

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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



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FATHER MARK WRITES: CORPUS CHRISTI – THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

On this Feast of Corpus Christi, I wanted to share some extracts from a homily by Pope Benedict XVI for this Feast in 2011. You can read the whole text [here](#).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Feast of Corpus Christi is inseparable from Holy Thursday, from the Mass in Caena Domini, in which the Institution of the Eucharist is solemnly celebrated. Whereas on the evening of Holy Thursday we relive the mystery of Christ who offers himself to us in the bread broken and the wine poured out, today, on the day of Corpus Christi, this same mystery is proposed for the adoration and meditation of the People of God, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession through the streets of the cities and villages, to show that the Risen Christ walks in our midst and guides us towards the Kingdom of Heaven.

What Jesus gave to us in the intimacy of the Upper Room today we express openly, because the love of Christ is not reserved for a few but is destined for all...

Everything begins, one might say, from the heart of Christ who, at the Last Supper, on the eve of his passion, thanked and praised God and by so doing, with the power of his love, transformed the meaning of death which he was on his way to encounter. The fact that the Sacrament of the Altar acquired the name "Eucharist" — "thanksgiving" — expresses precisely this: that changing the substance of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is the fruit of the gift that Christ made of himself, the gift of a Love stronger than death, divine Love which raised him from the dead...All things proceed from God, from the omnipotence of his Triune Love, incarnate in Jesus. Christ's heart is steeped in this Love; therefore he can thank and praise God even in the face of betrayal and violence, and in this way changes things, people and the world...

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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

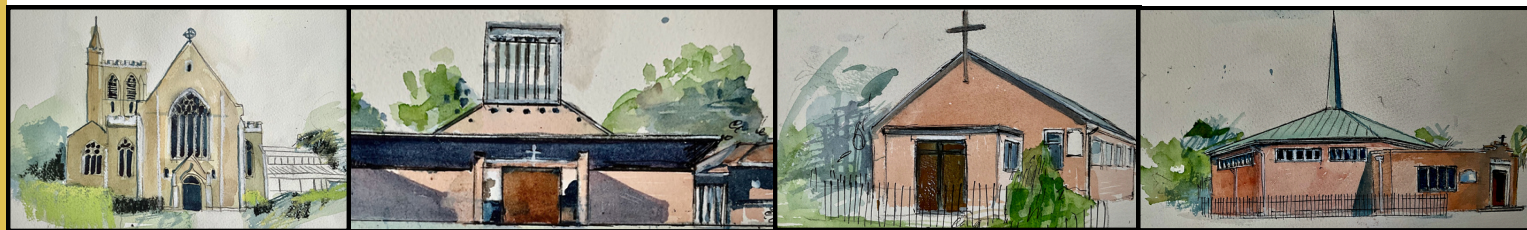
Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Friday at 10.00am

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

St Augustine helps us to understand the dynamic of Eucharistic communion when he mentions a sort of vision that he had, in which Jesus said to him: "I am the food of strong men; grow and you shall feed on me; nor shall you change me, like the food of your flesh into yourself, but you shall be changed into my likeness" (Confessions, vii, 10, 18).

Therefore whereas food for the body is assimilated by our organism and contributes to nourishing it, in the case of the Eucharist it is a different Bread: it is not we who assimilate it but it assimilates us in itself, so that we become conformed to Jesus Christ, a member of his Body, one with him. This passage is crucial. In fact, precisely because it is Christ who, in Eucharistic communion changes us into him, our individuality, in this encounter, is opened, liberated from its egocentrism and inserted into the Person of Jesus who in his turn is immersed in Trinitarian communion. The Eucharist, therefore, while it unites us to Christ also opens us to others, makes us members of one another: we are no longer divided but one in him. Eucharistic communion not only unites me to the person I have beside me and with whom I may not even be on good terms, but also to our distant brethren in every part of the world...

Hence the profound sense of the Church's social presence derives from the Eucharist, as is testified by the great social saints who were always great Eucharistic souls. Those who recognise Jesus in the sacred Host, recognise him in their suffering brother or sister, in those who hunger and thirst, who are strangers, naked, sick or in prison; and they are attentive to every person, they work in practice for all who are in need...

Through the consecrated bread and wine, in which his Body and his Blood are really present, Christ transforms us, conforming us to him: he involves us in his work of redemption, enabling us, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to live in accordance with his own logic of self-giving, as grains of wheat united to him and in him. Thus are sown and continue to mature in the furrows of history unity and peace, which are the end for which we strive, in accordance with God's plan.

Let us walk with no illusions, with no utopian ideologies, on the highways of the world bearing within us the Body of the Lord, like the Virgin Mary in the mystery of the Visitation. With the humility of knowing that we are merely grains of wheat, let us preserve the firm certainty that the love of God, incarnate in Christ, is stronger than evil, violence and death. We know that God prepares for all men and women new heavens and a new earth, in which peace and justice reign — and in faith we perceive the new world which is our true homeland...

Thank you, Lord Jesus! Thank you for your faithfulness which sustains our hope.

SPANISH MASS BY FATHER MARK:

Misa en Castellano / Mass in Spanish: Padre Mark les quiere invitar a una celebración de la Santa Misa en Castellano el 24 de junio (La Natividad de San Juan Bautista) a las 1900h en la iglesia de San Pedro, Jewry Street. Todos son bienvenidos. Por favor traen un plato típico de su país para compartir en el Pastoral Centre (St. Peter's Room) después de la Misa.

Fr Mark would like to invite you to a celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish on 24th June (The Birth of St. John the Baptist) at 7pm in St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a typical dish from your country for us to share in the Pastoral Centre (St. Peter's Room) after the Mass.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING

First reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 110(109): 1. 2. 3. 4. R. 4bc

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 9:11b-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats of my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



THE GIFT AT THE HEART OF OUR FAITH – CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi, which means "The Body of Christ," is a special feast where we celebrate one of the greatest gifts Jesus gave us—the Eucharist. At every Mass, the bread and wine become the real Body and Blood of Christ. This isn't just a symbol - it's Jesus himself, truly present with us, offering his love, healing, and strength. He wants to be close to us, not just in spirit, but in a way we can touch, receive, and carry with us into our daily lives.

On this day, the Church often holds Eucharistic processions, taking Jesus into the streets as a sign that our faith isn't meant to be hidden. It's a reminder that Christ walks with us - into our schools, homes, challenges, and hopes. The Eucharist feeds not just our souls, but our mission: to love like Christ and to live with courage, compassion, and joy.

So as we celebrate Corpus Christi, let's ask ourselves: do we truly hunger for God? Are we open to letting Jesus change us, the way ordinary bread is transformed at the altar? The Eucharist is not just about Sunday—it's about becoming who we receive.

Corpus Christi Sunday 22 June: You're warmly invited to join the Corpus Christi procession after the 10:30am Mass at St Peter's. We'll walk with the Blessed Sacrament through the grounds and briefly along St Peter Street, pausing in the Peterhouse garden for Benediction. (Those needing to leave may do so at the start of the procession.)

Annual Parish Party 29th June, 2025: On behalf of Fr. Mark, we would like to extend an open invitation to all parishioners across the parish community to join with us after 10.30am Mass, on Sunday 29th June. At this time, you are invited to join with us for the Patronal Feast in the grounds at St Peter's. There will be food and non alcoholic drink provided. **Note:** Due to preparations for this event, no refreshments will be served after 8.00am Mass and after 10.30am Mass. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY - 22 JUNE 2025

As we mark the World Refugee Day today on 22nd June 2025, we would like to dedicate this week to celebrating the power of community, your "Community as a Superpower." This is a space where everyone is welcome, where friendships are formed, and where safety and belonging are offered to all. While we are here for you throughout the year, today we shine a particular light on refugees, acknowledging their courage, resilience, and the unique challenges they face. Let us stand together in solidarity, recognising that the strength of our community lies in its openness and compassion for all, especially those who have been forced to flee their homes.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Big Church Festival – Join Fr. Mark: Fr. Mark is heading to the Big Church Festival this year and would love you to join him! From 22nd–24th August 2025, gather with over 30,000 people at Wiston Estate, West Sussex, to worship with top Christian artists like Brandon Lake, Phil Wickham, and Martin Smith. There's something for everyone, all ages and tastes. Come for the full weekend or just a day. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday morning. More info: [Bigchurchfestival.com](https://bigchurchfestival.com). To save money, join our "St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Group" – the more who join, the lower the price! No payment needed until 30th June 2025 (the Group Discount Deadline). Bookings after that date still benefit from the group rate. Group remains open until 20th August 2025 (midnight). [Book here: Big Church Festival 2025.](#)

St Peter's Centenary 2026 – Be Part of It! In 2026, St Peter's Church, Winchester, will celebrate its 100th anniversary - a joyful milestone for our parish community. We're inviting everyone across all our churches to get involved. Interested? Get in touch at centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Interested In Playing The Church Organ? Join our open workshop on Saturday 5 July 2025, 10:30am –12:30pm, led by two of our organists. If you play piano or keyboard, bring a favourite piece and try it on the organ with their guidance. Open to adults and young people (secondary school age+) who can reach the pedals. Register at music@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Join the St James Way Pilgrimage Walk: As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, a small group of pilgrims will be walking from Reading to Southampton along the UK section of the St James Way. You're warmly invited to join them for a day—or even just a part—of the journey: Monday 23rd June: New Alresford to Winchester (11 miles). Tuesday 24th June: Winchester to Southampton (15 miles). Both days begin with 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Winchester before setting off. Interested in walking with them? Email: adamwlasak@hotmail.com.

FUNERALS & DEATHS

Canon Gerard Flynn and Patricia Ringrose-Voase RIP
Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

BAPTISM

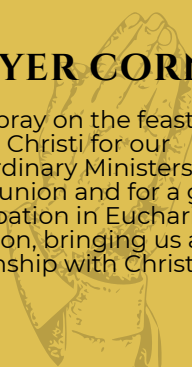
Welcome to Baptism of Dustin Blas C. Trabajo who was baptised this week. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Duncan Bray & Emma Kosian, who were married on Saturday, 14th June at St Peter's. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray on the feast of Corpus Christi for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and for a greater participation in Eucharistic adoration, bringing us a deeper relationship with Christ.





PARISH NOTES:

First Holy Communion 2026: Applications are now open for the 2026 First Holy Communion Programme. Children who will be Year 4 (or above) next academic year may apply, however if your child is presently in Year 2 and you feel they may be ready next year, please do get in touch. If you have any queries before completing the form please email rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. If you would like to apply please [click here](#) or use the QR code on your right.



Bookshop 1st Holy Communion: A new selection of children's books, Mass books, Bibles, El Salvador crosses, necklaces, bracelets, rosaries, small statues, and missals has just arrived. We also have a wide range of First Holy Communion cards available. The bookshop will be open during the rehearsal and on the day of the celebration.

Garden Festival 2025: Celebrate nature, creativity, and community across 9 vibrant days, with 64 events in 26 venues around Winchester, Alresford, Sparsholt, and Alton. Our Parish Contribution - Gardens, Landscapes & Horticulture in Art in our Milner Hall 10am – 5pm. Free Admission. As part of the Garden Festival, Milner Hall will host a stunning exhibition showcasing the work of 18 talented local artists - including painters, glassmakers, textile artists and more. All the artwork is inspired by the natural world, and many pieces will be available for purchase. Do drop in and enjoy this celebration of creativity and the beauty of the outdoors—right here in our very own Milner Hall! Full festival programme [click here](#).

New Readers Rota – Come and Be a Voice of the Word! The new readers' rota for St Peter's is now available—thank you to all who serve in this important ministry, and a warm welcome to our new readers joining the team! If you've ever felt drawn to proclaim God's Word at Mass, this is your invitation. Whether you're experienced or just curious, we'd love to hear from you. Guidance and support are always available. Interested? Get in touch: readers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub: The hub welcomes you if you are here from another country and are seeking help with speaking, understanding and reading English. Please contact Lesley on lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk if you would like 1:1 lessons.

Interested in Joining a Parish Choir? As we prepare for our Centenary celebrations, we'd love to welcome more singers - no auditions needed, just enthusiasm and a love of music! Cross Keys Choir – Rehearses Thursdays at 5:30 PM (Parish Centre). Sings at the 10:30 AM Mass (4th Sunday), Winchester Cathedral (quarterly), and on special occasions. Grace Notes – Focuses on contemporary praise and worship. Sings at the 5:30 PM Mass (1st Sunday). Interested in these or singing at one of our other churches? Email: music@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Thank You to Our Parishioners: We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who have so kindly helped with putting away the chairs in Milner Hall after our recent Masses. Your support and cooperation during this time have been truly appreciated. As you know, we've been holding Mass in Milner Hall while essential painting works take place in St Peter's Church. Your willingness to lend a hand has helped everything run smoothly and made a real difference. Thank you once again for your patience, generosity, and practical help.

Recent Covenant with the Poor Appeal - RedTribe - Thank You: As a result of your generosity £3,534 was raised at the appeal at the end of May to support RedTribe and the work they do supporting a Maasai community in southern Kenya. RedTribe have written to thank you: "We are deeply grateful to the Parish family for your generous support towards food security at the Maasai Academy, run by RedTribe. Your gift will make a lasting impact on the lives of the children and staff. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to construct secure food cages where our children can grow fresh produce for their School Kitchen. This will not only supply nutritious and varied meals (over 900 served daily), but will also equip the children with vital agricultural skills that will benefit them for a lifetime. I truly believe this investment will transform the quality and sustainability of our school meals and empower the children through hands-on learning. May the Lord richly bless you all for your kindness."

St Swithun Wells Parish invite you to join our Parish Festival 2025! From Tuesday 1st July until Sunday 6th July. This includes lots of events including live music performances, an exhibition, fayre and football tournament and a party. Have a [look at our programme](#) for the list of events. We look forward to welcoming you!

St Peter's School Newsletter: Please [click here](#).

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NEWSLETTER:

Deadline for items for newsletter requests please submit by

Wednesday mid-day!

CONTACTS:

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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 21 June (St Aloysius Gonzaga) Sunday VIGIL - Corpus Christi	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
	9:30 to 10:30PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Wright Sisters RIP
Sun 22 June (Corpus Christi)	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rev. Patrick T. Savage
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Barbara Dalling RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Margaret Blaikie RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	4:00PM	Vespers at St Peters	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Way & Corcoran Family
Mon 23 June (St Etheldreda)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
Tues 24 June (The Nativity of St John the Baptist)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Repose of the Soul of Barbara Allan Who Died in Wellington New Zealand
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Clinton Family
	7:00PM	Spanish Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Robert (Bobbie) Spad of Albuquerque, Formerly of Guatemala
Wed 25 June Week 12 of Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Mayhew-Arnold RIP
Thur 26 June Week 12 of Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Neil Intentions
Fri 27 June (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)	8:00AM	Mass & Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Ksenia & Charlie Mather & Family
Sat 28 June (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary) (St Irenaeus) St Peter & St Paul - Sunday VIGIL	10:00AM	First Holy Communion Mass	
	12:00PM	First Holy communion Mass	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Benefactors

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.