

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 BENEDICT WRITES: (O LORD) DO NOT PASS BY

In Africa, many traditional beliefs insist on always having food and/or drinks available in the house ready to receive and entertain any impromptu visitor. The main reason behind this is hospitality but guess what, some of the cultures believe that God (or the gods) can visit at any time to test the kindness of the individual. Beside being necessities, water (it could be another type of drink as different cultures have other locally produced beverages like the palm wine and corn beer in my place) and food could be made available even if no one in that house were hungry that day. This is what many Africans have passed down from one generation to another. Dear friends could these readings today help us grow in or challenge our level of hospitality.

In our first reading, we see Abraham showing hospitality to the Lord. As he ran to receive them he said: "O Lord, if I have found favour in sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." After setting the ball rolling to entertain their visitors, Abraham kept company with them, while others prepared. We see the same atmosphere of hospitality in the Gospel with Martha and Mary. Let us consider Abraham and Mary on the one hand and Sarah, her servants and Martha on the other. These two groups represent the attitude needed in us for good hospitality. Sometimes we may need to sit chatting with our visitors and briefly to do some serving.

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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.



The letter to the Hebrews says, “Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed Angels without knowing it” (Heb. 13:2). This is not the only passage in the Bible that talks about hospitality. Leviticus 19:33-34 and Deuteronomy 10:18-19 highlight the duty to welcome and treat foreigners with kindness, just as we would treat our own people. Romans 12:13 and 1 Peter 4:9 insist on showing hospitality. Are we going to leave out Matthew 25:35-40 which highlights acts of service including hospitality to be done as if it were done to Jesus Himself? Think of Lot, the nephew of Abraham, how he welcomed the visitors; think of the poor widow at Zarephath welcoming Elijah; think of Elisha helping the Shunamite widow (who with her husband had shown him great hospitality) to have a son and later raised to life after the son died.

In all these passages, hospitality was not shown as a request to something. Hospitality was sincerely shown but the reward was far too great. The person you show sincere kindness to may be the one to provide solutions to your difficulties. Let me end with an event in the history of my village. In one of the tours of the ancestors (notables), they went to another village where they were welcome but serious plots were made to exterminate them completely. A little child from that enemy village revealed to them what had been planned against them since these notables were kind to all the children. In their narrow escape, they went with this child both for his safety and for his compensation. He was well taken care of and his descendants have had an outstanding position in the village to this day. Let us be kind to one another and to all we meet in life for we never know if that would be the last opportunity or who that person may turn out to be. God will reveal His purpose to us when we welcome Him into our lives, our hearts, our families, our schools and nations. Welcome Him and welcome what He says.

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE: RESTING WITH GOD WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING ON EMPTY

As the summer holidays begin, it's a good time for all of us—not just kids or parents—to slow down and take a break. Whether you're off school or not, this season gives us a chance to rest, recharge, and reconnect with ourselves and with God.

Even while we're resting, God invites us to be still and pay attention to Him. When we take time to sit with God, we're filled up again—and from that, it becomes easier to care for others with love and kindness.

Spending time with God gives us real rest. And when we rest in Him, we're better able to support and guide others too.

GRATITUDE IN ACTION: A DAY HONOURING HEALTHCARE, LED BY FAITH AND COMMUNITY

Join us for a joyful day of gratitude and community as we say a heartfelt “Welcome” and “Thank You” to all those who serve in healthcare across Winchester. **Saturday 26th July, 11am–4pm**, St Peter's RC School Grounds, Oliver's Battery Road, SO22 4JB. Bring your own picnic food, enjoy tea, coffee and soft drinks provided, and come together for prayer, fun, games, and fellowship. The day begins with a Welcome and Prayer at 11am, and ends with a short closing at 4pm. Come for all or part of the day—everyone is welcome! In case of rain, gazebos are very welcome—we'll help put them up and take them down. If you would like to attend contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 | office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

First reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15(14):

2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R. 1a

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

CAFOD

CAFOD are hiring. Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date **27 July 2025**. See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

CAFOD (Call for Debt Justice) are asking us to support a campaign this summer which is tied to one of the many legacies left by Pope Francis. In his words "I ask that the affluent nations acknowledge the gravity of their past decisions and determine to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them. More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice". In Africa, 34 of the poorest countries spend more on external payments than on health and education. You are invited along with other parishes to sign the global church petition after the Masses on the weekend of 20th July. You can also scan the QR code on here on the right or sign the petition sheets at the end of Mass. Please take time on **20th July** to support this cause or sign the global petition or by clicking the following link - [Call for debt justice in the Jubilee Year](#). More information available at cafod.org.uk. Let's stand in solidarity and help bring lasting change.

Sign
online
if you
prefer!



SCHOOL

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

VACANCIES FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS - ST PETER'S SCHOOL

Vacancies for Foundation Governors on the governing body have arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth to diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In addition to this, Foundation Governors are appointed specifically to ensure:

- That the religious character of the school is preserved
- That the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed
- That the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for this Diocese

Anyone interested in the mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Anyone interested in the mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Please speak with Fr Mark if you are interested in this role.

Nomination forms are available - [click here](#). Contact details for St Peter's School are as follows:



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FUNERALS & DEATHS

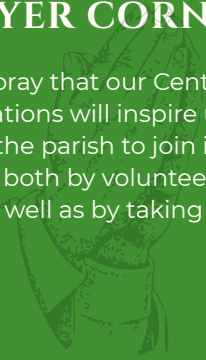
Patricia Ringrose-Voase, Emeterio Magpale and Joe Hayward - RIP. Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Paula Kituli and Oliver Brady, who were married at St Peter's Church on Saturday, 12th July 2025. May their life together be blessed with love, faith, and happiness.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that our Centenary Celebrations will inspire us across the parish to join in joyfully both by volunteering to help as well as by taking part.



OUTREACH:

Laudato Si: At a mass lobby of parliament on 9th July, a group of constituents had the chance to share their concerns about the environment with Danny Chambers, MP for Winchester, including the effect of housebuilding on nature, sewage in the Itchen, the importance of young people having the chance to spend time outside, and how to counter misinformation about climate change. Afterwards at a special Mass in Westminster Cathedral, Bishop John Arnold (Environmental Lead for the Bishop's conference) said: 'I commend the care of our common home to each and every one of you'.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

New Diocesan Website Now Live: The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has launched a brand new website, with a fresh look and easier access to news, resources, and updates from across our parishes and schools. You can visit it here: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



"Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a while."
- Mark 6:31

EVANGELISATION

We Believe Festival – Special Offer for Winchester Parish: Alpha will be celebrating the Jubilee Year at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, The Southwell Consort, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

The WeBelieve team have kindly given us a discount code for our Alpha contacts around the UK. To book your ticket [click here](#) and simply enter and apply the code **ALPHA50** to get 50% off your ticket.



Big Church Festival 2025! Join Fr Mark and fellow parishioners at the Big Church Festival from 22nd to 24th August 2025 - a joyful weekend of worship, community, and celebration at the Wiston Estate in West Sussex. Come for the full weekend or just a day - and there'll be Mass on Sunday for our group. [Big Church Festival Website](#). [Book with our parish group 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 19 July (Our Lady) Sunday VIGIL Week 16 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Laura Jane Flynn & Family - Mass for their Intentions
	9:30AM 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	Maurice Henry RIP
Sun 20 July Week 16 in Ordinary Time	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	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Sindisiwe & Linda Mlotshwa & Family
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of William Meader
Mon 21 July (St Laurence of Brindisi)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of James Wheble
Tues 22 July (St Mary Magdalene)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Stanley Evans
Wed 23 July (St Bridget of Sweden)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
Thur 24 July (St Sharbel Makhluf)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Friends & Family of Michael Mayhew-Arnold
Fri 25 July (St James)	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of John Henry King
Sat 26 July (Ss Joachim & Anne) Sunday VIGIL Week 17 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Fr Vincent Convery
	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	Kay & Eric Kearney 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.