



# 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 & 7.30 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

£652.59

Thank-you

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## Sixth Sunday : Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** Lent starts on Wednesday. Lent is not an end in itself. We join the Church in her regime of prayer, fasting and alms-giving so that we can celebrate the great Feast of the Resurrection with pure hearts and a joyful spirit. Lent is essentially a spiritual stock-taking. Where do I stand with God? It is an invitation to do something about that relationship. Below are some of the things on offer to help us to draw close to God. In addition to these, a couple of simple suggestions. Commit to daily prayer; set yourself a specific target. Better still, pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Can we get to daily Mass during Lent? Even if we are working, why not Mass on Thursday evening or Saturday morning? What better preparation than spending time with Our Lord, welcoming Him into our lives?

**Ash Wednesday :** There is Mass with the Imposition of Ashes at **9.30 am** and **7.00 pm**. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence which means making do with one simple meal as we remember Our Lord's temptation in the wilderness.

**Confession :** All Catholics should plan to go to Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard **11-12 noon** and **5.15-5.45 pm** on Saturdays, and at other times by request. We have a Lent Penitential Service at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 10 March**.

**Stations of the Cross :** Every Friday during Lent at 7.30 pm we accompany Our Lord on His journey to Calvary.

**Living as One :** The Diocese's Lenten booklet contains daily Scripture readings, prayers and reflections on the Church to be used for small groups or individual prayer. The booklets are just £1 each from the Repository.

**Lenten Alms :** Attached to the newsletter is a label, If you wish, stick it to a jam jar and collect for charity during Lent. The proceeds will be divided between the Franciscans of the Renewal (who run an East End soup kitchen) and the Good Counsel Network (who give counselling and practical help so mothers can keep their babies). It's great if children collect coppers, but there's no reason why those of us in work can't give at least a £1 a day to charity in Lent.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day & Fasting Lunch :** On **Friday, 26 February** we are asked to go without some food to help the poor of the world. We will have a fasting lunch of bread and soup in the Hall **12 noon-2pm**. Donations to CAFOD.

**Quarant'Ore :** The Archbishop has asked each Deanery to have the Forty Hours Devotion when the Blessed Sacrament is continuously exposed for solemn adoration. We will host this for the St. Albans Deanery from the evening of **25 March** to the morning of **27 March**.

## Rite of Signing

We have five adult candidates preparing for sacraments at Easter. Three will be baptised, one is being received into the Church and all will be confirmed. At the 11 am Mass this morning they sign the Book of the Elect and are sent forth by the parish to be received by Archbishop Nichols at the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Saturday. Please pray for Madeleine Blanchard, Akinola Da Silva, Jemma Gale, James Hetherington and Jamie Howard.

## Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation session for parents wanting to have young children baptised at St. Peter's is in the Oratory at **7.30 pm** this **Tuesday, 16 February**.

## Confirmation Programme

This starts with a meeting for the parents – candidates are not obliged to attend – in the Hall at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 23 February**. Please bring supporting documentation and the fee of £25. Diocesan policy is for Confirmation to be given in school **Year 9**, but anyone of school age who missed the sacrament then is welcome to join the Programme.

**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**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**Repository**

The Repository is the shop at the back of church which is open after the Sunday Masses. Please take a moment to have a look at the large selection of books, cards and devotional items. St. Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday material now in stock.

**Quiz Night**

We have another of our ever popular Quiz Nights in the Hall on **Saturday, 27 February**. You can bring a team of six, or simply turn up and join a team on the evening. Tea, coffee and soft drinks available. A raffle will be held. The doors open at **7.00 pm**. Entry : £2 head. All welcome.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 1 Corinthians 15: 12. 16-20 Luke 6: 17. 20-26

Psalm 1 Response: **Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation: **Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent* **Church cleaning** : Casey Crack & Elsie Judge**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Pauline Keohane 11.00 Audrey Palmer**Welcome:** 6.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Maria Stewart**Mass Intentions for the Week 14 - 21 February 2010**

Saturday, 13 February	18.00	Eileen & Kevin Rodgers & Family, int.
Sunday, 14 February	9.15	Alice McGrath, RIP
	11.00	Paddy Coakley, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 15 February	9.30	Antonia Abraham, RIP
Tuesday, 16 February	<b>19.00</b>	Mary Beretta, RIP
Wednesday, 17 February	9.30	Margaret Barnard, RIP
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>19.00</b>	Private Intentions
Thursday, 18 February	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 19 February	9.30	Kathleen Eyes, Anniv
Saturday, 20 February	10.30	Hazel Toulmin-Rothe, RIP
	18.00	Bethan Larking, int.
Sunday, 21 February	9.15	Mike & Mary Faithfull, 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Jeremiah & Bridget O'Sullivan, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Carmel Burton, Mike Faithfull, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Christopher O'Toole, Anne Smith

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage**

Archbishop Nichols is celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in Westminster Cathedral at **3 pm** on **Saturday, 22 May** for couples celebrating 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage in 2010. If you want to attend, please let me have by next **Sunday, 21 February** a written note of your names, address and length of time married. Invitations will then be posted to you in due course.

**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi**

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. There are 24 pilgrims so far, and 9 places remaining. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

**Youth Group**

The Youth Group are going to Roller City in Welwyn Garden City tomorrow, **Monday, 13 February**. If you have already booked to come, please be in the church car park to leave promptly at **12.30 pm**.

**Congratulations**

We welcome James Lange into the Church as he is baptised this weekend.