



# 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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## Sixteenth Sunday: Year C



*Fr. Mark writes:* Hospitality should be the hallmark of every Christian home. Time and again the Bible urges us to open our doors and our hearts to strangers, to those in need. (There, but for the grace of God, go we.) We see the beginning of that tradition in today's reading where Abraham entertains three strangers (whom the Church sees as a type of the Trinity.) Martha and Mary welcome their Lord and God into their home in Bethany. Anyone who has visited the Middle East knows hospitality remains paramount there to this day, the guest is sacred. What about our own society? Are we too busy, too wrapped up in ourselves to offer to share with others our time, our table and our sympathy? Perhaps we need to re-assess our priorities. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Heb. 13:2)

### Papal Mass and Prayer Vigil

Information is slowly becoming available concerning Pope Benedict's visit to Britain in September. The parish has been allocated tickets for the following events :

1. 40 tickets for the Prayer Vigil with the Pope in Hyde Park on the afternoon of **Saturday, 18 September**. The cost of £10 includes a central zone travel pass.

2. 12 tickets for the Mass in Birmingham at which Pope Benedict will beatify Cardinal Newman on the morning of **Sunday, 19 September**. The cost of £25 includes coach travel to Birmingham from one of the neighbouring parishes. This will involve a very early start.

For both events we will need to travel as a group. (Money should not prevent anyone attending. If this is an issue, please have a word with me.) The Pope's visit is the most important occasion in the life of the English Church in a generation. It would be good for as many parishioners as possible to be present to greet the Pope and to pray with him. He is a truly inspirational and spiritual leader. If you would like to attend either event, please send me an E-Mail at the above address or drop me a note through the house letterbox giving your name, contact details and which event you would like to be considered for. If the numbers exceed the tickets available, I will draw names out of a hat after next **Sunday, 25 July**.

In the meantime we continue to pray for the success of the Pope's visit every Thursday with Vespers, Exposition and Benediction after the 7.00 pm Mass. All welcome.

### St. Philip Howard School : Foundation Governor

The Archbishop of Westminster appoints Foundation Governors to protect the interests of the Church and ensure Catholic schools retain their religious character. St. Philip Howard School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor from September. To be eligible for appointment you must be a practising and committed Catholic, in communion with the Church. Further information is available either from the diocesan Website [www.rcdow.org](http://www.rcdow.org) the school office or from me. Training is given for this worthwhile and rewarding mission.

### APF Appeal

Fr. Ephraim Odhiambo of the Mill Hill Missionaries will be present at all the Masses next Sunday. This is not an appeal for money, but rather an opportunity to raise the profile of the Church's missionary work, asking for our prayers and for new members of the APF/Missio.

### Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The parish day pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk is always very popular. We are taking a coach on **Saturday, 4 September**. Adults £12; children £5. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to join us.

### Last week's collection

£660.56

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  
01707 885933**Hatfield SVP**  
07960 785673**SPEC**

SPEC seeks to appoint young volunteers to work for a year with youth in the Diocese. They will live in community in London Colney and seek to nurture the faith of our youth through retreats, activities, etc. Full training provided and the opportunity to study for a foundation degree in Youth Ministry. See [www.spec.org.uk](http://www.spec.org.uk)

**Bingo**

The postponed Bingo session takes place next **Saturday, 24 July**. Doors open at 7 pm, eyes down at **7.45 pm**. All welcome. This is the last Bingo until Saturday, 11 September.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Genesis 18: 1-10 Colossians 1: 24-28 Luke: 10: 38-42

Psalm 14 Response: **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation : **Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 4**Weekly Rotas**

**Flowers:** Jacqui & Cath **Church cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake  
**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Pauline O'Toole 11.00 Mary O'Donnell  
**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison

**Mass Intentions for the Week 18 – 25 July 2010**

Saturday, 17 July	18.00	Pro Populo
Sunday, 18 July	9.15	Family of Elian & Douglas Gibson, int.
	11.00	Peter & Anthony Marron, RIP
Monday, 19 July	9.30	Bridie Pugh, RIP
Tuesday, 20 July	9.30	Daniela Jurickova, RIP
Wednesday, 21 July	9.30	Debra Gustad, RIP
Thursday, 22 July	19.00	Pope Benedict
<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>		
Friday, 23 July	9.30	Tommy Kelly, RIP
<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>		
Saturday, 24 July	10.30	Martin Wallace, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Sunday, 25 July	9.15	Norma Graham, RIP
	11.00	Thomas Kearns, RIP

**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, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Anne Smith, Martin Wallace

**National Grandparents' Pilgrimage**

This annual pilgrimage for grandparents and grandchildren takes place every year around the Feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Our Lord, at the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk. This year it is next **Saturday, 24 July**, starting with Mass at **12 noon**. Afterwards there is children's liturgy, the crowning of Our Lady's statue with flowers and a children's funfair with clowns and a bouncy castle. All welcome; please bring a picnic.

**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi**

There are twenty-nine going on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria which is **23-30 October**. If anyone else is interested, there are two twin rooms remaining and one other space for a man prepared to share a room. Please contact Pax Travel on 0207 485 3003 before 22 August.

**Altar Servers' Day**

To say thank-you to them, we will have a day for our altar servers here on **Wednesday, 25 August** to include Mass, lunch and (weather permitting) outdoor games. Further details to follow.