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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
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Father Benedict's Collection

***Centenary - A Place For All - Winchester
Radio Interview***



FATHER MARK WRITES: “FOLLOW ME THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR”

I can still remember my first ever driving lesson. I can still remember the fear which inscribed itself on my dad's face as I approached the Fareham flyover on the way home; and my fear as I approached what seemed like the narrowest of openings, between the train track on our left and the roundabout below, through which I had to squeeze his car. Of course, now I look back and realise that actually there's enough space to drive a fairly wide tank along that road. At the time, however, I was probably thinking something about camels and eyes of needles as I breathed in and braced myself at what seemed like 150mph but was probably more like 20!

If you look at a map of the countryside, roads look quite narrow compared with the fields and hills around them. But, when you're on those roads, especially once you've been driving for a few years and aren't sat behind the wheel of a tractor, they tend to feel quite spacious and roomy. Again, those of us who need to use satnavs to give us the information which our brains once supplied will be aware that the little car icon on the screen feels a bit lost when it loses its GPS signal and pretends that we're in the middle of Farmer Joe's crop of asparagus or the River Test. It doesn't take much for it to be convinced that we've missed the narrow road by quite a long way.

Maybe it's in this sense that Jesus speaks today of narrow doors or gates or paths. Don't get complacent, he seems to be saying, on the one hand. Just as we might tell a new driver to keep their eyes on the road, their speed down, to check their brakes and their mirrors, so perhaps Jesus is telling us it's not good enough just to convince ourselves that we're being quite nice and turning up to church every now and again to keep ourselves on nodding terms with him, so we'll all be ok. It's not enough just to be Facebook friends with Jesus – he needs to be Our Lord and our Teacher. We need to strive, he tells us, to fight, to concentrate on getting through that narrow gap. But we don't need to do it all by ourselves – as St. Paul reminds us in our second reading, the Father will discipline and train us with his love so that we can stay on course and, like countless Olympic heroes, keep straining for that finishing line.

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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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On the other hand, at the end of this passage, Jesus seems to echo the sentiments of the First Reading, with words of encouragement that there is still room for people of every tribe and nation to reach our final destination, the end of the journey in heaven. That supernatural motorway, that highway to heaven, might be narrow but it still has more lanes than the M25 and there's plenty of room for all who follow him.

Ultimately, the Good News is this: Jesus has already made the way before us to Jerusalem, he has entered by the narrow door, which is the Cross, and he has invited us, all of us, from every nation, to focus on following Him on his Path of Unflinching Love to the eternal joys of heaven.

DONATIONS TO FR. BENEDICT'S FAREWELL GIFT

Thanking Fr. Benedict: As we prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Benedict, we will be holding a special farewell Mass at the Vigil Mass on **Saturday 6th September at 5:30 pm in St Peter's Church, Winchester**, followed by refreshments. As is our parish tradition, we would also like to present him with a farewell gift as a sign of our appreciation. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made by sending a sealed envelope marked "Fr Benedict" to the parish office, using the donor machines in church or the pastoral centre (select the "Fr Benedict" option), or by bank transfer using the details in this newsletter.



CATECHESIS

Family Catechism Camp – Message from Alexis and Naomi de La Ferrière: Alexis and Naomi de La Ferrière are organising a Family Catechism Camp in Winchester, open to families from St Peter's Parish with primary school-aged children - younger and older siblings are also welcome. The camp will **begin at 12:00pm on Saturday 6th September and conclude with a walk to Mass at St Stephen's at 9:15am on Sunday 7th**. The programme will include games, catechism sessions, and prayer times for both children and adults. There is no fee to attend, but participants will be asked to contribute towards the cost of materials and food. Places are limited, so please complete the **sign-up form by 26th August** [click here](#) to reserve your space. If you have any questions, please see contact details on the form.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Preparation: Bishop Philip has kindly agreed to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people (under 18) here in the parish Sunday, 24th May 2026 at 2:00pm at St Peter's Church. Fr Mark would like to invite all our young people (about to start Year 9 and above) to come to an information session, with their parents, on **Sunday 14th September, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in St. Peter's Pastoral Centre**. If you're planning on attending this session, please fill in [this form](#) or scan the QR code here the right of this notice.



If you are 18 or over and would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Alexis de La Ferrière to register for Journey in Faith at adelaferriere@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

First Holy Communion Program 2026: Applications are still open for the 2026 First Holy Communion Programme. Deadline for applications is **Monday 15th September**, with the final chance to attend the compulsory parents' session being **Tuesday 16th September - 7:00pm to 8:00pm**. Children who will be in Year 4 (or above) next academic year may apply, however if your child is presently in Year 2 and you are a regular parishioner and feel they may be ready next year, please do get in touch.

Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form, or scan the QR code here to the right of this notice. If you have any queries before completing the form, please email me at: rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85:1-3
Turn your ear, O Lord,
and answer me; save
the servant who trusts
in you, my God. Have
mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the
day long.

FIRST READING

First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117(116): 1. 2. R. Mark 16:15
Go into all the world and
proclaim the good news.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia
I am the way, and the truth,
and the life, says the Lord. No
one comes to the Father
except through me.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15
The earth is replete with the
fruits of your work, O, Lord;
you bring forth bread from
the earth and wine to cheer
the heart.

“Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News”
- Psalm 116 (117)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

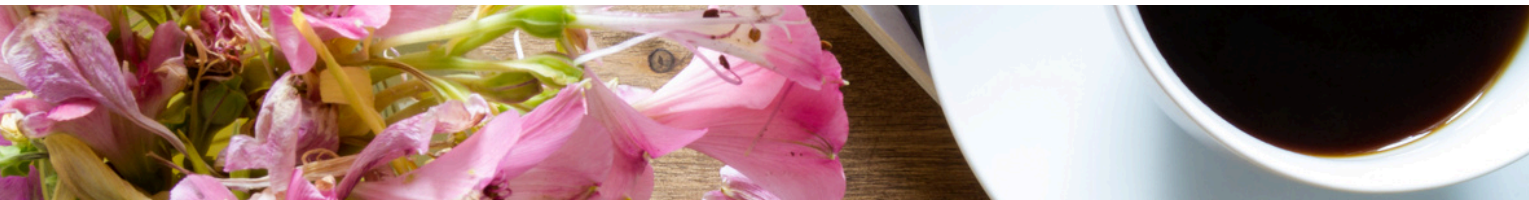
Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Bournemouth - Saturday 13th September: Join our parish for a day of grace, reflection, and spiritual renewal as we journey together in faith during this Jubilee Year- a moment marked by prayer, mercy, and pilgrimage (cf. Jubilee tradition and purpose).

Journey of the Day:

9:45am - Arrive
10:00am - Tour of the Oratory Church, with introduction to the Jubilee Holy Year, as Pilgrims of Hope.
10:30am - Coffee in Café Neri & visit to the Oratory Shop
11:00am - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
12:00pm - Angelus
12:15pm - Mass
1:00pm - Rosary
1:15pm - Lunch in Café Neri. Please pre-book by advising numbers a week in advance.
2:00pm - Opportunity to view the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.
2:30pm - Talk on S Philip Neri & the Jubilee in Rome / Other spiritual topics / or whatever suits different groups (to be discussed).
3:00pm - Benediction (or concluding liturgy) with prayers for the Pope's intentions - to gain the Jubilee Year Indulgence (with the other conditions).
3:00pm Depart

This pilgrimage is your invitation to step into a day of hope, devotion and renewal - rooted deeply in our Catholic tradition of pilgrimage during a Holy Year. Through adoration, prayer, reflection and fellowship, we'll walk the path together as a community of faith. It's a chance to press pause, reconnect and return home spiritually recharged.

We are planning to travel by Coach, leaving St Peter's at 8:30am, anticipated return 4:45pm. Cost of Coach £20 per person; children £5 per person. To book please [click here](#) to complete a registration form. You can also scan the QR code to the right of this notice.



PARISH NEWS

CWL Soup and Pud Lunch: The next lunch will be held in the Pastoral Centre, on **Friday 5th September, 12:30pm - 2:00pm** supporting Winchester Youth Counselling. Delicious homemade soup and lovely puddings for a suggested donation of £7, come along and join us.

FUNERALS

Frances Patricia Gorman RIP. Please pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.
May God grant them eternal rest. France's funeral will take place on 29th August at 12.15pm at St Peter's Church.

WEDDINGS

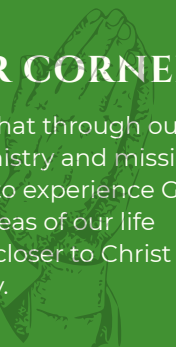
We offer our warmest congratulations to John McHale & Shirley Bright, who were married on Wednesday 6th August, Brendon Reis & Zoe Martin, who celebrated their wedding on Saturday 9th August, Colin Corcoran & Aoife Davis, who were married on Friday 15th August, and to Shawn McLaren & Georgina Wileman and Joel Outschoorn & Amy Davis, who both celebrated their weddings on Saturday 16th August.
May they be richly blessed as they begin their married lives, and may their journeys together be filled with love, faith, and lasting joy.

BAPTISM

Welcome to Delphine Andon who was baptised last week at St Peter's Church. May God bless her with His love and grace, today and always.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that through our works of ministry and mission we are able to experience God daily in all areas of our life bringing us closer to Christ in hope and joy.



PARISH NEWS CONT'D

ADoRE Mini-Retreat for Spiritual Renewal: The next Pilgrims of Hope meeting will be on **Saturday 30th August**, with the theme: "Pilgrims of Hope Forgive One Another". Jubilee is a time of forgiveness, reconciliation, restitution and liberation. We will reflect on how, with Jesus' strength, we can choose to forgive as we have been forgiven – bringing healing, deliverance, new life and renewed energy for our pilgrim journey. The day will include Mass, an inspiring talk from Fr. Paul Leonard, live-streamed Adoration, Prophecy, Praise and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit – so that we may be beacons of hope in today's world.

ADoRE is a monthly Catholic Charismatic Renewal meeting, encouraging a personal relationship with God through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Founded in 1975 in Portsmouth Diocese, it is one of the longest-running Charismatic Days of Renewal in Britain. Posters and publicity materials for this month's meeting can be downloaded [Here](#).

Called and Gifted Diocesan Alumni Day - Saturday September 20th at Pastoral Centre Hall, St Peter's Church, Winchester: Booking is now open! The C&G team have planned a day of prayer, formation, sharing and worship for everyone who has ever experienced the full Called and Gifted discernment process in the Portsmouth Diocese. We hope the day will help us all to build our lives more fully on the firm foundation that is Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.



Registration is from 9:30am and we will start with Mass at 10:00am. Lunch will be provided. The day will close by 4:30pm. To book your place at the day, please email Joan at calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. As a cooked lunch is being provided (donations welcome!) please let Joan know if you have any dietary requirements. We look forward to welcoming you!

CENTENARY

Share Your Favourite World Recipe: A recipe book of worldwide dishes is being created to raise funds for the Sanctuary Welcome Hub and to support people in Winchester who are seeking sanctuary. Parishioners are warmly invited to contribute by sending:

- the recipe (ingredients + method)
- a photo (if possible)
- a short note on why it's important to you

Please send your recipe contributions to Lesley Sheldon-Browning at: lsbrowning@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. Thank you!



Centenary Countdown: As we stand just four months away from a historic milestone, we joyfully begin the countdown to 100 years of God's faithfulness. Our journey at St Peter's Winchester has been marked by bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and Joy.

🎉 This isn't just a celebration of the past- it's a declaration of the present and a vision for the future.

📅 With monthly events leading up to our centenary, each event will honour our heritage, celebrate our blessings, and look forward to what amazing things God has in store.

In a recent feature on Winchester Radio, we shared what's ahead as we enter A year of Joy and as we continue living out our calling to be A Place for All.

🔊 You can listen to the Winchester Now news programme via their website. Here's the official link to last week's Episode 142: <https://winchester.radio/2025/08/15/episode-142-15-08-2025/>

If you haven't got 28mins spare to listen to the whole programme, start at approx 17mins 18secs in, to hear the interview with Patrick Cahill, our Parish Centenary Chairman (this interview is just under 6 minutes long).

👉 Stay tuned for updates, and mark your calendars! [Click here](#) for the link to find out about the events for our centenary.

🌟 Centenary Planning Meeting - ALL WELCOME!

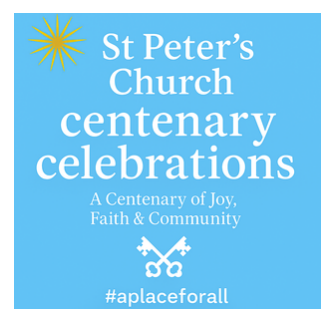
📅 Thursday 4th September @ 7pm 📍 Pastoral Centre

We're restarting our Centenary Planning Meetings as we prepare for St Peter's 2026 Centenary Year of Joy—a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of 100 years of faith, fellowship, and community. With a wide variety of events in the works, we're **calling on volunteers of all ages and skills** to help bring this vision to life. Whether you're experienced in events, marketing, PR, or simply eager to lend a hand, there's a place for you.

We're also **seeking local sponsors and supporters** to help make this milestone year truly memorable. If you or your business would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Together, let's make 2026 a joyful expression of our calling to be #APlaceForAll.

✉ To find out more, email: centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk Or simply come along on the night—we'd be delighted to see you!



Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 23 Aug (St Rose of Lima, Our Lady)	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Soul of Simon DaCosta
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5.00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL Week 21 in Ordinary Time	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	
Sun 24 Aug Week 21 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's	John & Mary Perry RIP
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Mon 25 Aug (St Louis IX & St Joseph Calasanz)	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Rev. P.T. Savage
Tues 26 Aug (Blessed Dominic Barberi)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Beatrice Zulu
Wed 27 Aug (St Monica)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Friends & Family of Michael Mayhew-Arnold
Thur 28 Aug (St Augustine of Hippo)	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Benefactors
Fri 29 Aug (The Passion of St John the Baptist)	8.00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	Special Intentions for Fikile Mlotshwa
Sat 30 Aug (Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Our Lady)	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	
	9:00AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL Week 22 in Ordinary Time	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Patrick George

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:

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.

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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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