winchester - Hants & IOW Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt Display: A quilt created by families and friends of people who have lost their lives to suicide has gone on display at the Pastoral Centre, St Peter's Church Winchester. This beautiful quilt gives voice to lives too often reduced to statistics, offering a visual celebration and remembrance. It's a reminder that suicide affects not only individuals, but families, friends, and entire communities — sometimes touching over 100 lives. The project aims to bring healing and hope to those grieving and those still struggling. We invite you to come and view this moving tapestry of love and remembrance. The display will be available for viewing until 19th May. You can learn more on their [Facebook page: Hampshire & IOW Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt](#).

Laudato Si: On Saturday 10th May 10am to 1pm our Diocese Caritas and Cafod groups are offering a session in our Parish Centre following up on our beloved Pope Francis passion for creation as set out in his Laudato si' encyclical. This is an opportunity for us all to Celebrate 10 years since Laudato Si' was written and to Renew our Commitment to Creating a World in Harmony with Creation. This is a big opportunity for us in our Parish to review where we are and plan for what we can do in the future. Coffee/tea etc at 9.45am.

UPCOMING COURSES:

Life in the Spirit Seminars - from 3rd May '25 (9-14 yrs): what it means to live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Sessions will include games, praise, teaching, discussion, and prayer. This is a 5-week course which will run until Pentecost. Saturdays 10.30am - 12noon Milner Hall at St Peter's Church, Age: 9-14 yrs For more information or to sign up please contact Rosanne: rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Online Life of the Spirit Course: Organised by CHARIS: Portsmouth Diocesan team will run on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm beginning 8th May until 26th May. Registration is now open. Contact: rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Called to Love: Masculine & Feminine, 9-11 May 2025: A weekend for young adults, whether single, dating or engaged couples, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity. The retreat will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from St Pope John Paul II. Download the brochure : [PDF Flyer](#) OR [JPG Flyer](#)

Significant Anniversaries Mass—Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or an anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration on Saturday 21st June at 11am at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. This will be followed by a buffet lunch Please send an email to: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form to complete and return. Please upload a copy of your wedding photograph when you return the form, or post a copy of the photograph with your completed form, to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX.

For All Adult Laity: Unveiled Faces: Healing & Transformation with the Saints, 27 – 29 June 2025. A weekend led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives. For more information and to book: [click here](#) . [Click here PDF flyer](#) . OR [Click here for JPG flyer](#) .

For Sixth Form Students: 2025 Leadership programme: applications from LIV / Y12. An inspirational course for those who will shape tomorrow's society, this programme is for students who want to deepen their faith and who want to engage in the public discourse around the common good. The programme offers first class philosophical and theological input from Catholic academics and professionals, workshops in media skills, team building activities, spiritual and personal development, a strong liturgical framework and the opportunity to meet like-minded peers and public figures in a close-knit, fun atmosphere. Delivered over three residential modules in Stonyhurst and in London, the programme concludes with the presentation of certificates, validated by St Mary's University, in Westminster Hall. There are no financial pre-requisites to the programme: subsidies are offered as required for successful candidates. For more information and to apply: [Click here](#) . [Click here CLF Flyer - PDF](#) [CLF Flyer - JPG](#)

PARISH NOTES:

A big thank you to all those who contributed to St Gregory's Cake Sale and Chocolate Tombola. The cake sale made £44 and the chocolate tombola made £20.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School & Little Fishes Pre-School newsletter, [Click here](#).

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NEWSLETTER:

Deadline for items for newsletter requests please submit by

[Wednesday mid-day](#)

CONTACTS:

For a full list of contact details for our Parish, please visit our website:

www.catholicwinchester.org.uk or email

hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

to be directed to the correct person.

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

(eg: offertory, SVP, etc). You can also use the

Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

Mass Timetable

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 3 May St Philip & St James Third Sunday of Easter VIGIL	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Lady Mary Mannoch
	9:30 to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Klara & Leon Trowski RIP
Sun 4 May Third Sunday of Easter	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	All Priests Worldwide
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Peter Jackson RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Intentions of Anna Salley & Roseann Lynch
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
Mon 5 May Third Week of Easter	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Salvacao Fernandes
Tues 6 May Third Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at Gregory's	Ann O'Mara RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 7 May Third Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Gillian Barry RIP
Thur 8 May Third Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
Frid 9 May Third Week of Easter	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Greogry's	Dead in Cemeteries & Founders
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Kathleen Misquith
Sat 10 - St John of Avila (Priest Doctor of the Church, optional memorial) Fourth Sunday of Easter - VIGIL	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Margaret Mary Robinson
	9:30 to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls of Purgatory

To participate in any service online (including Morning Prayer & Adoration) or to see the recorded services, go to our **YouTube CHANNEL**.

ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED.