



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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The Ascension of the Lord: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Today is the transferred Feast of the Ascension when we celebrate the return of the Risen Lord to heaven. It is not a departure which leaves us feeling alone. The time has come, but not in the way the apostles think. This is something far more important than a political victory. If we think about it, we now have the most powerful friend and advocate constantly pleading for us in the presence of God the Father. Jesus has returned to heaven to send us the Holy Spirit, that we might receive His power. And we are given a job to do. We are to be His witnesses “to the ends of the earth.” We share in the task of gathering together a people who are ready to welcome Him. Because we are promised that Jesus will return. He has gone now “to prepare a place for us.” He has gone to heaven, not just as a purely spiritual God, but as Christ, Who is true God and true man. Christ’s humanity is in heaven – and where He is, He wants us to be. And, as He ascends, He gives us His blessing. That blessing remains with us always to help us in our efforts to cooperate with God and attain our destiny in heaven.

First Holy Communions

Please pray for Victoria, Nicola, Ellie, Will, Jack, Anthony, Cynthia, George and Holly-Louise who receive Jesus in their First Holy Communion at the **11 am Mass** today. Thank-you to the catechists who prepared them and to everyone involved in today’s Mass. The 11 am Mass next Sunday will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the children.

Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council meet at **8.00 pm** tomorrow (Monday) evening in the Oratory.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meet in the Hall between **7.30** and **9.30 pm** this **Friday, 21 May**. We are watching a DVD so please try to arrive promptly. Anyone in Year 9 or above at school is welcome.

Papal Visit : 17-19 September

Pope Benedict will visit the UK in September. There will be a Mass in Glasgow, the beatification of Cardinal Newman in the West Midlands and various events in London. The Government will pay for the State events, but the Church has to fund the Catholic events. The Bishops hope to raise £1m. towards the cost of hiring venues, security and publicity from a **second collection** at next Sunday’s Masses. Having the Pope amongst us will be a wonderful opportunity to see what a truly good and spiritual person he is.

A Morning with Mary

May is the month of Our Lady. We will celebrate with a morning of devotions, incorporating the usual Mass and Novena, together with refreshments, on **Tuesday, 25 May**.

Summer Garden Party

The Summer Garden Party is our main social and fundraising event of the year. It takes place this year after the 11 am Mass on **Sunday, 27 June**. Contributions for the bottle stall, book stall, tombola, etc. can be left in the box in the side entrance to the church from next weekend. Raffle tickets will also be available shortly. If anyone is available to help in preparing for the Garden Party or on the day, please contact Linda Blissett on 885993. There will be a meeting of helpers at the back of church after the 11 am Mass next Sunday.

Last week's collection

£642.68

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 BoxesHeather 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**Offertory Envelopes**

The new boxes of envelopes will be available at the back of church next weekend (22/23 May) to be used from 6 June. If you would like a box of envelopes, please contact Fr. Mark or Pat Malsher (tel. 265530).

Filipino Evening

As predicted, this event on **Saturday, 29 May** has proved extremely popular, and I am afraid that all the tickets have now been sold. For safety reasons, admission on the evening will be by ticket only.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 1: 1-11 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke: 24: 46-53

Psalm 46 Response: **God goes up with shouts of joy
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**Gospel Acclamation : **Go, make disciples of all the nations
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas****Church cleaning** : Fionnuala Sheldrake & Caron Fisher**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran
11.00 Pauline Keohane & Cathie Hogan**Mass Intentions for the Week 16 – 23 May 2010**

Saturday, 15 May	18.00	John Brennan, Anniv.
Sunday, 16 May	9.15	Holy Souls
<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	11.00	First Communion Children
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 17 May	9.30	Mary King, RIP
Tuesday, 18 May	9.30	Holy Souls
Wednesday, 19 May	9.30	Rosemary Curran, Int
Thursday, 20 May	19.00	Bill Reilly, RIP
Friday, 21 May	9.30	Archbishop Nichols, Anniversary of Installation
Saturday, 22 May	10.30	Holy Souls
	18.00	Robert Langlois, Anniv.
Sunday, 23 May	9.15	Bernie Walsh, RIP
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	11.00	Frank Theane & Family, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

A pilgrimage is a wonderful way to deepen our faith, make new friends and enjoy ourselves. There are just a handful of places remaining on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria which is **23-30 October**. The list will close at the end of June. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

Handicapped Children Pilgrimage Trust

HCPT exists to take handicapped children on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes. Anyone who knows anything about Lourdes and HCPT knows what a magical and important experience this can be for a child. You can see something of the work at www.hcpt.org.uk HCPT Group 149 is based at St. Bartholomew's in St. Albans. They are offering to take a handicapped child from each of the local parishes to Lourdes in Easter week 2011. Each child would be accompanied by two trained and CRB-checked volunteers. There would be no cost to the family for the pilgrimage, although donations are always welcome. If you know anyone who might benefit from this generous offer, please let me know and I will put you in contact with HCPT Group 149. They are very happy to visit Hatfield in advance to reassure any family or child about the practicalities of the pilgrimage.