

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:

When You Pray He Listens

*Vacancies For Foundation Governors -
St Peter's School*



FATHER BENEDICT WRITES: **ASK AND BE GIVEN**

The Apostles requested (asked) to be taught how to pray. Satisfying their request, Jesus goes on—with the use of the parable of the friend at night—to say, “Ask, and it will be given to you... For everyone who asks receives...” From our First Reading, Abraham, in his “asking,” is interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah. In our prayer life, we too can intercede for others. Jesus tells us, “whatever you ask in my name will be given to you” (John 14:13).

Dear friends, the question we can ask ourselves is: “Does God give us everything we ask for?” This is a question of answered or unanswered prayers. Let us affirm that God answers all prayers. Unfortunately, through our egoism and ambitions, we are often blinded to how He answers them. He answers all prayers and says to some, “Take/receive,” to others, “Be patient or wait for the right time,” and to others still, “I will give you something different and better,” or, “Prepare and build up your capacity to receive it,” etc.

Listen to what St James says: “You do not have what you want because you do not ask God for it. And when you ask, you do not receive it, because your motives are bad; you ask for things to use for your own pleasures” (James 4:2b–3). Let us quickly point out that attitude in a person who treats God as a spare tyre—we remember Him only when we are in need, and after He satisfies us, we forget Him and move away.

Your good Father, who is in heaven, will give you all the good things—and give you the Holy Spirit. Therefore, engage in prayer with a purified intention and an open mind to receive the good things God gives: with faith and trust, with patience and hope, with focus and confidence in the goodness of God.

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.

**“Ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened to you.”**

- Luke 11:9



WHEN YOU PRAY, HE LISTENS 🙏

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches His friends how to pray by giving them the Our Father. He shows that prayer isn't about using fancy words or getting everything we ask for. It's really about talking to God like you would with someone who truly cares about you - because He does. God is our Father, and He always listens, even when we don't feel it right away. Jesus tells us to keep praying and never give up, because God wants to give us what we truly need.

Sometimes life feels overwhelming or uncertain, but prayer helps us stay connected to what really matters. It's not just about asking for help - it's also about getting to know God better. When we make space in our lives to pray, we open the door for peace, strength, and the Holy Spirit to guide us. Even a short, honest prayer can make a big difference.

God hears every prayer - even the quiet ones.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday 27th July: *“Do not cast me off in my old age”* Isaiah 58:7.

Pope Leo XIV, in [his message](#) for the upcoming World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly says, *“If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build a future with wisdom.”*

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.

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- 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. Please speak with Fr Mark if you are interested in this role. Closing date for applications - 15th September.

Nomination forms are available - [click here](#). Contact details for St Peter's School are as follows: T The School Office or Catholic Academies and Schools Office, St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA. governors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 023 9289 3600.
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St Peter's School Newsletter: - please [click here](#).

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf.. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those
who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might
and strength to his
people.

FIRST READING

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps
138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5. 7c-8.**

R. 3a

On the day I called, you
answered me, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

You have received the Spirit
of adoption as sons, by whom
we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

R. Alleluia

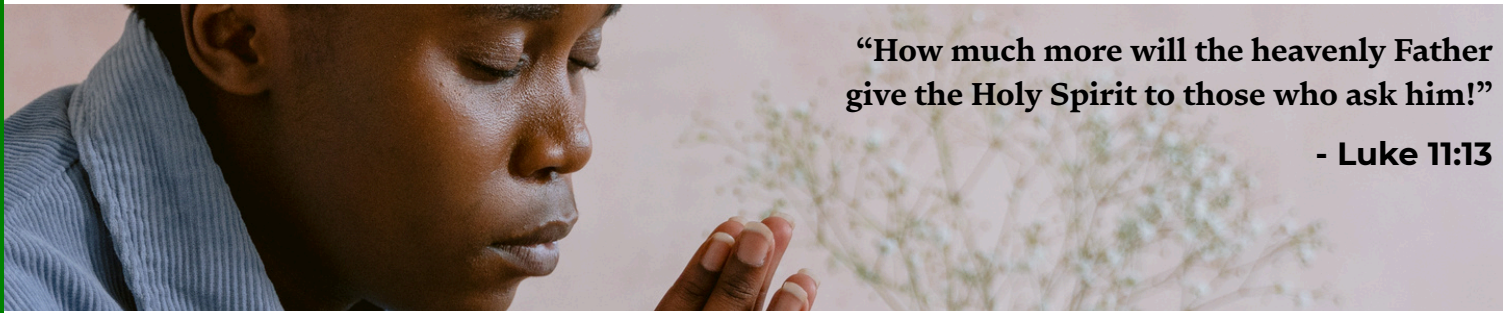
GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his
benefits.



“How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- Luke 11:13

THANK YOU!

Our Parish Shines Because of You: As we enter the summer holidays, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful volunteers across the Parish. Your dedication, generosity, and tireless service throughout the past year have been a true blessing to our community. We are deeply grateful for all you do, and we hope you enjoy a well-earned and restful break- you truly deserve it!

OUTREACH:

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 Petition To Cancel Debt: Many thanks to the **204** parishioners who signed the “Cancel the Debt” petition last weekend. Many of you boosted that number by signing online. If you missed the chance to sign IT IS NOT TOO LATE. Scan the QR code in this newsletter and you can sign online.

Sign
online
if you
prefer!



EVANGELISATION

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. [Book with our parish group here.](#)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Gratitude In Action: A Day Honouring Healthcare, Led by Faith & 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 prayer 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.

PARISH NEWS

Pilgrims progress to Rome 20th September 2025:

Julia Bray would like to express her gratitude to the St Stephen's community for the very generous contribution following last weekends cake sale, which raised £170.

Julia is undertaking the Pilgrims' Progress Trek to Rome in Autumn 2025 to raise funds for Life, a charity supporting pregnant women and new mums. From helping initiate a Life volunteer group in Winchester and also a Life Charity Shop in Eastleigh, her journey reflects a deep commitment to Life's mission. Support her cause through her JustGiving page - [click here.](#)



PRAYER CORNER

As we enter the holiday season, let us thank God for all our recent joys and successes and pray that we return rested and restored ready for our mission, bringing people closer to Christ in hope and joy.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Melissa Kalbfuss and Tom Haver, who were married at St Peter's Church on Saturday, 19th July 2025. May their life together be blessed with love, faith, and happiness.

BAPTISM

Welcome to Baptism of Anable Iwuoha who was baptised last week at St Stephen's Church. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

Mass Timetable			
Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 26 July (Ss Joachim & Anne) Sunday VIGIL Week 17 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Fr Vincent Convery
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Kay & Eric Kearney RIP
Sun 27 July Week 17 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	James Gomez Murphy RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Mary Mayhew-Arnold RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Dr. Pietro Ligato RIP
Mon 28 July Week 17 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	Kim Rasmussen RIP & Enriqueta Gonzalez RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Tues 29 July (Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus)	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 Baron Ventry
Wed 30 July (St Peter Chrysologus)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Ewa Shina RIP
Thur 31 July (St Ignatius of Loyola)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rose Margaret Fletcher
Fri 1 August (St Alphonsus Liguori)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Len Yacovetta RIP
Sat 2 August (Our Lady) Sunday VIGIL Week 18 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Intentions of the Neil Family
	9:00AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	William James Clark 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.**

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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.