



# 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

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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## Third Sunday - Year B



**Fr. Mark writes:** The call to discipleship continues. Last week it was the general invitation to all : “Come and see.” Now Jesus gets more specific; he has a particular job for each of us. In the first place it might seem surprising that God asks human beings to cooperate with Him in the work of salvation. But that is precisely what He does. God has a far higher view of our dignity and capacity than so often we have ourselves. He calls the first four disciples to be “fishers of men.” That vocation – that of the priesthood – is to go out into the world and look and work for souls. It is to persuade people of the high destiny for which they are created – communion with

God Himself – and not rest content until they act on that, through baptism, faith and a life lived in union with God. The work is as urgent today as it was at Galilee 2,000 years ago.

### Burns Night

Parishioners are invited to the students' Burns Night celebration in the Hall from **7 pm** next **Saturday, 28 January**. There will be haggis, poetry, Scottish dancing with instructions and a raffle for a MS charity. Tickets are £10. If you wish to come, contact Tony Smith on 07809 765247 or [tonysmith89@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tonysmith89@hotmail.co.uk) ASAP

### Baptism Preparation

Parents who wish to have their children baptised should be attending Sunday Mass and come to a baptism preparation session. The next session here is at **7.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 7 February**. We will talk about what baptism means and the ceremony itself. We can then arrange a date.

### Italian Evening

The Italians know how to enjoy themselves with good company and good food and wine. The parish is having an Italian evening with a three course supper, music and a quiz on the evening of **Saturday, 18 February**. Tickets are just £5 for adults, £2.50 for under 16s, available after the 11 am Mass or from Tony Dodd on 01707 646383.

### Mary's Meals : A Simple Solution to World Hunger

The Parish Council recently decided to support Mary's Meals as our main international relief charity. Mary's Meals began in 1992 when two Scottish brothers took time from work to drive a jeep full of supplies to Bosnia during the conflict there. The charity expanded to build homes for abandoned children and set up mobile clinics. They now feed 600,000 chronically hungry children each day in school – mainly in Africa. In doing so, they achieve two goals, preventing starvation and at the same time ensuring children receive an education. Mary's Meals is run mainly by volunteers, so unlike many charities, 93p in every £1 you give goes to the intended beneficiary. You can find more information at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

### Third World Lunch

There is a simple lunch in the Hall **12-2 pm** next **Saturday, 28 January**. Tickets are just £3.50 on the door. The money goes to support the work of Mary's Meals. (We hope to have a speaker to tell us more about the work of the charity either at this lunch or the next.) Please come along to support those in need.

### Helping the Homeless : Sleep Easy

Are there any young people willing to participate in an organised sleepover to experience what it like to be homeless and to raise funds for the homeless? This event takes place outdoors by the Galleria **7pm-7am, Friday, 2 March**. Sponsorship money goes to the YMCA hostel in Welwyn GC which sleeps 123 each night and to YMCA Space here in Hatfield. If you are interested, please contact Tracy Crowley on 07594 631384 or at [Tracy.Crowley@ymcacentralherts.org.uk](mailto:Tracy.Crowley@ymcacentralherts.org.uk)

Last week's collection

**£834.96**

**Thank-you**

**Parish Office**

Tues. & Fri. :  
9.30-11.30 am

**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 & Lister Hospitals  
Catholic Chaplaincy**

07884 187463

**St. Pius (Padre Pio)**

**Prayer Group**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. 5.30 pm

**Safeguarding Officer**

Sue McLellen 01707  
646383

**Planned giving envelopes**

Pat Malsher 01707 265530

**APF Mission Boxes**

Heather Coakley  
01707 269153

**Hall Bookings**

Heather Coakley  
01707 269153

**St Peter's Power Walking  
Group**

Mondays in term time  
Michael & Linda Blissett  
01707 885933

**Hatfield SVP**

07960 785673

**Christian Unity**

There is a session of  
Taizé style prayer for  
Christian Unity at St.  
Ethelreda's in Old  
Hatfield this (Sunday)  
evening starting at 7.00  
pm.

**Faith & Family**

This group for parents  
and pre-school children  
meets in the Hall 10-12  
every Monday morning  
after Mass. It is a chance  
to chat, relax and support  
each other in faith and  
family life. Lots of toys  
for the children.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Jonah 3: 1-5. 10      1 Corinthians 7: 29-31      Mark 1: 14-20

Psalm 24 Response:      **Lord, make me know your ways**

Gospel Acclamation :      **Alleluia, alleluia**  
**The kingdom of God is close at hand**  
**Believe the Good News.**  
**Alleluia**

**Prayer of the Church : Week 3**

**Weekly Rotas**

**Flowers:** Edita & Friends      **Church Cleaning:** Casey Crack & Elsie Judge

**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Heather Coakley

**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Leonorah Mashumba

**Mass Intentions for the Week 22 - 29 January 2012**

|                               |       |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday, 21 January          | 18.00 | Claire Barron, int.               |
| <i>St Agnes</i>               |       |                                   |
| Sunday, 22 January            | 9.15  | Hugh McGrath, Anniv.              |
|                               | 11.00 | Maureen Shirren, Anniv.           |
|                               | 18.00 | Pro Populo                        |
| Monday, 23 January            | 9.30  | Holy Souls                        |
| Tuesday, 24 January           | 9.30  | Roddy McDermott, RIP              |
| <i>St Francis de Sales</i>    |       |                                   |
| Wednesday, 25 January         | 9.30  | Martha Mbaeri, int.               |
| <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>  |       |                                   |
| Thursday, 26 January          | 19.00 | Holy Souls                        |
| <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i> |       |                                   |
| Friday, 27 January            | 9.30  | Holy Souls                        |
| Saturday, 28 January          | 10.30 | Emmanuel Adu-Nyako - Thanksgiving |
| <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>      | 18.00 | McCann family, RIP                |
| Sunday, 29 January            | 9.15  | David Byrt, RIP                   |
|                               | 11.00 | Mary King, RIP                    |
|                               | 18.00 | Pro Populo                        |

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

Claire Barron, John Dean, Mike Faithfull, Danielle Garnett, Tom Judge, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, John Pym, Bridie Sullivan and Anthony Wainwright

**Parish Day Trip to France**

We have a day trip on **Saturday, 28 April** to Boulogne, a charming port with an unspoilt town centre, and good shops and restaurants. The coach will leave St. Peter's at **6.15 am** and we go via the Eurotunnel. We will start with Mass in Boulogne. The afternoon will be free for eating and shopping, stopping at the hypermarket on the way back. We should be back in Hatfield around 8 pm. Tickets are £25 for adults; £20 for under 18s. There is a list at the back of church to sign up. Remember you need a valid passport – and, if you are not a EU citizen, perhaps a visa too.

**In Support of Marriage and Family Life**

- Talk Marriage** – Britain needs to rediscover marriage as the foundation on which families and societies are built. Be a part of this discussion with Edmund Adamus from the Diocese. Starts at **6 pm, Tuesday, 7 February** at the Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, Westminster SW1P 3DW. Attendance is free, but register online in advance at [www.talk.marriage.co.uk](http://www.talk.marriage.co.uk) or call 0845 600 9121.
- Familiaris Consortio 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – a celebration of the anniversary of John Paul II's document on marriage and the family. Free admission includes the chance to participate in various workshops. Held at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HY **1.30-5pm, Saturday, 11 February**. For further details contact [marriages@tiscali.co](mailto:marriages@tiscali.co) or 0208 690 9310.