



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

£731.89

Thank-you

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Second Sunday of Lent: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: By the time you are reading this, I should, God willing, be saying Mass for your intention in Bethlehem, just a matter of feet from where Our Saviour was born. I am conscious that this is an enormous privilege. It is also a reminder that our religion is profoundly different from any other. Christianity is not based on one person's visions nor human philosophy, but on the love of God revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. We can know Him with certainty because He entered this world in a particular place at a specific time. For thirty-three years He walked this earth amongst real men and women. He taught, preached and healed. He offered His life for our salvation. Before returning to His heavenly Father, He gave us the means of access to Him to through all generations : in the Church He founded and the Eucharist which is His Real Presence. Let us thank God for such great gifts.

Thank-you

Thank-you to Fr. Desmond Baker and Fr. Sean Riley for saying Mass in my absence. I am back Tuesday night. (There is no Mass at St. Peter's on Tuesday.) Damian is also available at the Presbytery should you need to contact him.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Last Friday was CAFOD's Lent Fast Day. If you have brought back the envelope attached to last week's newsletter, you can place that, or any other donation, in the second collection at the end of Mass. Thank-you for your generosity in helping the poorest and most needy in the world.

Divinity & Doughnuts

The next talk at Ss. Alban & Stephen for Catholics in their 20s and 30s is this (Sunday) afternoon in the Parish Hall in Beaconsfield Road, St. Albans. The Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, Fr. Emmanuel, will talk on "The Father's Heart : Knowing the Power of God's Forgiveness."

Stations of the Cross

We have Stations of the Cross at **7.30 pm** on **Friday** evening.

Repository

The Repository has a stock of seasonal items, such as Stations of the Cross prayer books and cards for Mothering Sunday and Easter. There is also a wide selection of rosaries, Mass cards, Bibles, books and other devotional items. Take a few moments to browse after Mass.

Quarant'Ore : The Forty Hours' Devotion

We will have continuous Adoration of Our Lord in the exposed Blessed Sacrament from after the **7 pm** Mass on **Thursday, 31 March**, finishing with Benediction and Mass at **11.30 am** on **Saturday, 2 April**. It is a great joy to have Jesus present amongst us in this way, and a good opportunity to put into practice our Lenten commitment to prayer. If you can commit to watch and pray with Jesus for one hour during this period, please print your name and phone number clearly on the rota at the back of church.

Penance Service

We should be thinking of going to Confession at this time of year. Confessions are heard on **Saturdays, 11-12 and 5.15-5.45 pm**. We also have a joint Penitential Service with Marychurch here at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 12 April**. Four priests will be available to hear Confessions.

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 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

**Prayer around the
Cross**There is an ecumenical evening of Taizé style prayer at Marychurch at **7.00 pm** this (Sunday) evening. All welcome.**The Annunciation**This **Friday, 25 March** is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. We recall God's entry into His Creation for our salvation heralded by the Archangel Gabriel to Our Lady. The School will be present at the **9.30 am** Mass. If you are free, why not join them for this important feast day?**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Genesis 12: 1-4 Timothy 1: 8-10 Matthew 17: 1-9

Psalm 32 Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord
As we place all our hope in you**Gospel Acclamation : **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!****Prayer of the Church : Week 2****Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent* **Church Cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Pauline Keohane 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Eleonora Mashumbi**Mass Intentions for the Week 20 – 27 March 2011**

Saturday, 19 March	18:00	Hugh McGrath, RIP
Sunday, 20 March	9.15	Nancy Regan, RIP
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Grundy Family, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 21 March	9.30	David Hedger, RIP
Tuesday, 22 March	[8.00	Marychurch]
Wednesday, 23 March	9.30	Mullen Family, int.
Thursday, 24 March	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 25 March	9.30	Youth Group
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
Saturday, 26 March	10.30	Noel Smith, RIP
	18:00	Sarah Brennan, Anniv.
Sunday, 27 March	9.15	Lissa Massie, RIP
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Fionnuala Sheldrake, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

Bethan Larking, RIP : Quiz NightA group of parishioners are organising a benefit quiz night for Bethan's family. This will take place in the Hall after Mass this coming **Saturday, 26 March**. All welcome. Entrance : £5. Please bring food for a shared supper. Drinks are available.**St. Philip Howard School Nursery Applications**The deadline for applications nursery places to start in September 2011 or January 2012 is **1 April 2011**. Priority is given to practising Catholics. I am available again to sign references for those who attend Sunday Mass here **6-7 pm**, this **Friday, 25 March**.**Lent Talks**There are two talks on the Eucharist at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6HH by Fr. John Farrell, Provincial of the British Dominicans. His first talk on "Encountering Christ in the Mass" is at **7.30 pm** this **Wednesday, 23 March**. All welcome.**Called to Priesthood? "Come and See"**There will be a "Come and See" weekend for men, aged 18+, who are discerning the possibility of priestly vocation at Allen Hall seminary in London from the evening of **Friday, 1 April** to **Sunday, 3 April**. Talks, discussion and prayer. No commitment required. For more information speak to Fr. Mark or contact Fr. Richard Nesbitt on richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk