



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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Twenty-First Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: We seem to have a large number of sick people in the parish currently – a cause of frustration and anxiety for them, their family and friends. We need to remind ourselves that ill health is not intended by God, certainly not used as a punishment by Him. It is the inevitable result of living in a fallen world. Yet, if united to Him in prayer, it can be a time of spiritual growth when a person realises their need of God and draws close to Him. The Gospels are full of the accounts of Christ healing the sick, body and soul. It is part of His teaching that we should visit the sick. We offer them the comforts of our faith, the healing touch of Christ the Physician in

the sacraments, the assurance that the fullness of life lies ahead of all of us. Especially we keep them before God at Mass and in our prayers.

Altar Servers

We have a day for our altar servers here at **10.00 am** this **Wednesday, 25 August** to include Mass, lunch and (weather permitting) outdoor games. If you haven't already, please let us know whether you are coming. Daily Mass on Wednesday is at the later time of **11.00 am**.

Baptism Preparation

The next baptism preparation class for parents attending Mass at St. Peter's who would like to have their children baptised here will be at **7.30 pm** on **Monday, 6 September**.

Thank-you

A big thank-you to the family and friends of Cosmo Fernandes for their generous donation to St. Peter's. The parish has very few vestments – most of the vestments worn at Mass I brought with me. We will use the donation, therefore, to buy parish vestments in memory of Cosmo.

Papal Mass and Prayer Vigil

Westminster Diocese has more pilgrims wanting to see the Pope than tickets available. Not all dioceses, however, filled their allocation. It may be possible, therefore, to acquire extra tickets for Hyde Park on the afternoon/evening of Saturday, 18 September. If you are interested in applying, let me have your name, full address, phone number and E-Mail address ASAP.

Please could those attending pay Damian Ryan : £25 for Birmingham and £5 for Hyde Park. I will provide information about travel arrangements as this becomes available.

To be admitted to either event you must arrive with Damian as the group leader and be carrying the pilgrim pass you will receive and photo ID, eg passport or driver's licence.

Details of the Pope's itinerary are now available : www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/timeline

We continue to pray for the success of the Pope's visit after the 7 pm Mass every Thursday with Vespers, Exposition and Benediction. All welcome.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

We are very blessed as a parish in that 30 adults have gone through the RCIA programme in the last three years. Candidates have already come forward for next year. The programme is 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 also to Catholics who, for whatever reason, missed out on First Communion or Confirmation as they were growing up.

The sessions begin on **Monday, 11 October**. They are informal, and former candidates have really enjoyed the programme. There are always a number of existing Mass-goers and newcomers who are not yet full members of the Catholic Church. You are most welcome to join us. If you take one of the yellow forms from the back of church and let me have your details, I will send you more information closer to October.

Last week's collection

£832.03

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**Hatfield SVP** 07960 785673**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jamie Howard and Jemma Gale whose wedding is at St. Peter's next Saturday afternoon. We wish them many happy years of married life together.

Repository

The Repository is the shop at the back of church open after Sunday Masses. It has a wide range of cards, books, Bibles, statues, rosaries and other devotional items. Please take a moment to visit.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 66: 18-21 Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Luke 13: 22-30

Psalm 116 Response: **Go out to the whole world: Proclaim the Good News.**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** : Psalter Week 1**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Edita & Friends **Church cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake**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 Uzo Cliffe**Mass Intentions for the Week 22–29 August 2010**

Saturday, 21 August	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 22 August	9.15	Nancy Reagan, Anniv
	11.00	Pat Kissane, Anniv
Monday, 23 August	9.30	Paddy Collins, RIP
Tuesday, 24 August	9.30	Pauline Keohane, int.
St. Batholomew		
Wednesday, 25 August	11.00	Altar Servers
Thursday, 26 August	19.00	J C Simodya, Anniv
Bl. Dominic Barberi		
Friday, 27 August	9.30	Levy/Larking Family, int.
St. Monica		
Saturday, 28 August	10.30	Private int.
St. Augustine	18.00	Kieran Abram, RIP
Sunday, 29 August	9.15	Pro populo
	11.00	William & Mary Gillman, Anniv

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, Mick O'Toole, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Anne Smith and Martin Wallace

SVP Tea Party : Sunday, 3 October

Next month marks the 350th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent de Paul. The Hatfield SVP are holding a tea party for local people who live alone and/or don't get out and about often. This will be at **2 pm on Sunday, 3 October** at the Jim McDonald Centre, High View, which has wheelchair access and disabled facilities. If you or someone you know might like to come, please take an invitation and insert your/their name on the form at the back of church. Please indicate transport and catering requirements on the form. The tea and transport are free.

David & Valerie Turley : Diamond Wedding Anniversary

David and Valerie Turley were longstanding parishioners of St. Peter's. They invite you to join them on Thursday, 9 September to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. There will be Mass at St. Thomas More Church, Knebworth at 7.30 pm followed by cheese and wine in the church hall. No cards or gifts, please. A collection will be taken at Mass for the Passage, the Cardinal Hume Centre for the homeless.

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham : 4 September

The coach leaves from St. Peter's at **7.30 am** prompt. Please bring a picnic lunch – otherwise there is a limited selection of food at the Shrine cafeteria. There is the opportunity to stop at Swaffham for fish and chips on the return journey and we should be back by 9 pm.