



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

£689.49

Thank-you

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Seventeenth Sunday: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: “Things both new and old.” That’s the joy of the Catholic Church. We have treasures both new and old in our storeroom. As Catholics, we don’t have to re-invent the wheel. What has value continues to be precious to us. That includes the Church’s teaching and her wonderful wealth of art and music. And yet, at the same time, if we are faithful to what we have received, there are always new ways of expressing eternal truths about Christ and His Church. Because He is a living Person, because He is God, Christ continues to speak afresh to people in every age, in every place, giving them new insights into the gifts of life and faith.

Congratulations

We welcome Emma Wareham, who is baptised today.

CAFOD : East Africa Emergency Appeal

We have all seen the harrowing pictures on the news of those suffering the terrible effects of two years’ drought in East Africa. Immediate aid is required to prevent a humanitarian disaster on a massive scale. There is a retiring collection for those affected after today’s Masses.

Revised Translation of the Mass

We will start using the revised translation of the Mass at the beginning of September.

1. We will no longer be able to make the responses from memory. It will be no bad thing to have to think about what we are saying. Every parishioner will be given a free fold out card with the responses on the first Sunday of September. If you would like a larger card (£1) or booklet (£1.95) these are now available in the Repository. New hand missals are not available until the autumn, but the readings at Mass are the same as in your existing missals.
2. The musical setting will change to reflect the revised translation. The Archbishop wants us all to sing the setting (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei) which will appear in the new missal. We will have a rehearsal at **4.00 pm** on **Saturday, 3 September**. This is open to absolutely everyone. It would be good if all those in our choirs could attend, and it is also an opportunity for anyone not yet singing in a choir to join, if you would like to do so.

RCIA – Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

It is the sign of a healthy parish that others are attracted to Christ through what they see here. In the last four years 40 adults have received sacraments at St. Peter’s. Some were previously people of no faith, some Christians of other denominations, some Catholics who missed out on sacraments as children. If any of these categories apply to you, the programme starts again on Monday evenings in October with a view to being baptised and/or confirmed next Easter.

Baptism I

It is a beautiful and important thing to bring a child to baptism. The Church recommends that children are baptised in the first weeks after birth given baptism is connected to salvation. It is important that baptism is sought for the right reasons. Baptism is about a new and spiritual life in Christ. It would be strange to enter a marriage where you don’t intend to see your spouse regularly. So, at baptism, we commit to a relationship with Christ which has responsibilities. At least one parent must be a practising Catholic. At the baptism the parents promise to raise the child as a Catholic. This is about a life of love, prayer and honesty at home. It also involves coming to Mass every Sunday. If this hasn’t always been the case in the past, we can make a new resolution now. But, to baptise, the priest needs a well-founded hope that this will be the case.

Parish Office

Tues. : 9-11 am; Fri. : 1-3 pm

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 Hospital
Catholic Chaplaincy**Bernadette Cassidy
07884 187463**Youth Group**Jemma Emmans
01707 880703**Safeguarding Officer**

Sue McLellen 01707 646383

Planned giving envelopes

Pat Malsher 01707 265530

APF Mission BoxesHeather 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

**Christina Newman
RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christina Newman, who died last weekend. The funeral is at **11.30 am, Friday, 29 July**. Please note this takes the place of the 9.30 am Mass.

Day for Life

Each year the Church asks us to keep a Day for Life, when we pray especially for the dignity and protection of all human life from conception to natural death. This takes place next Sunday. There will be a retiring collection after the Masses for the Sisters of the Gospel of Life, who work tirelessly to help young mums keep their children.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Kings 3: 5. 7-12 Romans 8: 28-30 Matthew 13: 44-52

Psalm 118 Response: **Lord how I love your law!**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia**
I call you friends, says the Lord,
Because I have made known to you
Everything I have learned from my Father
Alleluia

Prayer of the Church : Week 1**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Edita & friends**Church Cleaning** Casey Crack & Elsie Judge**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Patricia Martin 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Christine Davison**Mass Intentions for the Week 24 - 31 July 2011**

Saturday, 23 July	18.00	Pro Populo
Sunday, 24 July	9.15	Tommy McLoughlin, Anniv
	11.00	Peter & Anthony Marron, Anniv
Monday, 25 July	9.30	Pauline Keohane, RIP
<i>St. James</i>		
Tuesday, 26 July	9.30	George Pugh, int.
<i>Ss. Joachim & Ann</i>		
Wednesday, 27 July	9.30	Pauline Keohane, RIP
Thursday, 28 July	19.00	Fra' Freddy Crichton-Stuart, RIP
Friday, 29 July	11.30	Christina Newman, RIP : Funeral
<i>St. Martha</i>		
Saturday, 30 July	10.30	Fra Freddy Crichton-Stuart, RIP
	18.00	Pauline Keohane, RIP
Sunday, 31 July	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	Baby Angel Malaiba, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mike Faithfull, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christopher O'Toole, John Pym, Fionnuala Sheldrake and Bridie Sullivan

Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The day pilgrimages to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk are always extremely popular. This year the parish pilgrimage is on **Saturday, 10 September**. There will be a coach leaving the church at 7.30 am, getting back in the evening. We will have Stations of the Cross and Mass at the Shrine, followed by a picnic lunch, and then time to relax in the village. The cost is £12 for adults and £5 for children. If you wish to join us, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land : 10-17 November 2012

The parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year will spend three nights by Lake Galilee and four in Old Jerusalem. The cost per person for a shared room is £1,054. Parishioners will have priority until November. There are brochures at the back of church. To reserve a place, you need to pay a deposit of £250 by 1 November 2011. Please ask me for a booking form. (You must be reasonably mobile as there is no alternative to walking to see a number of the sites.)

Faith Summer Break

The Faith Summer Break is for children aged 11-15, helping them grow in faith and friendship. It is held at Alton Castle in Staffordshire, **23-26 August**. It includes talks, discussions, prayer, Mass, games, quizzes, bingo and a trip to Alton Towers. The cost is £120 and there is a free coach going from Willesden Green in north London. If anyone is interested, please take a form from the back of church and let me know this week, and Damian will act as group leader.