



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

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Second Sunday - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: We are back in green vestments, following the Sundays of Ordinary Time. From next week we hear the great events which won our salvation in the words of Mark's Gospel. Mark was Peter's secretary in Rome, so what we are hearing is Peter's account of the life and teaching of Our Lord. In many ways this fits. Mark's Gospel is simple and direct. He tells it as it is – as we would expect a practical fisherman to do. There are few of the long speeches Jesus gives in the other Gospels – this is more about action, plain teaching and vivid descriptions of the relationship between Jesus and His disciples. Like the other Gospels, Mark has his

particular perspective, but the message is the same. As he tells us at the very begin (1:1) : this is the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Crib Offerings

Thank-you for your Crib Offerings over the Christmas season. Together with the collection taken at the Carol Service, we raised £530. A cheque for this amount has been sent to the Catholic Children's Society to help some of the most needy families in the Diocese.

Burns Night

The students would like to invite parishioners to their celebration of the Scottish poet, Robbie Burns, in the Hall from **7 pm** on **Saturday, 28 January**. There will be haggis, poetry, hopefully a piper, Scottish dancing with instructions, and a raffle for a MS charity. Tickets are £10 and available from Tony Smith on 07809 765247 or tonysmith89@hotmail.co.uk

Baptism Preparation

Parents who wish to have their children baptised should be attending Sunday Mass and come to a baptism preparation session. The next session here is at **7.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 7 February**. We will talk about what baptism means and the ceremony itself. We can then arrange a date.

Marriage Preparation

Catholics should marry in church and must attend a marriage preparation course first – whether you are marrying at St. Peter's or elsewhere. The course here will be **2-5 pm** this **Saturday, 21 January** and **11 February**. If you plan to marry in 2012 and wish to attend, please let me know. (It can be very difficult to find a marriage preparation course in England if, as some do, you leave it to the last moment before your marriage overseas.)

Parish Day Trip to France

France is not as far away as we sometimes think. We are planning a day trip to Boulogne on **Saturday, 28 April**. For those who don't know it, Boulogne is a charming port town with an unspoilt town centre, and good shops and restaurants. The coach will leave St. Peter's at **6.15 am** and we will go via the Eurotunnel. We hope to have Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Boulogne, and the afternoon will be free for eating and shopping, stopping at the hypermarket on the way back. We should be back in Hatfield around 8 pm. Tickets are £25 for adults; £20 for under 18s. There is a list at the back of church to sign up. Remember you need a valid passport – and, if you are not a EU citizen, perhaps a visa too.

Helping the Homeless : Sleep Easy

Are there any young people willing to participate in an organised sleepover to experience what it like to be homeless and to raise funds for the homeless? This event takes place outdoors by the Galleria **7pm-7am, Friday, 2 March**. Sponsorship money goes to the YMCA hostel in Welwyn GC which sleeps 123 each night and to YMCA Space here in Hatfield. If you are interested, please contact Tracy Crowley on 07594 631384 or at Tracy.Crowley@ymcentralherts.org.uk

Last week's collection

£787.23

Thank-you

Parish Office
Tues. & Fri. :
9.30-11.30 am

St Philip Howard
Primary : 01707 263969
Pre-School : 07950 624815

Nicholas Breakspear
Senior Mixed – 01727
860079

Loreto College Senior
Girls
01727 856206

John Henry Newman
Senior
Mixed – 01438 314643

QEII & Lister Hospitals
Catholic Chaplaincy
07884 187463

St. Pius (Padre Pio)
Prayer Group
1st & 3rd Thurs. 5.30 pm

Safeguarding Officer
Sue McLellen 01707
646383

Planned giving envelopes
Pat Malsher 01707 265530

APF Mission Boxes
Heather Coakley
01707 269153

Hall Bookings
Heather Coakley
01707 269153

St Peter's Power Walking
Group
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933

Hatfield SVP
07960 785673

South Hatfield Incinerator

Veolia applied to the County for permission for an incinerator. You have until the end of the month to respond to the public consultation. Details from Adrienne Nix : 01707 880141 (evenings).

Hunger Lunch

The next lunch is in the Hall **12-2 pm, Saturday, 28 January**. For a donation of £3.50, you receive a simple meal and know that your money is going to help the needy in the Third World.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Samuel 3: 3-10. 19 Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20 John 1: 35-42

Psalm 39 Response: **Here I am Lord!**
I come to do your will

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia**
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening
You have the message of eternal life
Alleluia

Prayer of the Church : Week 2

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Edita & Friends **Church Cleaning:** John & Mary Davin
Shop: 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Patricia Martin 11.00 Audrey Palmer
Welcome: 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Uzo Cliffe

Mass Intentions for the Week 15 -22 January 2012

Saturday, 14 January	18.00	Danny Heffernan, RIP
Sunday, 15 January	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	Ellie Harrington, RIP
	18.00	Holy Souls
Monday, 16 January	9.30	Mary Donnelly, int.
Tuesday, 17 January	9.30	John Dean, int.
<i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>		
Wednesday, 18 January	9.30	Christian Unity
Thursday, 19 January	19.00	Fr. Richard McDonald, int.
Friday, 20 January	9.30	Ordinariate of OLW
Saturday, 21 January	10.30	Francis Ojadi, Anniv
<i>St Agnes</i>	18.00	Claire Barron, int.
Sunday, 22 January	9.15	Hugh McGrath, Anniv.
	11.00	Maureen Shirren, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Claire Barron, John Dean, Mike Faithfull, Tom Judge, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Thelma Marston, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, John Pym, Bridie Sullivan and Anthony Wainwright

Chorister for a Day

Westminster Cathedral has one of the finest Church choirs not just in the country, but in the world. Each September the Cathedral accepts up to six choristers from Catholic boys going into Year 4. They have the opportunity to sing in the Cathedral and on tour, and receive a first rate boarding education. The Choir School have an open day **10.30 am – 2.30 pm, Sunday, 5 February**. To register contact Madeleine Smith on 0207 798 9081 or msmith@choirschool.com

Vocations Events

There are a couple of vocations events in the coming weeks :

1. The **Vocations Discernment Group** for young adults (18-30s) meets **7-9 pm, Friday, 27 January** on **Friday, 27 January** in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace by Westminster Cathedral. Bishop John Sherrington will be talking on "Called to Serve."
2. **Come and See day for Women Discerning a Call to Religious Life**. A chance for women (20-40s) to learn more about religious life, and to meet a variety of sisters and others who are discerning this vocation. It will be held at the Carmel Priory, Kensington **10 am-5pm, Saturday, 4 February**.

For more information about either event, and to register for the second, please contact Fr. Richard Nesbitt, the Vocations Director, on richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk