



# 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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## Fifth Sunday in Lent: Year C



*Fr. Mark writes:* Today's Gospel, the woman caught in adultery, is an insight again into God's love. It is sinners who condemn a fellow sinner. That is not God's way. In Jesus we see what it means to be both just and merciful. He doesn't ignore the fact that she has sinned. He doesn't do as the scribes and Pharisees tempt Him : disagree with the Old Testament Law. Instead, He challenges them. "What right have you got to accuse her? Which one of you is without sin?" And when the crowd have melted away in shame, Jesus forgives the woman herself, but He also challenges her to live differently in future. A challenge for us too : to hate the sin, but love the sinner. No wonder, having experienced God's justice and mercy, St. Paul can say, "I believe that nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

### Quarant'Ore : The Forty Hours' Devotion

This week sees one of the highlights of the year for the parish. Archbishop Nichols has asked for continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the Year of Priesthood. St. Peter's is hosting this for the St. Albans Deanery. It is an honour and a privilege to have Our Lord in our midst in Hatfield. Let us make use of this opportunity to come before Him in prayer.

The period of Solemn Exposition begins with the **7.00 pm Mass on Thursday, 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation**. If you can, please join us for that Mass to welcome Our Lord. There is then a period of continuous watching before the Blessed Sacrament. Thank-you to everyone who has signed up to the rota – please come along at the time you agreed so no one is left alone for two hours.

On the Thursday evening, we have the **Rosary** immediately after Mass and then the opportunity for **Confessions** until **Night Prayer** at **10.00 pm**.

On **Friday, 26 March** we will have a **Meditation** from **7.30-8.30 pm** and then **Confessions** until **Night Prayer** at **10.00 pm**.

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal join us at **10 am** on **Saturday, 27 March** and Exposition will conclude with Benediction.

Please join us for any of these events, or simply drop into church at any time of the day or night to spend time with Our Lord. This will be a time of great grace for our parish.

### Youth Group

In Year 9 or above at school? Stressed out by the prospect of exams? Need a bit of space? Then come and join us for prayer, socialising and food on **7.30-9.30 pm** this **Friday, 26 March**. Bring your CDs.

### Holy Week & Easter

Holy Week starts next Sunday, Palm Sunday. Attached to the newsletter are details of the times for the Holy Week and Easter services. The services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are beautiful and very powerful occasions as we follow Our Lord in His Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Please join us for as much of the liturgy as possible.

### Easter Offerings

If you wonder what happens to the Sunday collections : part goes to the Diocese (mostly for Catholic schools); the balance is for utilities, the upkeep of the premises and general parish running expenses. It costs c.£9,000 pa to keep a priest in a parish. This money traditionally comes from offerings for sacraments and Christmas and Easter offerings. Only in the last two years has St. Peter's met that sum – thank-you for your generosity. We need to keep up this level of funding to show we are a viable parish. Please place your Easter offering in the attached envelope and return it in the collection or through the house letterbox. Thank-you.

### Last week's collection

£670.00

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**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. Easter cards and children's books are now in stock.

**Jubilee Mugs**

A great idea both as a commemoration of the parish's Golden Jubilee and as an Easter gift. Why not buy one of our smart china mugs containing chocolate eggs? Just £5 from the Repository or on the sweet stall after the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Isaiah 43: 16-21      Philippians 3: 8-14      John 8: 1-11

Psalm 125 Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**Gospel Acclamation : **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 1**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent*    **Church cleaning** : Casey Crack & Elsie Judge**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas    9.15 Pauline Keohane    11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite    9.15 Rosemary Curran  
11.00 Pauline Keohane & Cathie Hogan**Mass Intentions for the Week 21 – 28 March 2010**

Saturday, 20 March	18.00	Patrick Brennan, Anniv
Sunday, 21 March	9.15	Nancy Reagan, RIP
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	11.00	Margaret Lovatt-Duggan, int
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 22 March	9.30	Holy Souls
Tuesday, 23 March	9.30	Holy Souls
Wednesday, 24 March	9.30	Carmel Burton, RIP : Funeral Mass
Thursday, 25 March	19.00	Holy Souls
<b>Annunciation</b>		
Friday, 26 March	9.30	Holy Souls
Saturday, 27 March	<b>12.00</b>	Fr Cormac Rigby, Anniv
	18.00	Niall Ferguson, Anniv
Sunday, 28 March	9.15	Betty Mulrane, RIP
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11.00	William Gillman, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro Populo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

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

**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi**

There are just a handful of places remaining on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

**Carmel Burton, RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carmel Burton, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here at **9.30 am** this **Wednesday, 24 March** followed by cremation at Harwood Park.

**British Sumer Time**

Please remember to move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening or you will be arriving an hour early for Mass next Sunday.

**Mass Times**

Mass on Friday is at the normal time of 9.30 am but will be in the Hall because of the continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. Next **Saturday, 27 March** the Confirmation candidates have their retreat here with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Mass will be at the later time of **12 noon**. Please arrive ten minutes early for the **11 am Palm Sunday** Mass – we start in the Hall with the blessing of palms and procession.