

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: GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US

An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his young son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. "Dear son," he said, "I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady."

After his father's death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar ring.

"Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand pounds."

More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Day after day, the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the far horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly towards them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are."

The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply, "Lower your buckets where you are!" And with that they steamed away! The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! The ship was actually just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those days they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed!

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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: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12.15pm at Milner Hall. Wednesday and Thursday at 10.00am at Milner Hall.
Saturday 7th June NO 9.00am Mass (now 10.00am at Winchester Cathedral Mass)

Confessions: Saturday 11.00am to 12.00pm (due to Cathedral Mass) 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.

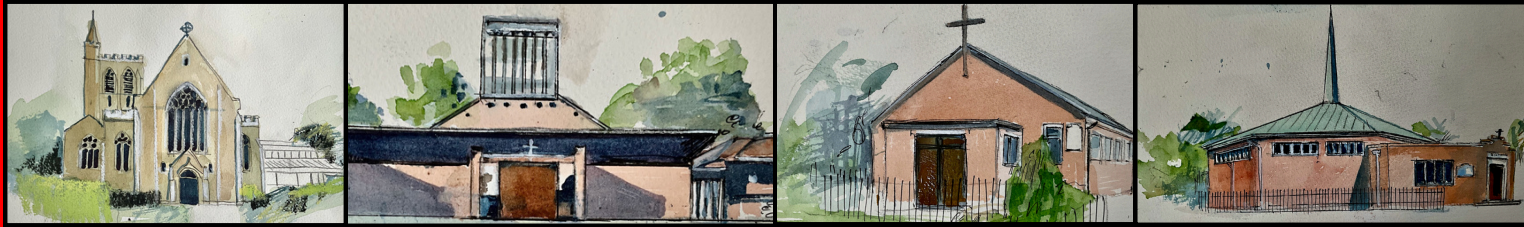
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Friday at 10.00am



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

"Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."
(Rom 5:5).

We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognise and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit who has been given to us, who is living within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with us.

What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: the Holy Spirit of God Who has been living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, "Lower your buckets where you are. Taste and see!"

On this major feast day, we are invited to experience and taste and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying, and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is also a day for us to renew our hope in God and in His promises.

"Pentecost calls us to the realisation that the Centre of all reality, the innermost Heart of all infinity, the Love of the all-holy God, has become our Centre, our Heart. God is ours. God has been given to us as a gift, without reserve. God has made our own the joy, freedom, knowledge and peace of the Divine life" (Fr Karl Rahner SJ).

Let us today rejoice in this gift, freely given, and welcome the Holy Spirit ever more fully into our hearts our lives.

The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church,

"Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people—frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith."

Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to defrost us, to "melt the frozen, warm the chill" (as one translation of the Pentecost Sequence puts it). Today is a beautiful day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.

*"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. AMEN."*

(St. John Henry Newman)

Peace Be With You - The Sign of Peace

In this weekend's Gospel we hear Jesus appearing to His disciples on the evening of that first Easter Sunday. Before He breathes the Holy Spirit upon His disciples, he twice says to them, "Peace Be With You."

It seems to me that this is the perfect time to reintroduce the option of shaking hands during the "Sign of Peace" at Mass. You may remember that we paused this during the recent pandemic. I realise that this might be difficult for some of you, for various reasons, and so I'm asking that we do this in a way which is gentle and sensitive to those who would rather not shake hands.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ws 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104 (103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R. cf.30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-17

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Acts 2:4,11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

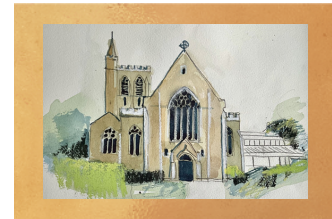
*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
— Romans 15:13*

PENTECOST 2025 - A FLAME OF HOPE: "YEAR OF HOPE" - A NEW DAWN FOR THE CHURCH

Pentecost isn't just another day on the Church calendar—it's the moment everything changed. It's when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles like wind and fire, giving them the power and courage to go out and share the message of Jesus with the whole world. This year, we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 8, 2025, and it comes with a special focus: Hope.

In the Catholic Church, hope isn't just wishing for something nice to happen. Hope means trusting that God is with us - even when life is tough, the future feels uncertain, or the world seems broken. Pentecost reminds us that we're not alone. The Holy Spirit is still moving today, filling hearts, building peace, and giving us strength to love boldly and live with joy.

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to light a new fire in our hearts this Pentecost. Because with God, there's always hope - and the best is yet to come.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Pentecost Vigil Mass - Sat 7th June 5:30pm: The Pentecost Vigil Mass this year will take the 'simple form' rather than the extended form. However, we will conclude with a time of Eucharistic adoration until 7:30pm, as we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish.

Pentecost Service – All Welcome Sun 8th June at 7.00pm: Join us for the 2025 Pentecost Service at Christchurch, Winchester. Organised by Churches Together in Winchester – all are warmly invited. Fr. Mark will be preaching. More info: www.ctwin.org.uk

Jubilee Pilgrimage to St. Edmund's, Southampton – Weds 11th June: Fr Mark would like to invite you to join him on a pilgrimage walk from St. Peter's Church in Winchester to St. Edmund's Church in Southampton on Weds 11th June. We will leave at 9:30am and aim to arrive in Southampton between 3-4pm, to walk through the Holy Doors and celebrate Mass. The distance is about 15 miles. If you'd like to join us, or need more information, please contact the office or fill in a form by [clicking here](#).

Winchester Catholic History Society. The next meeting of the Winchester Catholic History Society is on **Wednesday, 18 June at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre**. Dr Joanne Paul will be speaking on her new book, *Thomas More: A Life and Death in Tudor England*. Thomas More is one of the most famous or infamous figures in English history. Is he the saintly scholar or the stubborn zealot famously portrayed in Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall*? Visitors most welcome £7.00 on the evening.

Annual Parish Party 29th June, 2025: All our warmly welcome to join the celebration which will take place in the grounds of St Peter's Church immediately after 10.30am Mass. More details to follow.

ST PETER'S CENTENARY 2026

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. To make this a truly memorable year, we're inviting everyone across all our churches to get involved. We know our parish is rich in **skills, passion, and creativity**, and we'd love to hear how you might be able to contribute. Right now, we're especially looking for help with **PR, marketing, merchandising, design, communications, and stewarding**, but all offers of support are warmly welcome. This is a once-in-a-generation celebration and we need you to help make it extraordinary! Interested? Get in touch at centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Join the St Peter's Centenary Team! Are you a university student keen to gain experience in PR, marketing, or project work? This is a great chance to build your CV and be part of something special at St Peter's! Send your CV to centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by June 20 – we'd love to hear from you!

FUNERALS & DEATHS

Fr. Vincent Convery RIP, Emma Perkins RIP

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

BAPTISM

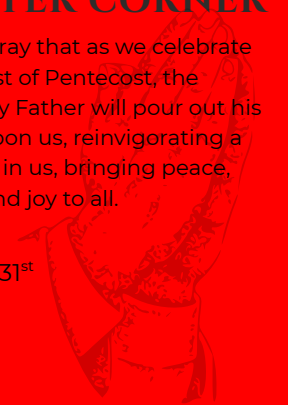
Welcome to Baptism of Rosa Donnelly who was baptised this week. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Brandon York and Lily Harwood, who were married on Saturday, 31st May at St Peter's. May their lives together bring glory to God and much joy to one another.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the heavenly Father will pour out his Spirit upon us, reinvigorating a new life in us, bringing peace, hope, and joy to all.



PARISH NOTES:

Bookshop: We sell new missals, Bibles including the new Bible, catechisms, crosses, crucifixes, rosaries and cards for all occasions including 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. Also we stock encyclicals and will continue to stock copies of Laudato Si. Many thanks for your support Susan Henry.

Big Church Festival: Fr. Mark is going to the Big Church Festival this year and he'd love you to go with him! Join him and fellow parishioners on the 22nd to 24th August 2025 with over 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together in the beautiful surroundings of the Wiston Estate (West Sussex) in the company of some of the best Christian worship artists in the world including Brandon Lake, Phil Wickham and Martin Smith. There really is something for everyone, of all ages and all tastes (well most tastes!)



You can attend for the whole 3 days or just dip in for a day, as you prefer. There will be Mass on the Sunday morning. Check out the website for more info here <https://www.bigchurchfestival.com>. How do I book? If you decide you want to come, we'd encourage you to join our "St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Group", which will give you big savings. The price will keep dropping as the group grows. Payment is not taken until midnight on the **"Group Discount Deadline" which is the 30th June 2025**. This means we have until then to populate our group to bring our ticket costs down! Our group will still stay open right up until August 20th at midnight. Any online bookings after 30th June 2025 will be charged at the group discount deadline rate. [Follow this link](#) to book - **Big Church Festival 2025**. We look forward to us having a wonderful time there together!

Shroud of Turin Exhibition comes to Portsmouth: From 1st to 14th June, St John's Cathedral will host an inspiring exhibition featuring life-sized replicas of the Shroud of Turin. Widely believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus, the Shroud continues to captivate both faith and science. The exhibition includes informative displays exploring the image, bloodstains, and how they align with the Gospel accounts. [Click here](#) or on the image for more information.



ST PETER'S SCHOOL:

St Peter's School Summer Fête & Raffle - Saturday 7th June 12-3.00pm: Join the fun at St Peter's School! Enjoy BBQ & international food, bar, cakes, toys, games, a juggler, and more — free entry! Can't attend? Support the school by entering the online raffle – over 60 prizes worth £2,000+! Top prizes include: Four-ball at Royal Winchester Golf Club, overnight stay at Winchester Royal Hotel, spa day for two at Winchester Hotel & Spa. There will be no physical ticket sales as in previous years so, please [click here](#) to get yours. Or scan the QR code on one of the posters. Draw will take place at 2:30pm on the day! All proceeds support St Peter's PTA projects benefiting pupils directly. Thank you.



St Peter's School: Job Vacancy at St Peter's Catholic Primary School: After School Club Assistant 3:30 to 6:00pm, term time only. £40.39 per session (casual contract). Start: September. Apply by: Monday 9th June (midday). Interview: Thursday 12th June, 2:30pm. 📧 More info: stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies.

St Peter's School Newsletter: [Click here](#) for more information.

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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.

CATECHESIS:

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.



Journey in Faith – Autumn 2025: Are you curious about the Catholic faith, thinking of becoming Catholic, or simply looking to deepen your relationship with God? Our Journey in Faith course is open to all—enquirers, those returning to the Church, and Catholics wishing to explore their faith more deeply. Held at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester, the course runs weekly from Autumn 2025 through to Easter 2026. *"Come and see."* – John 1:39. To find out more or register your interest, please contact the parish office at office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Light of Truth – Certificate of Catechesis: The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph, based in Sway, New Forest, are offering their Certificate of Catechesis—a course designed to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith and help you confidently share it with others. Whether you're involved in catechesis, parish ministry, or simply want to grow in your faith, this course offers a solid foundation rooted in Scripture, Tradition, and the Dominican love of truth. Find out more and register here: www.lightoftruth.uk. You can also take a look at the newsletter ([click here](#)).

OUTREACH:

Laudato Si: On the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si, our new Pope Leo described it as 'extraordinarily popular, inspiring countless initiatives and teaching everyone to listen to the twofold cry of the earth and the poor'. He acknowledged the commitment of the Laudato Si movement and said to everyone: 'I encourage you to keep building bridges'. An inspiration to all of us not to lose hope but to keep striving to protect our common home and all its peoples.

Rosary of Hope – All Are Welcome: As part of the Jubilee Year, CAFOD is joining with Missio, Aid to the Church in Need, and Stella Maris for a special online "Rosary of Hope" on Tuesday 10 June at 7:00pm. Together, we will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, lifting our hearts in hope and unity. All are warmly invited – [register here](#) to get the Zoom link.

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.

Could You Be Our Pilgrimage Nurse: The Diocese is seeking a qualified nurse to join the Lourdes Pilgrimage team from 7–11 July 2025, to help care for our assisted pilgrims. Duties include offering general advice, basic support, and first aid as needed. If you're a registered nurse with relevant experience and a willingness to serve, please email Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Sponsorship is available, and DBS clearance and references will be required.

Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee 2025 Reflection Guide: CAFOD has created a beautiful reflection guide ([click here](#)) to help parishioners and groups journey through the Jubilee Year 2025 with faith and unity. Ideal for prayer groups, catechesis, and outreach to the housebound, those in hospital or prison, it invites all to deepen their hope and connection with the wider Church. Leaders' Guide is also available from CAFOD's online shop.

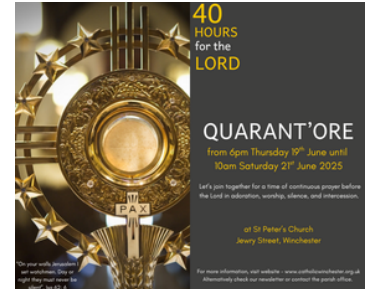
Jubilee Campaign for Debt Cancellation: As part of the global Jubilee 2025 movement, CAFOD has joined with the Vatican and Church leaders across Africa, Asia, and Latin America to call for debt cancellation—so the world's poorest countries can invest in healthcare, education, and development. If you would like more details, please [click here](#).



"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."
— Acts 1:8

EVANGELISATION:

QUARANT'ORE: Forty-Hours Devotion: Quarant'ore is BACK! Get ready for an uplifting experience with the "Forty Hours Devotion," also known as "Quarant'ore". It is all about spending time in prayer, adoration and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, and St Peter's church will be open day and night for you to join in especially as we journey through this Year of Prayer. Quarant'ore is an ancient act of devotion, wherein the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and continuous prayer is carried out before it for forty hours. We are keeping the tradition alive by celebrating this devotion in the lead up to the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ), making it even more meaningful for our lives.



Starting with the Rosary at 6.00pm followed by 'Mass leading into Exposition' at 6.30pm on Thursday 19th June and finishing with Benediction and a 'Mass of Reposition' at 9am on Saturday 21st June. Don't miss out on this great chance to grow closer to our Lord Jesus, really present in our midst. It will be a time of great healing and comfort, an opportunity to receive God's mercy and simply to be with Him! It will also be a great time for us to intercede for the needs of others and the world. So, join us on these 40-Hours of continuous prayer as we storm heaven for our families, our parish and locality, our countries, the Church and the world. For full details and how it will work, click here. We'll need as many Watchers as possible (Watchers are those who will commit to watch/pray before the Blessed Sacrament at a particular time slot). To choose your 'Watcher' slot, please go to [Quarant'ore - SPWM](https://www.stpeterswinchester.org.uk/quarantore) and enter your details. For queries contact the allegra@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.



Evangelisation Day - Proclaim anew the answer: Date: Saturday 21st June 2025. Time: 10am – 4pm (Please bring a packed lunch). Venue: St Peter's Church, Winchester SO23 8RY. Jesus Christ! "Be ready always to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3: 15) The day offers practical help and encouragement on ways to witness and share our faith with others and be equipped for the task of evangelisation. It will include teaching on the importance of sharing faith and the Gospel message. We will also look at the power of testimonies and how to share our personal story with others. Worship and Prayer form part of the day. The day will be led by Allegra Mutanda (Director of Evangelisation & Leadership).

To register for the day, visit <https://bit.ly/EvangelisationDay> or scan the **QR code** on your right. Please note. The parish will be holding Quarant'ore (40-Hours Adoration) in the lead up to Corpus Christi, therefore the 9am Mass will also conclude the Quarant'ore.



MUSIC:

Interested In Playing The Church Organ? Join our open workshop on Saturday 5 July 2025, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM, 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.

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.

Society of Saint Gregory Summer School 2025: Pilgrims of Hope: Join catechist and author David Wells for a rich few days of liturgy, workshops, prayer, and fellowship at Liverpool Hope University. Running from 30 July to 2 August, the summer school offers inspiration for all involved in parish liturgy and music. With Martin Barry as Director of Music, and accommodation available, this is a unique opportunity to grow in faith and service. Enquiries: summerschool@ssg.org.uk and to book online: ssg.org.uk.



Mass Timetable

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 7 June Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday - VIGIL	10:00 AM	Winchester Cathedral Mass	The Soul of Andrew Gardner
	11:00 to 12:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30 to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Mollie & John O'Donoghue RIP
Sun 8th June (Pentecost Sunday)	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	People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Mon 9 June (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer at Milner Hall	
	12.15pm	Mass at Milner Hall	The Soul of James Wheble
Tues 10 June (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at Milner Hall	Thanksgiving for Francis Raphael's 5 th Birthday
Wed 11 June (St Barnabas)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass at Milner Hall	Dead in St James' Cemetery
Thur 12 June (Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass at Milner Hall	Michael & Anne Kate Laing RIP
Fri 13 June (St Anthony of Padua)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at Milner Hall	The Soul of Rev Patrick T. Savage
Sat 14 June (Our Lady) Sunday VIGIL (The Most Holy Trinity)	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of Anna Salley & Roseann Lynch
	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	Deceased Members of the Platt & Gilbert Families

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.