



St. Peter's Church

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Mass Times:

Sunday Masses

Sat. : 6.00 pm Vigil Mass
Sun. : 9.15 & 11.00 am &
6.00 pm : Student Mass
(University term-time only)

Weekday Masses

Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.30 am
Thurs : 7.00 pm
Sat : 10.30 am

Holy Days of Obligation

Mass: 9.30 am & 7.00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer

Mon-Wed, Fri : 9.10 am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

After Mass on Tuesday

Rosary

After Mass on Wednesday
First Friday : 7.30 pm

Confessions

Sat 11-12, 5.15-5.45 pm
or by request

Baptism – See Fr. Mark
Preparation obligatory

Marriage – 6 months notice
Preparation obligatory

Last week's collection

£990.65

Thank-you

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Pope Benedict arrives in Scotland on Thursday and then travels down to England. There are public Masses in Glasgow and Westminster, Catholic and ecumenical events, and the beatification of Cardinal Newman at Birmingham next Sunday morning. It is the first papal visit to the UK for 28 years and the first ever State visit – the Pope comes as the guest of the Queen and the Government. There will be a lot of comment – not all of it accurate or friendly. There is no substitute for listening to, or reading, what the Pope himself says. He is one of the wisest, gentlest and most courteous of people, a prayerful man who profoundly lives his faith.

Let's rejoice at the presence amongst of the successor of St. Peter, let's pray for him and learn from his humility and wisdom.

Friends of St. Peter's

The Friends meet at the back of church after the **11 am** Mass today to plan the autumn social calendar. If you have any suggestions or can offer to help, please join us.

Mick O'Toole, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mick O'Toole. Mick's funeral Mass will be here at **10.30 am** this **Wednesday, 15 September** followed by burial in Southway Cemetery.

Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council meet in the Oratory at **8 pm** on **Monday, 20 September**. If you have not received them by E-Mail, there is an agenda and minutes for you in the sacristy.

Visit of Pope Benedict : 16-19 September

1. There is a sheet at the back of church with vital information for pilgrims going to either Hyde Park or Birmingham. You can also collect your pilgrim pack from Damian.
Remember to take photo ID and wristband.
2. There is **no morning or evening Mass** or Confessions at St. Peter's next **Saturday, 18 September** – Mass as normal on the Sunday morning.
3. Please take one of the golden missal/prayer books as a souvenir of the Pope's visit and to allow you to follow the services during his time in Britain. There are enough for everyone.
4. If you are not attending the Prayer Vigil, you can still see the Pope as he travels in the Popemobile at 5.00 pm this Friday evening from Lambeth Palace via Lambeth Bridge to Westminster Hall. The Saturday route is fuller and more easily accessible as the Pope travels at 6.00 pm along Horse Guards Road, The Mall, Constitution Hill and Hyde Park Corner to arrive at Hyde Park at 6.30 pm. We are encouraged to greet the Pope on his way.
5. Much of the Pope's visit will be covered live on television.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA programme begins on **Monday, 11 October** for adults wishing to receive sacraments at Easter 2011 : Christians of other denominations, those of other faiths or none who wish to become Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on First Communion or Confirmation. If relates to you, or someone you know, please take a yellow form from the back of church and let me have your details. I will send you more information later in the month.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for primary school children in Year 3 or above will be the weekend of **14/15 May 2011**. Please complete and return a green application form from the back of church. The programme begins with a parents' meeting in the Hall at **3 pm** on **Sunday, 17 October**.

Parish Office

Fridays : 9.00 am-1.00 pm

St Philip Howard Primary & Pre-School – 01707 263969**Nicholas Breakspear** Senior Mixed – 01727 860079**Loreto College** Senior Girls 01727 856206**John Henry Newman** Senior Mixed – 01438 314643**QEII Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy** Bernadette Cassidy 07884 187463**Youth Group** Jemma Emmans 01707 880703**Ignatian Prayer Group** – alternate Tuesdays David Barham 01707 266551**Planned giving envelopes** Pat Malsher 01707 265530**APF Mission Boxes** Heather Coakley 01707 269153**Hall Bookings** Heather Coakley 01707 269153**St Peter's Power Running and Walking Group** Mondays in term time Michael & Linda Blissett 01707 885933**Hatfield SVP** 07960 785673**SVP Tea Party**

The SVP tea party for local people who live alone and/or don't get out much is at the Jim McDonald Centre at **2 pm on Sunday, 3 October**. Please let the SVP know if you or someone you know is attending or would like a lift. Any offers of help with food or transport on the day : please call 01707 269693.

SVP

The SVP have a vegetable sale and are selling light refreshments after the 11 am Mass today. The SVP exists to help any person in need in the locality. If you are interested in joining the SVP, please speak to one of the members.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Exodus 32: 7-11. 13-14 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-32

Psalm 50 Response: **I will leave this place and go to my Father.**

Gospel Acclamation : **May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Enlighten the eyes of our mind, So that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

Prayer of the Church : Psalter Week 4**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Jacqui & Cath **Church cleaning :** Casey Crack & Elsie Judge**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Patricia Martin 11.00 Audrey Palmer**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison**Mass Intentions for the Week 12 – 19 September 2010**

Saturday, 11 September	18.00	Arthur McCann, RIP
Sunday, 12 September	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	David & Valerie Turley, 60 th Wedding Anniv.
Monday, 13 September	9.30	Pam Barham, Anniv
<i>St. John Chrysostom</i>		
Tuesday, 14 September	9.30	Donal Ahern, RIP
<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
Wednesday, 15 September	10.30	Mick O'Toole, RIP : Funeral Mass
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		
Thursday, 16 September	19.00	Pope Benedict, int.
<i>Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian</i>		
Friday, 17 September	9.30	Pam Darling, RIP
Saturday, 18 September	10.30	No Mass
	18.00	No Mass
Sunday, 19 September	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	Ron & Iris Osborne, Int

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Theresa Edwards, Mike Faithfull, Pauline Keohane, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Anne Smith and Martin Wallace

Brian Gail : "In the Service of Women : Men are Called to Greatness"

Brian Gail is a father and grandfather, former athlete and Madison Avenue advertising executive. His novel, "Fatherless," is taking the US by storm. In a fast moving and readable thriller, he chronicles how the social and moral changes of the last 40 years have damaged the Church, families and marriage – and how the answer is to be found in the teaching of Pope John Paul II. He is speaking at Westminster Cathedral Hall **6.30-8.45 pm** this **Tuesday, 14 September**. Tickets from Catherine MacGillivray on cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 931 6064, £10 or £5 concessions. A must for all young(ish) men – and women too. Let Damian know if you would like to join him travelling down to the talk.

University of Hertfordshire

Welcome to all students returning to Hatfield or starting your studies. You are very welcome at St. Peter's. In addition to being parish priest, Fr. Mark is Catholic Chaplain to the University. During term time there is a Sunday evening Mass specifically for students. This begins again at **6 pm on Sunday, 26 September**. The Catholic Society is a very active student body organising a wide range of spiritual and social events. The term's programme is available at the back of church or at www.uhcathsoc.org Please complete one of the blue forms at the back of church so we can let you know what's happening.