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FATHER MARK WRITES: PREPARING A PLACE FOR EVERYONE - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2026

On 14th July 1926, Cardinal Bourne, the then Archbishop of Westminster, celebrated Mass in what is now the Milner Hall. This chapel was the first Catholic Church to be consecrated post-reformation. Previously, Catholic celebrations of Mass in and around Winchester were often held in secret. Although the chapel had to be built away from the main road and public view, its very existence marked a huge step forward for the local Catholic community. Now, more than 125 years after Milner Hall's construction, a new church had been prepared for the Winchester Catholic community. As one era came to an end, another was about to begin.

On the following day, the Feast of St Swithun, 1926, Cardinal Bourne preached at another Mass, this one being celebrated by the Bishop of Portsmouth, and the first in the newly constructed St. Peter's Church. Priests from across the diocese and many representatives of civic society were present as the Catholic community took a further step out into public view.

For the last 99 year's, St. Peter's has been home to countless baptisms, weddings and funerals; first holy communions, confirmations and Sunday and weekday Masses. It has been a place where candles have been lit, prayers offered, and tears shed, for joy and with sorrow. At times the church has been full to the brim, at others it has been empty save a solitary sole offering a glance or plea heavenward. People have come and gone, each leaving their own unique mark.

A Place for Everyone

If you are reading this, then there is a place in St. Peter's for you. Maybe you come here regularly to worship; maybe you've never stepped through the doors. Maybe you've been here all your life; maybe you've only just arrived.

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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.

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Maybe you're a local; maybe you're from the other end of the planet. It doesn't matter. There's a place here for you. Moreover, we want you to help us to ensure that each and every guest who comes into contact with our parish during our centenary year, through any of our four churches or our various events, or through the Pastoral Centre, or in any other way, knows that they belong and that there is a place here for them.

In Joy

I would love for 2026 to be a year marked with joy. Centenary celebrations are great opportunities for remembering the past and sharing stories of some of the heroes from days gone by. They also enable us to pause and take stock and look at where we are and who we are. We are, in many ways, a very different community to the one who gathered 99 years ago. I'm also hoping that next year's festivities will help us to launch a new era in the life of this parish as we look to the future and take our turn to step out a little more into public view and serve the wider community, bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy.

How will you play your part?

✨ Why not let us know how you'll be part of it? Drop us a note at centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk and share your ideas, hopes, or commitment. We'd love to hear from you!



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR? – A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to reflect on a simple but powerful question: **Who is my neighbour?** Jesus answers with the story of the **Good Samaritan**—someone who chose compassion over **convenience**, **mercy over indifference**.

It's a heartfelt reminder that being a neighbour isn't defined by proximity or similarity, but by the **care we extend**, especially when it's unexpected. In our busy lives, we may not always respond perfectly, but each of us is capable of **small acts of kindness** that bring light into someone else's day. **Mercy doesn't need to be grand—it just needs to be real.**

As we journey through the week, may we carry **open eyes and open hearts**, ready to notice the needs around us and respond with quiet love. Because in the end, being a neighbour is something we live—**one moment of compassion at a time.**

**ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON**

Cf.. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice
shall behold your face;
shall be filled with the
vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

**First reading: Deuteronomy
30:10-14**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps
69(68):14, 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36ab,
37.R. cf.33**

Seek God, you who are poor, and
your hearts will revive.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Your words, O Lord, are spirit
and life; you have the words
of eternal life.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

**COMMUNION
ANTIPHON:**

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for
her young: by your alters, O
Lord of hosts, my King and
my God. Blessed are they
who dwell in your house, for
ever singing your praise.

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CENTENARY KICK OFF

St Peter's Church: A Centenary of Joy, Faith & Community

2026 marks **100 years of St Peter's Church**—a sacred place where faith has flourished, friendships deepened, and the spirit of the Winchester Martyrs continues to inspire us, **bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy.**

But this celebration is not just about one building—it's about our whole parish family, including the vibrant communities of Alresford, Oliver's Battery, and Stockbridge, whose prayer, presence, and faithful witness have helped shape this shared journey.

It's more than an anniversary. **It's a celebration of love, unity, and belonging**—a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to honour our collective story and shape the future of our parish across all its churches.

 With less than 6 months to go, the countdown is truly on—and we warmly invite every church community to get involved. Whether you've worshipped with us for decades or are just beginning your journey, this Centenary belongs to all of us. Let's celebrate together.

Calendar of Events – Plan Ahead

Turn to page 4 for next year's Calendar of Events! Stick it on your fridge, share it with family and friends, and start saving the dates. It's your guide to a joyful year of connection and celebration.

 Come and be part of:

- Historic reflections & storytelling across our parish
- Joyful community celebrations in all our churches
- Special Masses & civic thanksgiving
- Outreach and ministry activities that bring our parish values to life




We Need You!

We're calling on **volunteers of all ages** and talents, and especially welcoming **participation from Alresford, Oliver's Battery, and Stockbridge**, whose voices and energy are essential to making this a true parish-wide celebration. Whether you're skilled in PR, marketing, event planning, or simply passionate about parish life—we'd love to hear from you.

Students—Make Church History!

Are you studying media, communications, events, or related fields? Apply now for a Centenary Internship—gain hands-on experience, enhance your CV, and contribute to a joyful legacy.

 Email CVs to centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by October 2025

 Let's mark **100 years of faith together**—from the quiet country charm of Stockbridge to the lively school-centred worship of Oliver's Battery, and the joyful welcome of Alresford. This Centenary is a celebration of us all.

Let's participate, give thanks, and pass the flame of hope into the future.

For further information, please contact: centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

FUNERALS & DEATHS

Canon Gerard Flynn, Patricia Ringrose-Voase, Simon Chamberlain, 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 Nicole Stokes and Paddy Cleary, who were married at St Peter's Church on Friday, 27th June 2025.
May their life together be blessed with love, faith, and happiness.

BAPTISM

Welcome to Clément Artaud de La Ferriere who was baptised at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 29th June. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always

STREET PASTOR COMISSIONING

Congratulations to Robert Smith, commissioned as a Street Pastor at 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 6th July. We give thanks for his generous commitment to service and warmly welcome him into this vital ministry. May his presence bring peace, hope, and compassion to those he meets on the streets of our community.

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.

CENTENARY 2026 - CALENDAR**JANUARY 2026 - LAUNCH OF CENTENARY YEAR & CENTENARY CHRONICLE BOOK**

Saturday 17th January	Launch of Centenary Book - followed by Reception in Pastoral Centre
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FEBRUARY - LIGHT

Monday 2nd February	Feast of Candlemas - Celebration Mass at 7pm - St Peter's
2nd, 3rd & 4th February	Floodlight Celebrations of St Peter's Church - inside & out
Friday 6th February	St Peter's Pageant - directed by Susan Hume

MARCH - MUSIC

Sunday 8th March	Concert with Fr Andrew Moore - 'Homeless' Fundraising event - 7.15pm at St Peter's
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APRIL - ART

Friday 24th April	WCHS talk by Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch - Winchester College at 7pm
W/C 27th April	Art Exhibition - Pastoral Centre - TBC

MAY - PENTECOST

Sunday 24th May	Pentecost Celebration with Churches Together
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JUNE - FAMILY & CHILDREN

TBC	9 Day Novena - 'Festival of Faith' leading up to Feast Ss Peter & Paul - Vigil Mass
Friday 26th June	BBQ Party at St Peter's School
Sunday 28th June	Feast of Ss Peter & Paul - Parish Party after 10.30am Mass

JULY - CELEBRATION (St Peter's Church was opened on 15th July 1926)

Tuesday 14th July	Solemn Vespers - Mayor & Civic community at 7pm - refreshments Pastoral Centre
Wednesday 15th July	Anniversary of St Peter's Church - Mass at 11am
Saturday 18th July	Bishop & other priests who have served at St Peter's - Mass at 5.30pm

AUGUST - HOLIDAY

First week in August -TBC	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Monday 31st August	Parish Walk - Alresford to Stockbridge via St Peter's & St Stephen's from 9am

SEPTEMBER - YOUTH & HISTORY

Freshers' Week	Party for Youth - hog roast/ BBQ - include input & specifically for Youth in the Parish
Week of Winchester Heritage - Open Days	Guided tours of the Church and Lecture on Parish origins in the Milner Hall

OCTOBER - WITNESS

Half Term - TBC	Pilgrimage to St Peter's, Rome
Friday 30th October	Launch of 100 Faith Stories and Feast of the Winchester Martyrs - Mass at 7pm

NOVEMBER - OUTREACH

Bamenda Sunday	Special Mass and fundraising event for Bamenda
TBC	Link with other St Peter Churches around the world & those celebrating their centenary and Outreach Ministry events

DECEMBER - 'I WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERYDAY'

Thursday 10th December	Carol Concert by St Peter's School at St Peter's
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day

JANUARY 2027 - Closing of 'Centenary Year' and celebrating the beginning of a next Century

TBC	Photographic display of 'Centenary Year' in the Pastoral Centre
TBC	Mass/ Celebration for the Closing of the Centenary Year

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CENTENARY EVENTS 2026 - BE PART OF HISTORY!

🎉 Join the 2026 Centennial Pageant

One of the most exciting events kicking off our Centenary Year is the 2026 Historical Pageant, a dazzling celebration of St Peter's early history through music, dance, drama, and storytelling. It's going to be a visual feast—and we want YOU to be part of it! We're pulling together ideas, reaching out to groups, and planning an unforgettable experience that will bring our story to life. Expect a few fun surprises along the way—yes, that might include requests for **props, costumes, and creative hands-on help**.

🌟 Calling all young parishioners aged 10+

Whether you love to **sing, dance, act, or craft**, we'd love to have you join the cast or creative crew! St Peter's School is already onboard, but there's plenty of space for more energy and talent.

📍 Interest Meeting

When: Wednesday 16th July at 5:00 PM

Where: St Peter's Church

Can't be there in person? No problem—just send your name and contact details to: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Let's make this Pageant sparkle with community spirit and creative joy. Come help us kick off the Centenary Year with a bang!

🍽️ A Taste of Home – Contribute to the Sanctuary Welcome Hub Recipe Book!

As part of our Centenary Year celebrations, the **St Peter's Sanctuary Welcome Hub** is cooking up something special—a vibrant **Recipe Book featuring favourite dishes from around the world**, lovingly shared by our guests and parishioners.

This deliciously meaningful project is more than just a collection of recipes. It's a celebration of cultures, stories, and hospitality. And best of all, it will be **published in time to mark St Peter's Centenary!**

👩🍳 Want to contribute a recipe from your corner of the world?

Please send the following to Lesley at: lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by 30th September 2025:

- 📄 Name of Recipe
- 👤 Name of Contributor
- 🌍 Country of Origin
- 📷 Photo (if possible!)

The finished books will be sold to raise funds for **SVP, the Welcome Hub, and our ongoing support for those seeking sanctuary in Winchester.**

Let's honour the Centenary Year with flavour, heart, and togetherness—one recipe at a time.



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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.

Sea Sunday

YOUR NEIGHBOUR NEEDS YOU



THIS WEEKEND - SECOND COLLECTION

Sea Sunday 13th July – Supporting Stella Maris as we give thanks for the seafarers and fishers who work in often challenging conditions to keep our world moving.

The Catholic charity Stella Maris provides vital care—spiritual, practical, and emotional—to those at sea who are far from home and often out of sight.

This year, the Church reminds us that they are **“Pilgrims of Hope, Prophets of Peace.”** How to Help:

- Pray for seafarers and their families
- Donate in church, online at stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or text SEA to 70460 to give £5
- Share the message and raise awareness

Thank you for standing in solidarity with all who serve at sea—your support means so much.

SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS

Thankyou from the CWL (Catholic Women's League) to all who supported July's Soup & Pud Lunch, which **raised £275 for Stella Maris, Southampton's Seafarers Club.**



PLEASE NOTE - **NO SOUP & PUD LUNCH IN AUGUST!** The next Charity Lunch will be on Friday 5th September.

Pies & Puds lunch event - Wed 16th July

It's time for our **monthly lunch event, on Wednesday 16th July** at the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm. We'll be serving home-made pies, all the vegetables you can eat, proper puddings with custard, and vegetarian and G/F options. After lunch, **Matt Winter will talk about 'Happy days as a seafarer' - his years working at sea and piloting the world's largest ships.**

There is no booking or commitment necessary, but do contact moirar@msn.com with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

PARISH NEWS

Celebrating Cultural Joy at the Parish Party

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our recent Parish Party so special—especially Sarah and her team for the delicious food, our dedicated helpers and welcomers, and the talented groups from Ukraine, Africa, the Philippines, and Goa (India) for their joyful dancing!

The vibrant cultural presentations lit up the celebration with colour and unity—showing the love and dedication behind each performance. **We thank God for the beautiful diversity in our parish**, and see this gathering as a **joyful preview of our Centenary Year.** We look forward to welcoming even more communities, perhaps Spanish, Polish, and others—with fresh contributions like country music from the English community.

As we prepare for our centenary, we encourage inter-community collaboration—shared liturgy, fellowship, and friendships that enrich the life of our parish family. Click [HERE](#) to see the photo montage!



SCHOOL

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

We are part of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, Registered Charity Number: 1199568

Mass Timetable

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 12 July (Our Lady) Sunday VIGIL Week 15 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Joseph Fsadni 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	Souls in Purgatory
Sun 13 July Week 15 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Ronald & Sylvia Leigh RIP
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Intentions of Caroline Gardner
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Brian John Morris RIP
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Sisters of Mary Morning Star
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Intentions of the Way & Corcoran Family
Mon 14 July (St Camillus of Lellis)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	John Blake RIP
Tues 15 July Week 15 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	John & Mary Perry RIP
Wed 16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Cormac & Amanda Murphy for Good Health
Thur 17 July St Bonaventure	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Benefactors
Fri 18 July Week 15 in Ordinary Time	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Richard spencer & Celebrating Local Priests
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
	9.30 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	Maurice Henry 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.