



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

£727.12

Thank-you

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Seventh Sunday: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: It is what they said about the first Christians : “See how they love their enemies.” Is that possible, or even desirable? Well, it is the clear command of Our Lord. “I say this to you : love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” It’s not just nice words; it’s also the example He Himself gives us from the Cross. And it is possible if we appreciate what Christian love really is. Of course we don’t have the same warm feelings and affection for enemies that we have for our family and friends. That would be unnatural, and God doesn’t ask that. He does ask that we love them – and that means, not wanting revenge and retribution,

but what is best for them, wanting what God wants for them. And often they means wanting that they change, perhaps requiring that I too change. And it means also, as Jesus makes clear, that we pray for them.

Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance

Our Golden Jubilee dinner dance is in just two weeks on **Saturday, 5 March, 7.30 for 8 pm** at St. Philip Howard School in Woods Avenue. (We are using the School because they have better kitchen facilities and a larger floor space.)

There will be a full three course dinner. We are fortunate to have a live band, One Night Stand, which enjoys an excellent reputation. There will be a licensed bar and raffle. Prizes include tickets to “We will rock you,” meals at the Three Horseshoes and Beal’s Hotel, and a hamper. If you have yet to buy your ticket (over 18s only), they are on sale for £25 after Mass. Make sure you are there to join us to celebrate our first half century.

Aid to the Church in Need

Welcome to Dr. David Black who is speaking at the end of the Sunday Masses today on the work of Aid to the Church in Need, helping persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world.

This is primarily to raise our awareness of the work of the charity and ask for our prayers rather than an appeal for funds.

Baptism

Congratulations to Ayotunde Omotade, who is received into the Church this weekend through the sacrament of Baptism.

The next preparation session for parents attending Mass at St. Peter’s who wish to have their children baptised here is at **7.00 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 21 February**.

Confirmation

Being half term, there is no meeting this week. The programme begins for the candidates the following week when they meet in the Hall here **7.30-9.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 1 March**.

First Holy Communion

There is a meeting for the parents of First Holy Communion parents in the Oratory at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 2 March**.

Youth Group

Thank-you to everyone involved in the Youth Group sponsored sleepover last weekend : those who supervised, those who cooked, those who sponsored them and especially the young people themselves. They raised a considerable amount of money for the hospice in Rumania. We hope to have a final figure next week.

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**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**Hatfield SVP**

07960 785673

Hugh McGrath RIP

The McGrath family wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support in their bereavement and during Hugh's illness. The amount given at Hugh's Requiem Mass for the dementia fund was £215. Thank-you.

**The Spiritual Care
of those with
Alzheimer's**

"Beneath the surface of the disease is a soul that can't have Alzheimer's, a soul that still longs to be heard,"
Patti Davis, Ronald Reagan's daughter

Readings at Sunday Mass

Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48

Psalm 102 Response: **The Lord is compassion and love**

Gospel Acclamation : **If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love Him,
And we shall come to Him**

Prayer of the Church : Week 3**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Elsie, Terry & Netta **Church Cleaning :** Caron Fisher**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Pauline O'Toole 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Maria Stewart**Mass Intentions for the Week 20 – 27 February 2011**

Saturday, 19 February	18:00	Mike Ronayne, RIP
Sunday, 20 February	9.15	Joe Davin, RIP
	11.00	Kathleen Eyes, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 21 February	9.30	David Hedger, RIP
Tuesday, 22 February	9.30	Jill Biggs, RIP
<i>Chair of St Peter</i>		
Wednesday, 23 February	9.30	Hugh McGrath, RIP
<i>St Polycarp</i>		
Thursday, 24 February	19.00	Kath McDonagh, RIP
Friday, 25 February	9.30	Hugh McGrath, RIP
Saturday, 26 February	10.30	Kath McDonagh, RIP
	18:00	Hugh McGrath, RIP
Sunday, 27 February	9.15	Patricia Wilkes, Anniv
	11.00	Florie Yull, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mike Faithfull, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, John Pym and Fionnuala Sheldrake

Parking

Parking restrictions are being introduced on Bishops Rise around the Woods Avenue roundabout up to Lark Rise. I understand that further restrictions are being considered outside St. Peter's. There is an obvious problem with students parking during the week, but if you park considerately when you come to Sunday Mass we can argue that restrictions are unnecessary at weekends. Please also park considerately in the car park. A number of people have been blocked in recently.

St. Philip Howard School Nursery Applications

The School has 45 places for children born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 to start Nursery in September 2011 or January 2012. Contact the School office on 01707 263969 for further information or to arrange a visit. Priority is given to practising Catholics. I am available to sign references for those who attend Sunday Mass here **2-4 pm, this Saturday, 26 February and 6-7 pm, Friday, 25 March**. The deadline for applications is **1 April 2011**.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

The Archbishop will invite to Mass in Westminster Cathedral at **3 pm on Saturday, 11 June** couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2011. If that applies to you and you wish to attend, please let me have the following details in couple of weeks : your name and your spouse's name, your full postal address, E-Mail address/phone number, and date of wedding.