



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

£668.28

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: We welcome Pope Benedict who is here in our midst as the successor of St. Peter. Why is Pope Benedict here? The answer is simple : "holiness." The Pope comes to recognise formally the holiness of John Henry Newman, whom he beatifies in Birmingham this morning. Cardinal Newman was one of the towering intellects of modern times, but, more importantly, he was a humble man and a good, holy priest. For years he acted a spiritual guide to men and women from all walks of life. At the same time he faithfully served the Catholic poor in Birmingham, where they turned out in their thousands to line the streets for his funeral. In addition, in every one of the many events he has attended in our country, Pope Benedict has called each of us to holiness through intimate friendship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council meet in the Oratory at **8 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 20 September**.

SVP

The SVP Tea Party with light entertainment for those who live alone or who don't get out much is at the Jim McDonald Centre at **2 pm** on **Sunday, 3 October**. Please come along and encourage others to do so. Please return your invitations or sign the list at the back of church ASAP, especially if you require transport on the day.

Thank-you to everyone who supported the vegetable sale last Sunday which raised £115.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA programme begins on **Monday, 11 October** for adults wishing to receive sacraments at Easter 2011 : Christians of other denominations, those of other faiths or none who wish to become Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on First Communion or Confirmation. If relates to you, or someone you know, please take a yellow form from the back of church and let me have your details. I will send you more information later in the month.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for primary school children in Year 3 or above will be the weekend of **14/15 May 2011**. The programme begins with a parents' meeting in the Hall at **3 pm** on **Sunday, 17 October**. Please complete and return a green application form from the back of church as soon as possible so we can ensure there are enough books for the children..

University of Hertfordshire

Welcome to all students returning to Hatfield or starting your studies. You are very welcome at St. Peter's. In addition to being parish priest, Fr. Mark is Catholic Chaplain to the University. During term time there is a Sunday evening Mass specifically for students. This begins again at **6 pm** next **Sunday, 26 September**. The Catholic Society is a very active student body organising a wide range of spiritual and social events. The term's programme is available at the back of church or at www.uhcathsoc.org Please complete one of the blue forms at the back of church so we can let you know what's happening.

St. Philip Howard School Charity Golf Day

The parish school is holding a Charity Golf Day at Mill Green Golf Course starting at **11 am** this **Friday, 24 September**. The event is open to all – individuals, teams of four, corporate guests and sponsors. Further details : see poster at the back of church or contact Stuart Harris, Parent Governor, on 07717 532720 or stuart.harris@worleyparsons.com

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**
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01707 269153**St Peter's Power Running and Walking Group**
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933**Hatfield SVP**
07960 785673**Dawkins**

Richard Dawkins may be an eminent scientist, but, when it comes to religion, his arguments are weak, superficial and wrong. The Dominican Thomas Crean, from Harpenden, has written an excellent response to Dawkins. He shows why it is perfectly rational to believe in God, miracles and the authority of Scripture. The book is available in the Repository for just £5.

Welcome

Congratulations to Matthias Million who is received into the church this weekend through the sacrament of baptism.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Amos 8: 4-7 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 Luke 16: 1-13

Psalm 112 Response: **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**Gospel Acclamation : **Open our heart, O Lord
To accept the words of your Son.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 1**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Jacqui & Cath **Church cleaning :** Krzysztof Lassak & Evelina Baziuk**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Uzo Cliffe**Mass Intentions for the Week 19 - 26 September 2010**

Saturday, 18 September	18.00	No Mass
Sunday, 19 September	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	Ron & Iris Osborne, int.
Monday, 20 September	9.30	David & Valerie Turley, Wedding Anniv
<i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & comp.</i>		
Tuesday, 21 September	9.30	Mick O'Toole, RIP
<i>St Matthew</i>		
Wednesday, 22 September	10.30	David & Valerie Turley, Wedding Anniv
Thursday, 23 September	19.00	Mick O'Toole, RIP
<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>		
Friday, 24 September	9.30	Private int.
<i>Our Lady of Ransom</i>		
Saturday, 25 September	10.30	Tommy Kelly, RIP
	18.00	Cath Hogan, Thanksgiving
Sunday, 26 September	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	Mercedes Albano, Anniv.
	18.00	UH Staff & Students

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Theresa Edwards, Mike Faithfull, Pauline Keohane, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Fionnuala Sheldrake and Anne Smith

Secondary Schools

The school year has only just begun, but already we have to start thinking about secondary school applications. The following local Catholic schools have open sessions for parents of children currently in Year 6 :

1. **Nicholas Breakspear**, Colney Heath Lane (Mixed) : **6-9 pm, this Wednesday, 22 September.** Also (by appointment) open mornings **9-10.30 am, 27 Sept.-22 October.**
2. **John Henry Newman School**, Stevenage (Mixed) : From **6.30 pm on Thursday, 30 September.** Prospectuses and application forms available on the evening. The Headteacher begins his talk at 8 pm.
3. **Loreto College**, St. Albans (Girls) : From **6.00 pm on Tuesday, 28 September.** Please use the Upper Lattimore Road entrance. There are no parking facilities at the school. The Headteacher will address parents at 6.15, 7.15 and 8.15 pm.
4. **St. Columba's College**, St. Albans (Independent boys) : **7-9.30 pm, Thursday, 30 September and 9.30am-12.30pm, Saturday, 2 October.** A limited number of bursaries are available for boys entering Year 3 or Year 7 in September 2011.

I am available in the Presbytery to sign priest's references **2-4 pm, Saturday, 2 October and 7-8 pm, Tuesday, 12 October.** In asking for a reference, you are stating that you attend Sunday Mass at St. Peter's.