



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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Third Sunday of Easter: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: No detail of the Gospel is ever wasted. We know there were seven disciples present when the Risen Lord appeared by the Sea of Galilee. But only three are named. Why? Well, think who they are : Peter, and two others we hear of less frequently, Thomas and Nathanael. Peter, despite all his boasting, had betrayed his Saviour only a few days earlier. There must still have been real pain in his heart. Thomas was the one who wouldn't take the word of his brother apostles that Christ had indeed risen from the dead and appeared to them. Nathanael at the beginning of the Gospel had scoffed at the prospect of the Messiah, or anything good,

coming from Nazareth. So there we have the three of them : a betrayer, a doubter and a cynic. There are plenty of similar types in the world around us today. But the point is Jesus doesn't write them – or us – off. They are transformed by this encounter with the Risen Christ, Who has a job for them to do. A betrayer, a doubter and a cynic are transformed into generous and believing heroes. The same can be true for us.

Welcome

Congratulations to Thomas O'Donnell who enters the Church today through the sacrament of baptism.

Confirmation

A reminder that the Confirmation classes resume in the Hall at **7.30 pm** this **Tuesday, 20 April**. Confirmation itself is at **6.00 pm** on **Saturday, 12 June**. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

Priest Training Fund (formerly WEEF)

Please do support the annual appeal for the Priest Training Fund. The collection takes place next weekend. There is an envelope attached to the newsletter; please return it with your donation next week. Westminster Diocese now has over 40 young men training for the priesthood – this is excellent news. They have generously given their lives to the service of God and the Church. Now it's up to us to support them so they receive the training they need to serve as priests in our parishes in the future. (There is a short film on the work of the Priest Training Fund at the diocesan web site www.rcdow.org.uk)

Baptism Preparation

The next preparation session for parents wanting to have children (under 5) baptised at St. Peter's will be at **7.30 pm** on **Monday, 26 April**. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend. In having a child baptised, we promise to raise them in the Catholic faith which includes, of course, coming to Mass each Sunday.

We hope to arrange a little basic instruction for children aged 5-8 who have not yet been baptised but would like to be baptised. Please let me know if you have a child in this position and we will organise something for them.

Mass for Migrant Workers

London is one of the most cosmopolitan cities on earth, home to migrant communities from around the world, many of whom are Catholic. Our faith demands that we stand up and speak out as one for justice, social cohesion and for a society which values the contributions of migrants. This Mass in honour of St. Joseph the Worker is celebrated by the Bishops of Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood in Westminster Cathedral at **10.30 am** on **Bank Holiday Monday, 3 May**.

Last week's collection

£624.55

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** Heather Coakley 01707 269153**St Peter's Power Running and Walking Group** Mondays in term time Michael & Linda Blissett**St. George's Day**

We will celebrate St. George from 7 pm next **Saturday, 24 April** with a fish and chip evening combined with an English-themed quiz. To allow us to order the fish, tickets must be bought in advance at the end of Sunday Mass or from Tony Dodd (tel. 646383) priced £6.

Repository

The Repository is the shop at the back of church open after Sunday Masses. There is a wide selection of Catholic papers and books as well as Bibles, missals, cards, rosaries and other devotional items. Please take a moment to browse and buy.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 5: 27-32. 40-41 Apocalypse 5: 11-14 John: 21: 1-19

Psalm 29 Response: **I will praise You, Lord, You have rescued me.**Gospel Acclamation : **Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 3**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Elsie, Terry & Netta**Church cleaning** : John & Mary Davin**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 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 18 - 25 April 2010**

Saturday, 17 April	18.00	Pat & Bob White, Anniv
Sunday, 18 April	9.15	Kathleen & Edward Dean, Anniv
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Eileen Teahan, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 19 April	9.30	Pope Benedict XVI, Anniv. of election
<i>St. Alphege</i>		
Tuesday, 20 April	9.30	Private int.
Wednesday, 21 April	9.30	Pauline Keohane, int.
Thursday, 22 April	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 23 April	9.30	Holy Souls
<i>St. George</i>		
Saturday, 24 April	10.30	Victims of the Polish air crash
<i>Ss. Erkonwald & Mellitus</i>	18.00	Tony Sheridan, RIP
Sunday, 25 April	9.15	Holy Souls
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Mary Butler, Anniv
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Theresa Edwards, Mike Faithfull, Pauline Keohane, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Richard McKee, 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.

“Come & See” Weekend : 7-9 May

This weekend is for men aged 18+ who would like a “taster” of life at our diocesan seminary, Allen Hall in Chelsea, where over 40 men are training to be priests. There are talks from seminarians and priests, opportunities for personal and shared reflection, and the chance to meet other people in the same position. Places are limited. See me if you are interested.

Prayer for Pope Benedict

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in Your mercy, upon Your servant, Benedict, whom you have appointed to preside over Your Church; and grant, we beseech You, that both by word and example, he may edify those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.