



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

£709.66

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: "Render unto Caesar." Our Lord teaches us what remains relevant today. As Catholics, we are not simply pious people who live with our heads in the clouds. We are called to engage with the world and to play our part in making it a better place. We do owe a duty to civil authority – but always recognising that we owe a higher duty to God. "...render unto God what is God's." No government has the right to demand anything of its citizens which is opposed to God's law. Something we need to remember today, especially in the areas of marriage and the protection of all human life.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Appeal

The parish raised £526.06 for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Appeal. Thank-you for your support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emmanuel Lukose, who receives Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11 am Mass today.

Confirmation

The last Confirmation class was quiet and small. When only 8 turned up for their retreat, the Franciscan Friars said it was not worth their while travelling for so few. It makes sense to have a larger group. So we will not have Confirmation at St. Peter's in 2012. In future Confirmation will be in alternate years for both Years 9 and 10, ie classes will start in just over one year and Confirmation itself in 18 months time. (Many local parishes do not confirm until Year 10.)

World Mission Sunday : 23 October

World Mission Sunday unites Catholics across the world in prayer, celebration and love. Thanks to the sacrifice and witness of missionaries the Catholic Church is growing; many Churches can now take care of themselves. However, over 40% of the universal Church is still "missionary" and needs are help. By supporting Missio you directly help these young Churches, bringing hope and new life to people thirsting to hear of God's love for them. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to the special collection next Sunday and to pray for the missions.

Family Curry Evening

We have a Family Curry Evening in the Hall from **7 pm on Saturday, 29 October**. Tickets are limited in number and are available after the Sunday Masses : £5 for adults; £2.50 for under 16s. Any help in cooking and preparation would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Fr. Mark

Last Things First

In November Catholics turn their thoughts to matters of eternity. There is a series of lectures in Vaughan House by the Cathedral 7-8.30 pm on Tuesday evenings. On 1 November Fr. Stephen Wang will speak on "For all the Saints." On 8 November Fr. John Edwards will talk on "Praying for the Dead." For details see www.rcdow.org.uk/faithmatters or the poster at the back of church.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land : 10-17 November 2012

The pilgrimage to Galilee and Jerusalem is organised on the basis that we will take a group of c. 30. 90 brochures have been taken; many parishioners have said they are definitely coming. To date, however, only about a third have booked places. After 31 October the pilgrimage is open to outsiders – I am aware of people waiting to join. To guarantee a place you must send your application form and deposit to Pax Travel by the end of this month. Non-parishioners will be able to book any remaining places after that date. Any questions, please have a word.

Parish Office
Tues. : 9-11 am;
Fri. : 1-3 pm

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 Hospital
Catholic Chaplaincy
Bernadette Cassidy
07884 187463

Youth Group
Jemma Emmans
01707 880703

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 Running
and Walking Group
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933

Daily Mass

Please note that Mass this
Thursday, 20 October
will be at **9.30 am** rather
than an evening Mass.

CAFOD Lunch

The next CAFOD lunch
will be held in the Hall
between **12 noon** and **2**
pm this **Saturday, 22**
October. A simple two
course lunch is available
for a suggested donation
of £3.50. The proceeds go
to CAFOD, the English
Bishops' agency for relief
and development in the
Third World.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 45: 1-4-6 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21

Psalms 95 Response: **Give the Lord glory and power**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia**
Your word is truth, O Lord
Consecrate us in the truth
Alleluia

Prayer of the Church : Week 1

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Edita & Friends

Church Cleaning: Sumudu & Annah

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 Christine Davison

Mass Intentions for the Week 16 - 23 October 2011

Saturday, 15 October	18.00	Kathleen Murphy, RIP
Sunday, 16 October	9.15	Marc & Vicky Sycamore, int.
	11.00	Christopher O'Toole, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 17 October	9.30	Fr Joe Boward, RIP
<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>		
Tuesday, 18 October	9.30	Christene & Chintu, RIP
<i>St. Luke</i>		
Wednesday, 19 October	9.30	Nicholas Breakspear Governors
Thursday, 20 October	9.30	Charles Cole, int.
Friday, 21 October	9.30	Pope Benedict XVI
Saturday, 22 October	10.30	Cath Hogan, Anniv.
	18.00	Frances & Frank Murphy, Anniv
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Peggy Collins, Mike Faithfull, Tom Judge, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Thelma Marston, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, John Pym, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Bridie Sullivan and Anthony Wainwright

Convalidation

Over recent weeks we have been thinking about marriage and the importance for Catholics of marrying in the Church, so our marriage is blessed by God and we receive His grace to help ensure our marriage is happy and successful. People may not have married in the Church in the past for various reasons. Provided you are free to marry, it is possible to make your vows in church now so your marriage is recognised by God and the Church, and (if between two baptised Christians) it is a sacrament. This can be done simply, discreetly and inexpensively in a process known as convalidation. If you wish to investigate this, please have a word with Fr. Mark.

Sanctuary Works

Good progress has been made in tiling the sanctuary floor, although it gets a little slower as tiles have to be cut for the corners and edges. Daily Mass is now back in church.

Westminster Vocations Discernment Group

This Group is for young men and women (18-30) discerning where God may be calling them. They meet **7-9 pm** next **Friday 28 October**. Fr Anthony Doe will speak on spiritual direction in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, next to Westminster Cathedral. For more info contact Sr. Gabi at info@free2become.org or Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk