



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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Second Sunday in Lent : Year C



Fr. Mark writes: People are very worried by temptations. They shouldn't – provided they haven't put themselves in the way of temptation, provided they don't dwell on them in a way that makes it more likely they will succumb. In our world, temptation is inevitable. Today's Gospel is the temptation of Christ – and we don't know that there weren't others during His earthly ministry. But the point is, while Jesus knew temptation, He didn't give way to it. Temptation might be inevitable but, with God's grace, sin is not. We can say no, and grow spiritually. In this holy season of Lent we gain strength for the battle against evil through our prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

Lent

Confession : All Catholics should plan to go to Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard **11-12 noon** and **5.15-5.45 pm** on Saturdays, and at other times by request. We have a Lent Penitential Service at **7.30 pm on Wednesday, 10 March.**

Stations of the Cross : Every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30 pm.

Living as One : The Diocese's Lenten booklet contains daily Scripture readings, prayers and reflections on the Church to be used for small groups or individual prayer. The booklets are just £1 each from the Repository.

Lenten Alms : Attached to last week's newsletter was a label if you wish to collect for charity during Lent. The proceeds go to the Franciscans of the Renewal (who run an East End soup kitchen) and the Good Counsel Network (who give counselling and practical help so mothers can keep their babies).

Quarant'Ore : The Archbishop has asked each Deanery to have the Forty Hours Devotion when the Blessed Sacrament is continuously exposed for solemn adoration. We will host this for the St. Albans Deanery from the evening of **25 March** to the morning of **27 March.**

Confirmation Programme

The Confirmation Programme starts with a parents' meeting – candidates are not obliged to attend – in the Hall at **7.30 pm** this **Tuesday, 23 February.** Please bring supporting documentation and the fee of £25. Diocesan policy is for Confirmation to be given in school **Year 9;** but anyone of school age who missed the sacrament then is welcome to join us now.

Parish Council

The Parish Council meet in the Oratory at **8.00 pm** this **Wednesday, 24 February.** If you haven't received minutes and an agenda by E-Mail, there are copies for you in the sacristy.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day & Fasting Lunch

CAFOD is the English Bishops' overseas relief and development charity. Like all such charities they have had a huge demand on their funds this year with the Haiti earthquake. This **Friday, 26 February** we are asked to go without some food and to give from what we save to help the poor of the world. Please take one of the envelopes at the end of Mass and return it with your donation next Sunday.

There is a fasting lunch of bread and soup in the Hall on **Friday** between **12 noon** and **2pm.** All welcome. Donations to CAFOD.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meet in the Hall, **7.30-9.30 pm** this Friday. The speaker is Steve Jones, Head of RE at St. Columba's. He is well worth hearing, and will be talking about how we think, our outlook on the world and how this connects to our faith. All in Year 9 and over are welcome.

Last week's collection

£

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**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**Repository**

The Repository is the shop at the back of church which is open after the Sunday Masses. Please take a moment to have a look at the large selection of books, cards and devotional items. St. Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday material now in stock.

Quiz Night

We have another of our ever popular Quiz Nights in the Hall next **Saturday, 27 February**. You can bring a team of six, or simply turn up and join a team on the evening. Tea, coffee and soft drinks available. A raffle will be held. The doors open at **7.00 pm**. Entry : £2 head. All welcome.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18 Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 Luke 9: 28-36

Psalm 26 Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**Gospel Acclamation : **From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!'****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent***Church cleaning :** Pauline Hayes**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 6.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison**Mass Intentions for the Week 28 February – 7 March 2010**

Saturday, 27 February 18.00 Tom Evans & Tess Smith, RIP

Sunday, 28 February 9.15 Harry Kiberd, RIP

Second Sunday of Lent 11.00 Sara Pillay, Anniv

18.00 Pro populo

Monday, 1 March 9.30

St David

Tuesday, 2 March 9.30

Wednesday, 3 March 9.30

Thursday, 4 March 19.00

Friday, 5 March 9.30

Saturday, 6 March 10.30

18.00

Sunday, 7 March 9.15 John & Aileen Quigley, RIP

Third Sunday of Lent 11.00 Pro Populo

18.00 Sr Patricia Mary, int

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Carmel Burton, Mike Faithfull, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Christopher O'Toole, Anne Smith

Weekday Mass TimesMass this Thursday is at **9.30 am**, rather than an evening Mass.**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi**

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. There are 24 pilgrims so far, and 9 places remaining. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

Bill McNulty & Ernest Corradine, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bill McNulty and Ernest Corradine, who died recently. Bill McNulty's funeral is at Harwood Park this Wednesday afternoon. Ernest Corradine's funeral service (not a Mass) is here at **12 noon on Wednesday, 3 March**.

Benefit Evening

Edwin and Bridie Levy's 5 year old granddaughter, Bethan, is seriously ill. Please pray for her. Several parishioners would like to help not least towards the significant travel costs involved with the frequent treatment at Great Ormonde Street Hospital for. There will be a fundraising evening in the Hall at **7 pm on Saturday, 6 March** including a race evening, raffle and auction. Tickets are on sale after the Sunday Masses.