



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

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: "All honour to you, Mary! Today you were raised above the choirs of angels to lasting glory with Christ." We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, the fact that, at the end of her earthly life, Our Lady was taken up body and soul to the glory of heaven. It was not fitting that she who bore the Saviour of the world should know corruption and decay. We give thanks, therefore, for the special role God the Father assigned to Mary in the work of salvation and the particular honour He pays to her as the Mother of His Son. Yet the Assumption of Mary is also a great cause joy for all of us. Mary is a creature like the rest of us. Where she has gone we, in God's mercy and love, hope to follow.

Papal Mass and Prayer Vigil

I have submitted the final pilgrim lists to the organisers. As far as I am aware, everyone who asked for a ticket has been given one. Please could those attending pay Damian Ryan. The cost is £25 per person for those going to Birmingham and £5 for those going to Hyde Park. (The cost of the Hyde Park tickets has been reduced from £10; it no longer includes a London Underground pass as many pilgrims said they had one already.) I will provide more information about travel arrangements as this becomes available. However, we will only be admitted to either event if we arrive as a group.

We continue to pray for the success of the Pope's visit after the 7 pm Mass every Thursday with Vespers, Exposition and Benediction. All welcome.

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

This is the last opportunity for anyone else who wants to join the parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria on **23-30 October**. There are two twin rooms remaining and one other space for a man prepared to share a room. If you are interested, please have a word with me before Friday. For those pilgrims who are coming, if you haven't received a copy by E-Mail there is a letter for you in the sacristy.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

We are very blessed as a parish in that 30 adults have gone through the RCIA programme in the last three years. Candidates have already come forward for next year. The programme is for adults wishing to receive sacraments at Easter 2011. It applies to Christians of other denominations, those of other faiths or none who wish to become Catholics, and also to Catholics who, for whatever reason, may have missed out on First Communion or Confirmation as they were growing up.

The sessions begin on Monday evenings in October. They are informal, and most people in the past have really enjoyed the programme. There are always a number of existing Mass-goers and newcomers who are not yet full members of the Catholic Church. You are most welcome to join us. If you take one of the yellow forms from the back of church and let me have your details, I will send you more information closer to October.

Altar Servers

To say thank-you, we are having a day for our altar servers here starting at **10.00 am** on **Wednesday, 25 August** to include Mass, lunch and (weather permitting) outdoor games. If you haven't received a copy by E-Mail, there is a letter for parents/servers in the sacristy.

Baptism Preparation

The next baptism preparation class for parents attending Mass at St. Peter's who would like to have their children baptised here will be at 7.30 pm on Monday, 6 September.

Last week's collection

£647.16

Thank-you

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**
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01707 269153**St Peter's Power Running and Walking Group**
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933**Hatfield SVP**
07960 785673**Sanctuary@Walsingham**

This annual festival held 26-30 August and organised by Youth 2000 at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham attracts 1,500 young people aged 16-25 each summer. Daily Mass, Adoration, talks and prayer. There is no fee; contributions invited. For further information see www.youth2000

Repository

The Repository is the shop at the back of church open after Sunday Masses. It has a wide range of cards, books, Bibles, statues, rosaries and other devotional items. Please take a moment to visit.

Readings at Sunday Morning Masses

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6,10 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56

Psalm 32 Response: **On your right stands the queen,
In garments of gold.**Gospel Acclamation : **Mary has been taken up into heaven;
All the choirs of angels are rejoicing.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 4**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Edita & Friends **Church cleaning :** Krzysztof Lassak & Evelina Baziuk**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Pauline Keohane 11.00 Audrey Palmer**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison**Mass Intentions for the Week 15 – 22 August 2010**

Saturday, 14 August	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 15 August	9.15	Maureen Kelly, int.
<i>The Assumption of Our Lady</i>	11.00	Dominic Ryan, int.
Monday, 16 August	9.30	Devland Barnes, RIP
Tuesday, 17 August	9.30	The sick of the parish
Wednesday, 18 August	9.30	Patricia Martin, int.
Thursday, 19 August	19.00	Brendan, RIP
Friday, 20 August	9.30	Noreen Savage, int.
<i>St Bernard, Abbot</i>		
Saturday, 21 August	10.30	Andrew Playle, RIP
<i>St Pius X, Pope</i>	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 22 August	9.15	Nancy Reagan, Anniv
	11.00	Pat Kissane, Anniv

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, Mick O'Toole, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Anne Smith and Martin Wallace

Echoes Catechetical Training Programme

Our Lady Queen of Creation parish, Hemel Hempstead is offering this programme to develop the skills, talents and knowledge of catechists and those wanting to acquire the skills to pass on our faith. There are 11 meetings at 7.30 pm on Tuesday evenings starting on 28 September. All that is required is a Catholic Bible and the full Catechism. For further information, contact Wanda Morrison ASAP on (01442) 213679 or at bobmorrisonuk@yahoo.com

David & Valerie Turley : Diamond Wedding Anniversary

David and Valerie Turley were longstanding parishioners of St. Peter's. They invite you to join them on Thursday, 9 September to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. There will be Mass at St. Thomas More Church, Knebworth at 7.30 pm followed by cheese and wine in the church hall. No cards or gifts, please. A collection will be taken at Mass for the Passage, the Cardinal Hume Centre for the homeless.

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham : 4 September

The coach leaves from St. Peter's at **7.30 am** prompt. Please bring a picnic lunch – otherwise there is a limited selection of food at the Shrine cafeteria. There is the opportunity to stop at Swaffham for fish and chips on the return journey and we should be back by 9 pm.