

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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OF ST PETER
& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS
WEEK:

Wonderfully Weird - A Place For Everyone

Bamenda Sunday

Month of Prayer For the Faithful Departed



FATHER MARK WRITES: A PLACE FOR ALL

If you've ever stepped into St Peter's during the day, you'll know that the east window is hard to miss. Installed in 1948 as a memorial to those who gave their lives in the Second World War, it draws us into a vision from the Book of Revelation: the "Adoration of the Lamb." Inspired by the Van Eyck masterpiece in Ghent, it's more than glass and colour - it's theology in light.

At the top, God the Father reigns, surrounded by angels. Two swing censers, two hold Alpha and Omega - the first and the last. There are twelve angels here: a number that whispers "completeness." Think of the twelve tribes, the twelve apostles. Beneath, the Holy Spirit hovers as a dove, and on each side a scroll proclaims in Latin:

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Lower down, in the background are the green slopes of the holy mountain of Zion represented by the Hampshire Downs with wild flowers, some associated with the Virgin Mary. The Lamb of God stands on an altar, His blood flowing into a chalice, encircled by angels. Our Lady is enthroned as Queen of Heaven, canopy held aloft, sceptre in hand, the Book of Revelation open. Around her, saints and prophets, thirty in all, Old Testament prophets and martyrs (including three of the Winchester martyrs) stand around in adoration of the Lamb, representing the great multitude of all nations. At the very base, four figures kneel, representing those who served and sacrificed: Navy, Merchant Navy, Air Force, Army.

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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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025 | YEAR C

Why dwell on this image today? Because this weekend we hear that same passage from Revelation as we celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of All Saints. It's a feast for the countless unnamed saints - ordinary men, women, and children from all over the world who lived extraordinary holiness without fanfare. We honour them not only by remembering but by imitating their lives and seeking their prayers before Christ, the one Mediator.

The Church reminds us: holiness is not for a select few. It's universal. God calls every one of us to live in His love and make that love real for others. That word all matters. Even the word Catholic means "universal." Our faith is not an exclusive club. Heaven - pictured in that east window—**is a place for all**. Everyone is invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

And here's the wonder: in the Father's house, there's a seat with your name on it. No jostling, no rivalry. In heaven, I don't need to compete. I can rejoice in the gifts others have - even those I lack - and praise God for them. Imagine a table where comparison dies and gratitude lives. That's heaven. And we can taste it now.

How? By resting in our true identity: beloved sons and daughters of God. When that truth sinks in, everything shifts. We belong. We are loved. We don't need to judge or hold contempt. We can forgive, show compassion, pray for healing - even for those who wound us. And we can stop listening to the lies that tell us otherwise.

That number twelve appears again in today's reading:

"I heard the number of those sealed, 144,000" - twelve times twelve times a thousand. And then:

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

Let us, who have come from all continents of the globe, gather here in our parish to celebrate this wonderful feast and join our voices with theirs as we give praise and worship and honour and blessing to God and the Lamb.

SECOND COLLECTION - BAMENDA SUNDAY

Each year on the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the Bamenda Newsletter [HERE](#). You can donate by [clicking here](#) OR scan QR code to your right.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING

First reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Come to me, all who are labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

November – Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed: November is a sacred time in the Catholic Church when we remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Beginning with All Saints' Day (Nov 2) and All Souls' Day (Nov 3), the entire month invites us to live out the beautiful truth of the Communion of Saints—that our prayers, sacrifices and acts of love can help those who have gone before us reach the fullness of Heaven.

Why It Matters: Our prayers are powerful. Souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves—they rely on us. Every Mass offered, every prayer whispered, every act of charity brings hope and mercy.

How You Can Take Part:

🙏 **Attend Mass** and offer it for loved ones who have died.

🙏 **Visit Cemeteries** and pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence can be gained during the first eight days of November by doing this.

🙏 **Pray the Eternal Rest prayer:** *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

Join parish events

🙏 **Jubilee of Hope:** Spe Salvi Talk, Sunday 2nd November - 3:30pm to 5:00pm St Peter's Pastoral Centre. As we enter into the month of November, when we pray for those who've gone before us in hope of life eternal, Fr Mark will offer a brief talk, followed by time for questions and some prayer on Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical "Spe Salvi" ("In hope we are saved"). All are welcome to join him.

🙏 **All Souls Day:** Monday 3rd November

- 7:00am – Mass at St Peter's church
- 12:15pm – Mass at St Peter's church
- 7:00pm – Mass at St Peter's church

🙏 **Blessing of Graves:**

- Sunday 9th November at 12:30pm – Alresford
- Sunday 9th November at 12:30pm – St James' Cemetery
- Sunday 16th November at 3:00pm – Morn Hill

🙏 **Mass of Remembrance: St Peter's Church on 7th November at 7:00pm.** You are warmly invited to our annual Mass of Remembrance, a special time to honour and pray for loved ones who have died—especially, though not exclusively, those lost in the past year. This gentle, prayerful gathering offers space for reflection, comfort, and connection through shared faith and remembrance.

If you would like the name of a loved one to be read aloud during the prayers, please contact the Parish Office ([click here](#)) by Wednesday 5th November (midday) latest.

🙏 **Extended Eucharistic Adoration – First Fridays:** There will be an extended period of adoration, **from 9:00am-12:00noon** starting on **7th November** in St. Peter's Church. This is a beautiful opportunity for anyone and everyone to simply spend some time "gazing at the Lord, whilst He gazes at you". You can come and go as you please during this time and stay for as little or as long as you wish.

We are, however, specifically looking for **2 people to "cover" each hour, so from 9-10am; 10-11am; 11am-12:00noon.** Please let the office know if you are available to cover one of these slots. Email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

🙏 **Sung Compline – First Fridays at St Peter's:** Step into stillness with Latin Sung Compline, the Church's Night Prayer, on **Friday 7th November at 9.00pm in St Peter's Church.** In just 20 minutes, this simple, contemplative liturgy brings a peaceful close to the day. No need to sing - simply come and pray. If you'd like to try Gregorian Chant, join the rehearsal at 8.00pm beforehand. From now on, Sung Compline will be held on the first Friday of every month - a new rhythm of prayer, beauty and peace at the heart of our parish.

FUNERALS

Attilio Lanni RIP - 6th November at 10.00am.

Martin Howell RIP - 13th November 11.30am.

Raymond Burke RIP - 14th November at 12.15pm.

Laura Wilson RIP - 24th November at 12.15pm.

Colette Battye RIP.

Eamon Hogan RIP.

Funerals will take place at St Peter's Church. Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Omasirichi Gianna Onyedikachi-Ohiri 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 on this Bamenda Sunday that we may find it in our hearts to be generous in our support to help those displaced and impacted by the civil unrest, giving them reassurance and hope for the future.





PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CWL Soup and Pud Lunch: The next lunch will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Friday 7th November 12.30pm-2.00pm** supporting the Boaz Project, a farm based charity for people with learning disabilities. Delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings for a suggested donation of £7, please come along and join us.

A Place for Mothers to Pray and Belong:

You're warmly invited to join our Mother's Prayers group — a gentle, welcoming space to pause, reflect, and pray together in friendship and faith. Each gathering is simple and heartfelt, ending with relaxed conversation and refreshments. Two groups are already flourishing in our parish, and new members are always welcome.

Please contact isabelle at: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. Please visit www.mothersprayers.org for more information.



🎄 **Prepare for Advent and Christmas at the Parish Bookshop** 🎄 Get ready for the season of Advent and Christmas! We have a wide selection of Advent calendars, Christmas cards (including CAFOD cards), Advent booklets, cribs, and other religious Christmas items to help you celebrate the season of faith and joy. You'll also find 2026 pocket diaries, new Liturgical Bible diaries, and the newly arrived Daily and Weekday Missals, along with Morning and Evening Prayer books. Coming soon: copies of a new encyclical begun by Pope Francis and completed by Pope Leo. Come in and browse - all proceeds support the parish. Thank you for your continued support!

OUTREACH

🎉 **Congratulations to Andrea Hoyland!** We're delighted to share that our own Andrea Hoyland has been appointed as the new CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator for the Portsmouth Diocese! Andrea has been a dedicated member of our parish for many years, involved in Children's Liturgy, the SVP, and the Welcome and Hospitality Team. She's already begun her new role with great enthusiasm, recently joining CAFOD's Education Team for a Young Leadership Day with students from Catholic schools across the Diocese.

We offer Andrea our warmest congratulations and prayers as she takes on this exciting new chapter, supporting CAFOD volunteers and inspiring others to live out their faith in action.

CHARIS Portsmouth: Is happy to welcome you to Cast out your Nets, an online evening of renewal focusing on evangelisation, on **Thursday 13th November from 7.15pm -9.15pm**. Our main speaker will be Fr Chris Thomas, who is involved in running the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, while Mike Watson, a parishioner from Bracknell will also give his testimony. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! To join the meeting, please register [click here](#) for the Zoom link to be sent to you nearer the time.

NEWS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

A Healthy Reason for a Strong Faith: Beginning Sunday 2nd November at 2:00pm in St Joseph's Hall, Tangier Road, Copnor, Portsmouth. Fr. Serafino Lanzetta invites you to explore a "A Healthy Reason for a Strong Faith: Encounters with the Great Philosophical Themes." This monthly series opens up the beautiful partnership between faith and reason guiding us to reflect on what truly endures beyond the rush of daily life. Join us for an inspiring journey of thought, conversation and discovery. Every first Sunday of the month. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Women's Retreat Day: On **Saturday 29th November**, Catholic Mothers Portsmouth and Catholic Mothers Southampton invite Catholic Women, including those with babes in arms, to join them from 9.30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Church in Waterlooville (PO7 7SR) for a Women's Retreat Day. The speaker will be Fr Thomas Hiney. Lunch will be provided and a donation of £10 per person is suggested. You can book via the QR code on the poster (click on the picture) or by emailing [Catholic Mothers Southampton - Click here](#).

Neurodiversity and the Catholic Faith: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, through its Biblical Apostolate, and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our faith. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more aware of and responsive to your needs. Please [click here](#) for further details. Deadline is: Monday 12th January 2026.

SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic School: [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

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🔥 Hearts on Fire! Praise & Adoration - Sunday 16 November | 7:00-8:00pm |

Milner Hall: Get ready to lift your heart and your voice! 🌟 Join us for an unforgettable evening of Adoration, prayer, and powerful praise & worship music that will ignite your spirit and bring our parish alive in song. Whether you've never been to Adoration before or you love to sing your heart out - this is your moment to connect, to celebrate, and to let your faith set your heart on fire for Jesus!

Let's fill Milner Hall with joy, energy, and worship - because every voice matters and every heart can burn bright with His love.

"Every knee shall bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." – Philippians 2:10-11

David Hall Organ Recital: To celebrate National Play the Organ Year 2025, David Hall is presenting two events on **Wednesday 5th November at St Mary's Church, Twyford, SO21 1NW.**

From 1 pm to 4:30 pm, David will be in the church to supervise anybody who wants to come and "have a go" on the organ. Anybody of any age and ability is welcome (children must bring a parent/guardian). To book a free organ lesson/try-out please scan the QR code here on your right to book a slot.

At 6:30 pm, David will be giving an organ recital. The concert will be approximately one hour long and will be followed by refreshments. Tickets are £12.50 and are available directly from David or by scanning the QR code here or visit [click here](#) to book tickets.

Sing for St Cecilia – St Stephen's Church, Saturday 22nd November, 10am-12noon: Celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, with a joyful morning of song at St Stephen's. Everyone is warmly welcome to drop in, sing favourite hymns, and share in the happiness that music brings. Stay for the whole session or come for a few songs — the choice is yours. Tea and coffee will be served throughout, giving voices a chance to rest and friends time to chat. To request a hymn you love, email music@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by Friday 7th November, and we'll do our best to include it. Come and lift your voice in celebration and praise.



CENTENARY - BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION!

Centenary Meeting - Thursday 6th November at 7:00pm, Pastoral Centre. We're about to mark a once-in-a-lifetime moment—St Peter's 100th birthday—and preparations are in full swing! This is more than just an anniversary; it's a celebration of faith, community, and belonging. Our next open planning meeting is your chance to get involved, meet others, and help shape this joyful milestone. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your presence matters—because this Centenary is truly A Place for All. Come along, bring your enthusiasm, and be part of something special.

To find out more, email: centenary@stpeterswinchester.org or simply turn up – everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! More details to follow

St Peter's Centenary: "Light of the World" – 2nd-4th February 2026, 5:30-8:30pm. Step into the heart of our Centenary celebrations with Light of the World—a breathtaking three-night event that transforms St Peter's Church into a beacon of beauty, welcome, and wonder. As Candlemas marks the beginning of our 100th year, we invite everyone—of all backgrounds and beliefs—to experience the church in a whole new light. Wander through stunning illuminations inside and out, enjoy uplifting live music, take time for quiet prayer and reflection, and soak up the warmth of community hospitality in the Pastoral Centre. This is more than an event—it's an invitation to encounter St Peter's as A Place for All, filled with light, hope, and joy.

St Peter's Centenary Pageant - "Locus Iste (In This Place)" - St Peter's Church and Pastoral Centre (refreshments)

Join us on **6th February 2026** for a vibrant and moving production that celebrates the rich history of St Peter's Church and the living faith of its people. Through drama, music, dance, and storytelling, Locus Iste brings to life the journey of our worshipping community—from secret gatherings in Reformation times to the thriving parish we know today. Featuring parishioners of all ages and cultures, this joyful event truly reflects our Centenary theme: A Place for All.

Performances at 4:00pm and 7:00pm in St Peter's church. Free entry with tickets (available soon); donations welcome.

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MASS TIMETABLE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025 | YEAR C

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 1 Nov Our Lady on Saturday	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Myra Squire RIP
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL ALL SAINTS	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
Sun 2 Nov All SAINTS	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's (Family Mass)	Deceased Members of the Catenian Association
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's (Grace Notes Choir)	The Soul of David Tutton
Mon 3 Nov The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (ALL SOULS)	7:00am	Mass at St Peter's (All Souls)	
	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12.15PM	Mass at St Peter's (All Souls)	People of the Parish
	7:00PM	Mass at St Peter's (All Souls)	
Tues 4 Nov St Charles Borromeo	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 Mrs Giles
Wed 5 Nov Week 31 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Szymański Family RIP
Thur 6 Nov Week 31 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's (Attilio Lanni RIP)	
Fri 7 Nov St Willibrord	8.00AM	Morning Prayer & Extended Eucharistic Adoration (9:00am to 12noon) at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	John Blake RIP
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For All Who Provide Care & Support
Sat 8 Nov Our Lady on Saturday	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Alma Broom-Smith
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
Sunday VIGIL Week 32 in Ordinary Time	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Deceased Members of the Kearney & Coote Families

Watch live or catch up later on our [YouTube channel](#) — all services from St Peter's, including Morning Prayer and Adoration, are livestreamed. [St Peter's - Livestreaming Notice September 2025](#)

CONTACTS:

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