



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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Third Sunday : Year C



Fr. Mark writes: At the Last Supper Jesus prayed that all Christians might be one. We have a duty, therefore, to pray and work for Christian unity. It is a sadness and a scandal that divisions exist between the followers of Christ. However, we need to reflect very carefully where ecumenism goes from here. It is good that Christians meet and work together, but we must move beyond this to real unity of belief and charity. We can never be satisfied with the cooperation of various denominations. Christ founded only one Church and it is within this one Church that we are all called to unity. Pope Benedict has been extremely generous in the ecumenical offers he has made to Anglicans, traditionalists and the Orthodox, as well as those from other denominations. Please pray that others will be generous in their response.

Haiti Earthquake

Thank-you for the very generous response to help with the relief work in Haiti. We have sent **£1,177** to help the victims. If anyone else would like to make a donation I will make sure that it is forwarded to help those most in need.

Youth Group

The Youth Group next meets in the Hall at **7.30 pm** this **Friday, 29 January** for a games evening. All welcome.

The Youth Group meet on average twice a month between 7.30 and 9 pm on Friday evenings. It is open to all young people in Year 9 and above at school. There is an admission charge of £1.50 on the evening. The programme for the coming weeks is on the Hall notice board.

Curry Evening

The parish curry evening starts from **7.00 pm** next **Saturday, 30 January**. There will be a variety of curries, music and drinks available. Almost all the tickets have now been sold.

Missionary Appeal

The Diocesan Missionary Appeal this year is on behalf of the various congregations who make up the Missionary Sisters of England & Wales. The Sisters work mostly overseas amongst the world's poorest people and rely on our help to fund their future missions. Sister Mary Rose will be speaking at the end of Mass next Sunday and their will be a retiring collection for the Sisters

Confirmation

We share the celebration of Confirmation with Marychurch. This year Bishop Stack will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at Marychurch at **6 pm, Saturday, 12 June**. Every adult Catholic should be confirmed to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the grace to live life as we should, to defend our faith. Confirmation classes for those in Year 9 (or above) at School will be in the Hall on Tuesday evenings starting after half term. There are application forms at the back of church. **Please return the completed application form to me as soon as possible.** Any supporting documentation and the fee of £25 can be brought to the parents' meeting at the beginning of the programme.

Vacancies : SPEC Centre

There are vacancies for the Director and Assistant Director of SPEC, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre at London Colney. Both positions are residential and start on 1 August. Closing date for applications : 26 February. Please see the poster at the back of church for further details.

Last week's collection

£721.21

Haiti Relief Appeal

£1,177.88

Thank-you

Readings at Sunday Mass

Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-4. 4: 14-21

Psalm 18 Response: **Your words are spirit, Lord,
And they are life.**

Gospel Acclamation: **The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives.**

Prayer of the Church : Psalter Week 3

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Edita & Friends **Church cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake
Shop: 18.00 Francis Nicholas 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Mary O'Donnell
Welcome: 6.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran
11.00 Pauline Keohane & Cathie Hogan

Mass Intentions for the Week 24 - 31 January 2010

Saturday, 23 January 18.00 Mary Abram & Family, RIP

Sunday, 24 January 9.15 Violet Ferguson, RIP
11.00 Faithfull Family, Int
18.00 Pro Populo

Monday, 25 January 9.30 Bert Duffield, RIP

Conversion of St Paul

Tuesday, 26 January 9.30 James Rodgers, Int

Ss Timothy & Titus

Wednesday, 27 January 9.30 Bill Stewart, Anniv

Thursday, 28 January 19.00 John Joe Whelan, RIP

St Thomas Aquinas

Friday, 29 January 9.30 Bridget Woodman, RIP

Saturday, 30 January 10.30 Kevin & Eileen Rodgers, Int
18.00 Dorothy Hall, Int

Sunday, 31 January 9.15 Special Int.
11.00 Special Int.
18.00 Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Carmel Burton, Mike Faithfull, Hugh McGrath, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Christopher O'Toole, Anne Smith, Sheila McAleer

Catholic Parliamentary Internships

Each year the Bishops sponsor internships for recent British Catholic graduates considering a career in public life. For the period September 2010 to July 2011 they are offering three places to work for Catholic MPs in Westminster, two with MEPs in Brussels and two in the Catholic offices in central London. The time also includes study, prayer and a trip to the Vatican. Applications by 26 February to cpi@cbcew.org.uk or call 0207 901 4817. This is a wonderful opportunity and a great preparation for anyone considering a career in this sphere.

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. We plan to have Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter and an audience with the Pope. We will 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 to deepen our faith, make new friends and thoroughly enjoy ourselves in the process. There are 21 coming on the pilgrimage so far, and a number of people expressing an interest in the remaining dozen places. Booking by the end of the month will ensure there is no increase to the price currently advertised. Please pick up a brochure from the back of the church, and ask me for an application form.

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

Lourdes Mass

Archbishop Nichols will be saying Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in Westminster Cathedral at **3.00 pm on Saturday, 13 February**. All welcome, especially the sick, those working in health care and those with a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Fr. Kevin's 40th Anniversary

Fr. Kevin McDevitt, parish priest of St. Peter's in the early 1990s, is celebrating 40 years as a priest. There is a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Gabriel's Church, John's Villas, Upper Holloway Road, London N19 at **12 noon on Saturday, 6 February** followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All welcome.