



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

Last week's collection

£868.22

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Pentecost Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Something very dramatic happens in that first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. As Jesus had promised, the apostles receive the Holy Spirit – and they are people transformed. They are no longer a group of timid and cowardly nobodies. Instead, they are empowered to speak persuasively of their faith in Christ, the fact of His Resurrection and how this has changed their lives. This doesn't mean they have become irritating street evangelists. It does mean they have gained an inner peace and strength which is the gift of the Holy Spirit and which is immediately apparent to those who come into contact with them. We have also received

the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. We too will be people transformed, people of inner peace and strength, if we keep the Spirit, the life of grace, alive in our hearts. And it isn't rocket science. It is the Christian life lived in our ordinary everyday circumstances : daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, keeping the Commandments and living a life of charity as Christ has taught us.

Thank-you

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in making last Sunday's First Holy Communion Mass so special for the eleven children making their First Communion. A particular thank-you to the catechists who have given so generously of their time over the last few months to prepare our children. It is very much appreciated.

Congratulations

We welcome Thomas Lucas and Anton Sims who are received into the Church today through the sacrament of Baptism.

A Morning with Mary

We will celebrate the month of Our Lady this **Tuesday, 25 May**. There will be the normal 9.30 Mass with hymns and the Novena. After a break for refreshments, we will pray the Rosary and Litany.

Cosmo Fernandes, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cosmo Fernandes, who died suddenly last week. The Requiem Mass will be at **10.00 am** this **Wednesday, 26 May** followed by burial at Southway.

Papal Visit : 16-19 September

Pope Benedict's visit to the UK in September will include Mass in Westminster Cathedral and an open air prayer vigil. The Government pays for the State events, but the Church has to fund the Catholic events. The Bishops hope to raise £1m. towards the cost of hiring venues, security and publicity from a **second collection** at today's Masses. If you can, please be generous.

Summer Garden Party

The Summer Garden Party is our main social and fundraising event of the year. It takes place this year after the 11 am Mass on **Sunday, 27 June**. Contributions for the bottle stall, book stall, tombola, etc. can be left in the large box in the side entrance to the church. Raffle tickets will be sold at the end of Sunday Masses from next weekend. The first prize is £200 cash and there are many other good prizes to be won.

If anyone is available to help in preparing for the Garden Party or on the day, please contact Linda Blissett on 885993. There will be a meeting of helpers at the back of church after the 11 am Mass today.

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**
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01707 269153**St Peter's Power Running and Walking Group**
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933**Hatfield SVP**
07960 785673**Offertory Envelopes**

The new boxes of envelopes are available for collection at the back of church this weekend and next to be used from 6 June. If you would like a box of envelopes, please contact Fr. Mark or Pat Malsher (tel. 265530).

Flowers

We are very fortunate in having a beautifully decorated church each Sunday. We are looking to form another team or two of flower arrangers to join the rota. Would you be willing to help? No previous experience necessary.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 2: 1-11 Romans: 8: 8-17 John: 14: 15-16. 23-26

Psalm 103 Response: **Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
And renew the face of the earth.**Gospel Acclamation : **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 4**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Jacqui & Cath**Church cleaning :** John & Mary Davin**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Patricia Martin 11.00 Audrey Palmer**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison**Mass Intentions for the Week 23 - 31 May 2010**

Saturday, 22 May	18.00	Robert Langlois, Anniv.
Sunday, 23 May	9.15	Bernie Walsh, RIP
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	11.00	Frank Theanne & family, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 24 May	9.30	Adele Cusack, RIP
Tuesday, 25 May	9.30	Holy Souls
<i>St Bede</i>		
Wednesday, 26 May	10.00	Cosmo Fernandes, RIP : Funeral Mass
<i>St Philip Neri</i>		
Thursday, 27 May	19.00	Angela Holmes, int
<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>		
Friday, 28 May	9.30	Pauline Attwood, RIP
Saturday, 29 May	10.30	Margaret Barnard, int.
	18.00	George Clarke & family
Sunday, 30 May	9.15	Bridie Pugh, Anniv.
<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>	11.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

Faith Summer Conference : 2-6 August

For three years we have taken students and young parishioners to Faith Conferences where they have had a fantastic time and made many new friends. The Summer Conference, attended by 250 young Catholics from across the country, is held in the beautiful countryside of Woldingham School, Surrey. There is a very popular format of Mass, talks, sport and social events. For students the cost including meals and accommodation is £120. (If anyone can't afford this, please have a word.) Let me know if you would like an application form.

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

A pilgrimage is a wonderful way to deepen our faith, make new friends and enjoy ourselves. There are just a handful of places remaining on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria which is **23-30 October**. The list will close at the end of June. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

Student Mass

Term finishes at the University this Friday. We wish the students well in their summer holidays, or success in their exams and careers if this is their final year. Today is the last Sunday evening student Mass until the end of September. If you are a student staying in Hatfield over the summer, please join us at any of the parish Masses.