

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

Heart of Hampshire parish with worshipping communities in Winchester, Alresford and Stockbridge



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS
WEEK:

Keep Your Light On



FATHER MARK WRITES: STEWARDING THE FLAME OF GOD'S LOVE

Last week I was, mostly, running round football pitches, praying, singing, sliding down flumes, eating, cheering, laughing, eating and lying down in a field in Berkshire gazing up into the starlit night. I was on our diocesan boys' camp, along with a few boys from our own parish and many others from across the diocese – and it was indeed a wonderful week. Every night before teeth are brushed and ghost stories told, we sit still around the campfire, mesmerised by the glowing embers as we listen to a traditional “Don Bosco good night” – a thought or two to help us reflect on our lives and the journey which we're on together.

A crucial member of the team, then, is the one charged with lighting the fire. Not only lighting the fire, though, but keeping it alight – nurturing that small flame so that it grows and the fire comes to life. It's a position of great trust and responsibility. No kindling of that flame and there's no fire around which to warm ourselves as we sing, no embers later to glow and draw us into our final reflections of the day.

The “steward”, or manager, of a household in Jesus' time was also given a key position of trust. The relationship between the master and the steward is crucial. The steward knows that the food and the wine which he serves do not belong to him but have been entrusted to him to be used and distributed wisely for the benefit of the guests. The master must trust the steward to do his job well but similarly the steward must trust the master that he has been given sufficient resources to complete his task.

It's no wonder then that our Lord chooses the image of the faithful and wise steward as the model disciple. For this is the one who recognises that all he or she has been given comes from God as creator – there is no talent or gift, no treasure or resource, no aspect of creation, not even a single breath which does not first come from the Creator's loving hand. There is no such thing as mere possession for so-called possessions are invitations into relationships with creation and Creator. The faithful and wise steward gives thanks to God for the position of trust in which he or she has been placed and is sure to use all those gifts at his or her disposal, not for purely selfish means but for the building up of the Kingdom. The wise and faithful steward nurtures and kindles all these gifts and the flame of faith in their hearts so that they may bring warmth and life to others.

Above all, the gift entrusted to us is the Holy Spirit, the gift of God Himself, the gift of Love, which cannot be owned or controlled but which can be fanned into a flame (c.f. 2 Tim 1:6, “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”). May the Holy Spirit warm your heart today and, through you, bring warmth and light and life and love to others.

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.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks." - (Luke 12:35-36)



KEEP YOUR LIGHT ON

This Sunday's Gospel might sound a bit intense at first - Jesus talks about being ready, keeping our lamps lit, and being prepared for when He comes. But it's not about being scared or perfect. It's about living with your eyes open, your heart awake, and your life pointing in the right direction.

It's easy to drift through life on autopilot - especially in the summer. But Jesus is reminding us that every moment matters. The way we treat people, the little choices we make, how we use our time - it all counts.

And the good news? We don't do this alone. Jesus says, *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."* (Luke 12:32). He's with us. We just need to be open and willing - to live light, stay kind, and keep our lamp burning.

FUNERALS

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

WEDDINGS

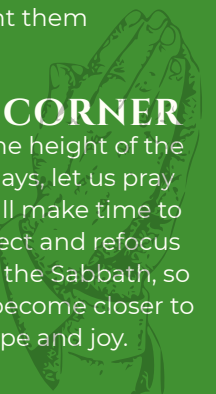
We offer our warmest congratulations to Florence Morris and Jack Lee, who were married at St Peter's Church on Saturday 26th July 2025; to Scott Myers and Gabrielle Vassallo, married on Saturday 2nd August; and to John McHale and Shirley Bright, who celebrated their wedding on Wednesday 6th August. May each couple be richly blessed as they begin their married life, and may their journey together be filled with love, faith, and lasting joy.

BAPTISM

Welcome to Baptism of Rupert Hogg who was baptised last week at St Peter's Church. May God bless him with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

As we reach the height of the summer holidays, let us pray that we may all make time to rest, relax, reflect and refocus each week on the Sabbath, so that we may become closer to Christ with hope and joy.



OUTREACH



Dating, Faith and the Journey to Self-Discovery: If you've ever wondered how faith fits into things like dating, friendships, or figuring out who you are, there's a great article this week on Thinking Faith that dives into exactly that. It's called "Dating, Faith and the Journey of Self-Discovery" – and it's honest, thoughtful, and totally worth a read. There's even a podcast version if you'd rather listen on the go: [Listen here](#) [Read the full article](#). Whether you're navigating relationships, asking big questions, or just trying to be more "you" – this could really help.

SWVG Summer 2025 Newsletter: We're pleased to share the Summer 2025 Newsletter from the Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG). . [Read the newsletter here](#).

PARISH NEWS

Big Church Festival 2025! Join Fr. Mark and parishioners at Big Church Festival, 22-24 August 2025, at Wiston Estate, West Sussex. Come for the weekend or a day (Sunday Mass included). [Click here to book your tickets](#).

Pilgrims progress to Rome 20th September 2025: Julia Bray 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](#).



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant,
O Lord, and forget not
the life of your poor
ones for ever. Arise, O
God, and defend your
cause, and forget not
the cries of those who
seek you.

FIRST READING

First reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps
33(32):1, 12. 18-19.20,22.R. 12b**
Blessed the people the Lord
has chosen as his heritage.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 147:12,14
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of
finest wheat.

MASS TIMETABLE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 10TH AUGUST 2025 | YEAR C

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 9 Aug (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross) Sunday VIGIL Week 19 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Nandita Connolly
	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	Enriqueta Gonzalez RIP
Sun 10 Aug Week 19 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Intentions of Joseph & Libby
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Win Harris RIP
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Richard Spencer & Celebrating Local Priests
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Mon 11 Aug (St Clare Virgin)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of William Meader
Tues 12 Aug (St Jane Frances de Chantal)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Ewa Slinn RIP
Wed 13 Aug (Sts Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Thur 14 Aug (St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Dead & Founders
Fri 15 Aug (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	7:00AM	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St Peter's	Intentions of the Neil Family
	8.00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St Gregory's	Ronald & Evelyn Fisher RIP
	12:15PM	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St Peter's	Hugh & Ann McTernan RIP & Their Relatives
	7.00PM	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St Peter's	Robert Horton RIP
Sat 16 Aug (St Stephen of Hungary & Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Sunday VIGIL Week 20 in Ordinary Time	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	For The Soul of Marisa Yu RIP
	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	Souls in Purgatory

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.**

Deadline for items for newsletter requests submit by **Wednesday mid-day!**

CONTACTS:

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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** (e.g. offertory, SVP, etc). You can also use the Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

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