

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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 THE PARISH
OF ST PETER
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS
WHAT'S INSIDE THIS
WEEK:

*God Is Love & You're Invited In
Celebrating Fathers with Pope Francis'
Wisdom*



FATHER MARK WRITES: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, UNITY AND NICAEEA IN THIS YEAR OF HOPE

Some of you may remember that this Jubilee Year was officially declared by Pope Francis by a 'bull of indiction', [Spes non confundit](#) ('hope doesn't disappoint'). In that, we are reminded that this year also coincides "with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea."

"The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The Council Fathers chose to begin that Creed by using for the first time the expression We believe", as a sign that all the Churches were in communion and that all Christians professed the same faith.

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church's history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "consubstantial with the Father", who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of finding ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21)."

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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.

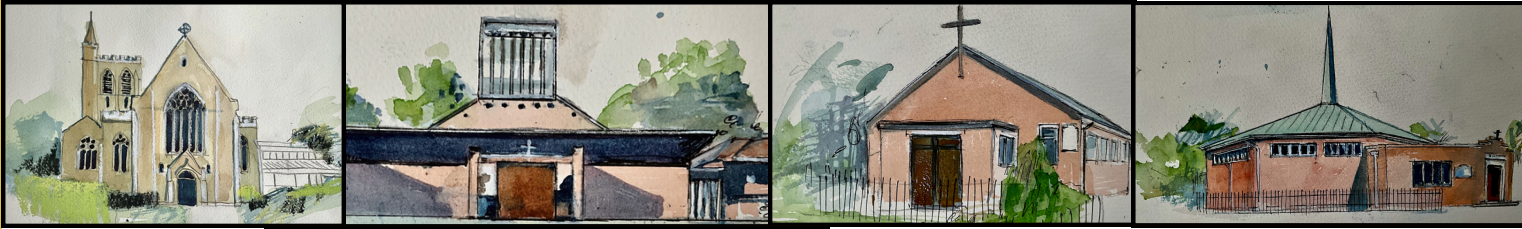
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Friday at 10.00am



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

Last Sunday we celebrated the great Feast of Pentecost, during which I had the privilege of being able to preach at the Churches Together in Winchester Unity Service on "unity in diversity". I was able to quote Pope Leo XIV and words he had shared at an ecumenical gathering in Rome to mark this anniversary of the Council of Nicaea:

"the unity for which Christians long will not be primarily the fruit of our own efforts, nor will it be realised through any preconceived model or blueprint."

Rather, he said, Christian unity will be "a gift received as Christ wills and by the means that He wills, by the working of the Holy Spirit."

Let us profess our faith with boldness this weekend as we celebrate Trinity Sunday.

Let's use this prayer of St. Catherine of Siena to offer our praise to the Triune God, giving all glory and honour to the Father, through, with and in Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit:

"Eternal God, eternal Trinity, you have made the blood of Christ so precious through his sharing in your divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When you fill my soul, I have an even greater hunger, and I grow more famished for your light. I desire above all to see you, the true light, as you really are.

I have tasted and seen the depth of your mystery and the beauty of your creation with the light of my understanding. I have clothed myself with your likeness and have seen what I shall be. Eternal Father, you have given me a share in your power and the wisdom that Christ claims as his own, and your Holy Spirit has given me the desire to love you. You are my Creator, eternal Trinity, and I am your creature. You have made of me a new creation in the blood of your Son, and I know that you are moved with love at the beauty of your creation, for you have enlightened me.

Eternal Trinity, Godhead, mystery deep as the sea, you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself. For you are a fire ever burning and never consumed, which itself consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. Yes, you are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates the mind with its light and causes me to know your truth. By this light, reflected as it were in a mirror, I recognise that you are the highest good, one we can neither comprehend nor fathom. And I know that you are beauty and wisdom itself. The food of angels, you gave yourself to man in the fire of your love.

You are the garment which covers our nakedness, and in our hunger you are a satisfying food, for you are sweetness and in you there is no taste of bitterness, O triune God!"

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

*Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten
Son of God, and also the
Holy Spirit, for he has
shown us his merciful
love.*

FIRST READING

First reading: Proverbs 8:2-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8:4-5.

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O Lord, our Lord, how
majestic is your name
through all the earth!

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Glory be to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was
and who is to come.

R. Alleluia

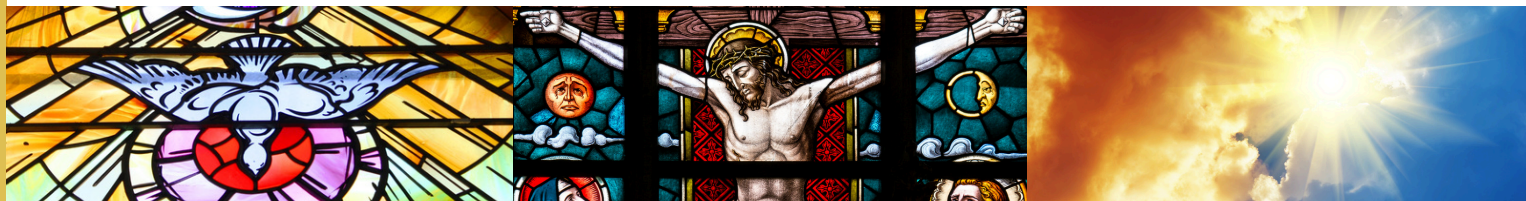
GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Ga 4:6

Since you are children of
God, God has sent into your
hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out:
Abba, Father.



GOD IS LOVE – AND YOU'RE INVITED IN

This Sunday we celebrate the heart of our faith: the Holy Trinity — one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's not something to fully understand with our heads, but a relationship to experience with our hearts. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the love between them. When we make the sign of the cross, we remind ourselves that we live in the love and unity of this God who is community.

But Trinity Sunday is more than a mystery—it's a call to action. We're invited to reflect that same unity in our own relationships—at home, school, work, and here in our parish. When we forgive, include someone who feels left out, or reach out in kindness, we echo God's own life in the world. On this feast, let's give thanks for the God who draws close, walks with us, and invites us to share in divine love. For a deeper look at how Sunday Mass draws us into this mystery of unity, visit the "One Bread, One Body" reflection on the Bishops' Conference website - click [HERE](#).

CELEBRATING FATHERS WITH POPE FRANCIS' WISDOM

This Sunday, we give thanks for all fathers – biological, adoptive, and spiritual. Pope Francis reminds us of their vital role through the example of St. Joseph: *"St. Joseph is the model of the educator and the dad, the father. I, therefore, entrust to his protection those who are fathers. I ask for you the grace to be ever closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love."* – Pope Francis (General Audience, March 19, 2014).



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

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.)

At 4:00pm, Adoration and Sung Vespers will be held in St Peter's Church. Vespers – the Church's evening prayer – is especially beautiful on this feast. Our musicians will help make it a truly prayerful celebration. All are welcome.

Pies & Puds Lunch – Wed 18 June: Join us at the Pastoral Centre (12:45 for 1pm) for our monthly lunch: home-made pies, plenty of veg, proper puddings with custard, plus veggie and G/F options. This month, parishioner Matthew Hill will share the work of [Project Embabazi](#), a local charity supporting communities in Uganda. Crafts made by villagers will also be on sale – all proceeds go directly back.

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 are 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.

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!

FUNERALS & DEATHS

Fr. Vincent Convery RIP

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

BAPTISM

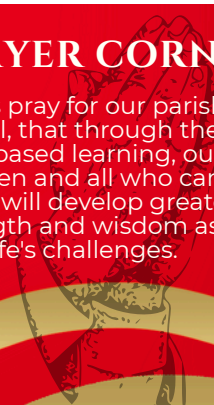
Welcome to Baptism of Elliot Charles Key who was baptised this week. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.

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 for our parish school, that through their faith-based learning, our children and all who care for them will develop greater strength and wisdom as they face life's challenges.



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.

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!

PARISH NOTES:

Come and Explore Our Parish Bookshop: A wonderful parish resource with Missals, Bibles (including the new edition), Catechisms, Rosaries, Crucifixes, and cards for every occasion. We currently have a lovely selection of gifts specially for **First Holy Communion**. Whether you're marking this special milestone or simply looking for inspiration, you're warmly invited to come in and browse. Thank you for your continued support.

Second Collection: Day for Life 2025 – Sunday 15 June: Focusing on protecting human life from conception to natural death. This year's theme, "Finding Meaning in Suffering – Hope Does Not Disappoint", reminds us of the Christian call to trust in God even in illness, grief, or pain. The 2025 Day for Life is especially timely as the Assisted Dying Bill moves through Parliament. The Church urges us to oppose this legislation and defend the dignity of every human life. Read the [Bishop of Portsmouth's call to action](#) and find prayers for Day for Life 2025 [here](#).

Oppose Assisted Suicide: The Assisted Dying Bill is nearing its final vote — **possibly as soon as 13 or 20 June**. This proposed law would legalise assisted suicide for terminally ill adults. Our bishops urge continued prayer and action. If you haven't already — or even if you have — please contact your MP now to voice your opposition. Every message counts. To contact your MP, [click here](#).

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Appeal: A very big Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated to our recent appeal for funds to continue our work of providing Christmas food parcels to local people in need. We received donations totalling over £3200, a significant contribution to the costs of this work. If you would like more information about the work of the SVP, please visit the Outreach ministries page on the parish website and click on [SVP](#). svp@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Thankyou from the CWL (Catholic Women's League): To all who supported June's Charity Soup & Pud Lunch, which raised £187 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

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.

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.

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.



Rescheduled St Peter's School Summer Fête & Raffle - Now Saturday 14th 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! All proceeds support St Peter's PTA projects benefiting pupils directly. Thank you. St Peter's 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:

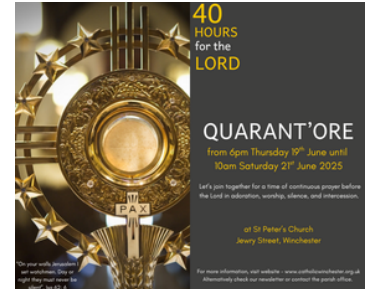
If you wish to make a payment or donation, please use the following details:

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.

"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 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
Sun 15 June (The Most Holy Trinity)	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Karen Kelly & Adrian Yeoman and Family
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Zara Hanna Al Shaikh RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Dr Pietro Ligato RIP
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
Mon 16 June (St Richard of Chichester)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration in Milner Hall	
	12:15PM	Mass in Milner Hall	The Soul of Anthony & His Parents
Tues 17 June	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration in Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass in Milner Hall	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 18 June	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration in Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass in Milner Hall	Thanksgiving for Subha & Ceser's Wedding Anniversary
Thur 19 June (St Romuald)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration in Milner Hall	
	10:00AM	Mass in Milner Hall	The Soul of Richard Spencer & Celebrating Local Priests
	6.30PM	Mass of Exposition at St Peter's	
Fri 20 June (St Alban)	8:00AM	Mass & Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	Socarro's Birthday
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
Sat 21 June (St Aloysius Gonzaga) Sunday VIGIL	9:00AM	Benediction & Mass of Reposition 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

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.