



# 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 & 7.30 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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## Christ the King: Year B



*Fr. Mark writes:* St. Peter's parish was officially established in autumn 1959. Mass was said first in the School and then the Hall until the church was opened in 1961. It is right to thank God for the many blessings He has given us over the last half century, and it is good that we do so this weekend with Bishop Stack, former priests and sisters, and so many parishioners. There have been many, many changes in Hatfield over fifty years, but our faith is a constant. It is the love of God which makes sense of life, gives us great joy and consoles us in sorrow. Let us celebrate all we received in the past and commit ourselves anew to passing on this precious inheritance to future generations.

### Welcome

Congratulations to Rachel Balepo who enters the Church this weekend through the sacrament of baptism.

### Baptism Preparation

The next baptism session for parents wanting to have their children baptised at St. Peter's is at **7.30 pm** this **Tuesday, 24 November**. In asking to have a child baptised, you promise to raise them in the faith which, of course, includes Sunday Mass.

### Advent Carol Service

We begin each new Church year with a joint Advent Carol Service with the Anglicans from St. John's. This year it is our turn to host the service, which is at **3 pm** next **Sunday, 29 November**. It will be an opportunity to say good-bye to the Rev. Philip Swinn who is leaving St. John's. There will be tea and coffee in the Hall afterwards.

### School References : Nursery & Reception

The admissions criteria at St. Philip Howard School now give priority to *practising* Catholics. I will sign references for places in Nursery & Reception **2-4 pm, Saturday, 28 November** and **5 December**. In asking for a reference you confirm you come to Mass at St. Peter's each Sunday.

### Matumaini (Hope-is-Here)

Netta Windle is a longstanding parishioner. Her sister is a La Sainte Union nun who recently started this Centre for Disabled Children in Tanzania, where there is no State day care for the disabled. Netta will be making an appeal on behalf of the Centre at Mass next Sunday. As Christmas approaches, we need to remember the less privileged. Please give generously. All donations go directly to the Centre.

### Parish Christmas Party

The parish Christmas party this year is on **Sunday, 13 December** and involves a magnificent spread of food in the Hall. The doors open after the 11 am Mass and the food is served around 1 pm. Given constraints of space, admission is by ticket only. These are available from Tony Dodd after the 11 am Mass or on 01707 646383. Adults £3, children £1.

### Assisted Suicide : Help Safeguard Life

The Director of Public Prosecutions is changing the guidelines relating to assisted suicide and invites views before **16 December**. Archbishop Nichols urges us to make representations. We always have compassion for the suicidal; but we never promote or assist suicide. You can see the issues involved and the address to write to on the Diocesan Web Site [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

### Last week's collection

£882.39

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**Special Needs Mass**

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre helps those with learning difficulties and special needs. They are arranging this Mass at Our Lady's, Woodhall Lane, WGC, AL7 3TP at **6.00 pm on Saturday, 5 December** followed by a social in the Parish Hall.

**Marriage Preparation**

Catholics should marry in church, and undertake marriage preparation for what is obviously one of the most important and joyful steps in their life. We will be offering a marriage preparation course here at St. Peter's on **Saturday, 23 January**. Please let me know if you would like to attend the course.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Daniel 7: 13-14      Apocalypse 1: 5-8      John 18: 33-37

Psalm 92 Response: **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**Gospel Acclamation: **Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!****Prayer of the Church : Psalter Week 2****Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Edita & Friends **Church cleaning :** Fionnuala Sheldrake & Caron Fisher**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Patricia Martin 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Maria Stewart**Mass Intentions for the Week 22 – 29 November 2009**

Saturday, 21 November	18.00	Pro Populo
Sunday, 22 November	9.15	Holy Souls
<i>Christ the King</i>	11.00	Paddy Keohane, Anniv
	18.00	Talbert Burgen, RIP
Monday, 23 November	<b>9.00</b>	James William & Rosary Mary, Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday, 24 November	9.30	Mary & John Mullen, Anniv
<i>Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i>		
Wednesday, 25 November	9.30	Mary Beretta, RIP
Thursday, 26 November	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 27 November	9.30	Mary Beretta, RIP
Saturday, 28 November	10.30	Holy Souls
	18.00	Holy Souls
Sunday, 29 November	9.15	Holy Souls
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	11.00	Mike McCarthy, Int
	18.00	Pro Populo

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

Carmel Burton, Mike Faithfull, Mike McCarthy, Hugh McGrath, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor

**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi, October 2010**

As part of our Golden Jubilee celebrations we have a parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria 23-30 October 2010. We plan to have Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter and an audience with the Pope. We spend four days in Rome, then three in the beautiful Umbrian countryside visiting Assisi and other places associated with St. Francis. A pilgrimage is a wonderful way of deepening our faith, making new friends and thoroughly enjoying ourselves in the process. Please pick up a brochure from the back of the church, and ask me for an application form.

**Vacancies – St. Philip Howard School**

If you are interested in being a relief Midday Supervisory Assistant (dinner lady) at St. Philip Howard please contact Mrs. Chamberlain at the school office on 01707 263969.

**St. Philip Howard Christmas Bazaar**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday, 5 December**. The School are collecting unwanted gifts, toys, toiletries, bottles, etc. for stalls and the tombola. Raffle tickets need to be returned to the school office ASAP.