



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

£754.35

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare) : Year C



Fr. Mark writes: "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation." This is the purpose and plan of God : to bring us to the fullness of life, the fullness of communion with Him through Christ. And the Good News is that this is open to absolutely everyone, provided we don't actually reject Him. It doesn't matter what we've done in the past. Do we have the honesty and the integrity now, like the Prodigal Son, to come to our senses and seek healing and forgiveness where we know they are to be found? There are too many people today who are burdened by the past, who've yet to hear the Gospel message and see it lived. St. Paul calls us to be "ambassadors for Christ."

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

Confirmation is the sacrament in which receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the grace to strengthen us to defend our faith and to witness to Christ. We have 11 candidates preparing to be confirmed on 12 June. They formally enrol on the programme at the 11 am Mass this morning and we promise to support them by our prayers and example. Please pray for Georgina Corradine, Chelsea Crack, Lucy Crack, Ellen Craddock, Sean Egan, Jane Emmans, Max Lawrie, Alice O'Connor, Gavin O'Malley, Sabrina Rodrigues & Isabella Rosales.

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums. We remember with prayer and thanksgiving all we owe to our mothers, living and deceased.

Feast Days

Despite being Lent we have a couple of feast days this week. There is Mass at **9.30 am** on **Wednesday** for St. Patrick's Day. Then KS2 from the School are joining us for Mass at **9.30 am** on **Friday** for St. Joseph's Day.

Stations of the Cross

There is Stations of the Cross at **7.30 pm**. This is the final Friday evening Stations of this Lent – next Friday we have the Forty Hours' Devotion; the following week is Good Friday.

Quarant'Ore : The Forty Hours' Devotion

"It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His heart." That's what Pope John Paul II wrote about Eucharistic Adoration and that is the opportunity we have with the Forty Hours' Devotion we are hosting on behalf of the St Albans Deanery. There will be continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the **7 pm Mass** on **Thursday, 25 March** to **10 am** on **Saturday, 27 March**. In the evenings there will be meditations, the rosary and Confessions.

It is a great joy to have Our Lord present amongst us in Hatfield, and we should welcome Him appropriately. Thank-you to all those who have signed the rota at the back of church promising to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour. Virtually all the times have now been taken. It would be good if people could sign for the remaining few slots and to be a second person watching throughout the Forty Hours. This will be a time of great grace for our parish.

Benefit Evening

Thank-you to everyone who supported the Benefit Evening for Bethan Larking last Saturday. The magnificent sum of almost **£4,500** was raised. Thank-you for your generosity and thank-you to those who worked so hard to organise the evening. The family are extremely grateful. Please continue to keep Bethan and her family in your prayers.

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**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. Easter cards and children's books material are now in stock.

Jubilee Mugs

A great idea both as a commemoration of the parish's Golden Jubilee and as an Easter gift. Why not buy one of our smart china mugs containing chocolate eggs? Just £5 from the Repository or on the sweet stall after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Joshua 5: 9-12 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 1-32

Psalm 33 Response: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Gospel Acclamation : **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Prayer of the Church : Psalter Week 4**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent* **Church cleaning** : John & Mary Davin**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Audrey Palmer**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Maria Stewart**Mass Intentions for the Week 14 - 21 March 2010**

Saturday, 13 March	18.00	Private int.
Sunday, 14 March	9.15	Patricia Wilkes, RIP
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	William O'Dwyer, Anniv
<i>Laetare Sunday</i>	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 15 March	9.30	Holy Souls
Tuesday, 16 March	9.30	Joe Tighe, RIP
Wednesday, 17 March	9.30	Betty Mulrane, RIP
<i>St Patrick</i>		
Thursday, 18 March	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 19 March	9.30	Holy Souls
<i>St Joseph</i>		
Saturday, 20 March	10.30	Private Intentions
	18.00	Patrick Brennan, Anniv
Sunday, 21 March	9.15	Nancy Reagan, RIP
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Margaret Lovett-Duggan, int
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. There are 26 pilgrims so far, and 7 places remaining. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

Joe Tighe & Carmel Burton, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joe Tighe and Carmel Burton, who died recently. Joe Tighe's funeral will be at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, Garston at **3.00 pm** this **Tuesday, 16 March**. Carmel Burton's Requiem Mass will be here at **9.30 am** on **Wednesday, 24 March** followed by cremation at Harwood Park.

Pre-Holy Week Reflection : "Into Your Hands, Lord"

There is an opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter with a morning of quiet prayer and reflection at the Good Shepherd Church, Black Lion Hill, Shenley WD7 9DH on **Saturday, 20 March**. Led by Fr. John McKenna and Anthony Curran, the day begins with breakfast at 8.30 am and ends with midday prayer at 12 noon. There will be reflections, quiet prayer and the opportunity for Confessions. There is no charge for the day, but please notify your attendance at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 798 9150.