



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

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Thank-you to everyone who prayed for the success of Pope Benedict's visit and everyone who turned out to support him. We can safely say it exceeded all our expectations and gave a great lift to the faith of so many people. The Pope's words at each of the events are well worth going back to read – the CTS are shortly publishing a book containing these. This was not a four day visit of a celebrity, but an abiding message of hope and joy, and the lifelong challenge to live in friendship with and obedience to Jesus Christ in the circumstances of our everyday lives.

Archbishop Nichols

Archbishop Nichols' letter on the papal visit asks us to witness to our faith and to ensure that people experience something of the holiness of God in the reverence, beauty and silence of the Mass. The Archbishop invites us to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the papal visit at the Cathedral for the first feast day of Blessed John Henry Newman at **10.30 am on Saturday, 9 October.**

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

The CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is **Friday, 1 October.** This has been a demanding time for relief charities – the earthquake in Haiti, floods in Pakistan and drought and floods in Africa. The idea is that we go without some food this Friday, giving what we save to those most in need. Please return your donation next Sunday in the envelope attached to this newsletter or in the second collection after Mass next week. If you are a UK taxpayer, please fill in the Gift Aid details on the envelope – CAFOD can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to yourself. Raffle tickets are also being sold at the end of Mass in support of CAFOD.

Rosary

October is the month of the rosary, which will be said in church at **7.30 pm, Friday, 1 October**

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA programme begins on **Monday, 11 October.** It is for adults wishing to receive the sacraments at Easter : Christians of other denominations, those of other faiths or none wanting to become Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on First Communion or Confirmation. If this relates to you, or someone you know, take a yellow form from the back of church and let me have your details. I will send you more information shortly.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for primary school children in Year 3 or above will be the weekend of **14/15 May 2011.** The programme begins with a parents' meeting in the Hall at **3 pm on Sunday, 17 October.** Please complete and return a green application form from the back of church as soon as possible so we can ensure there are enough books for the children.

University of Hertfordshire

A warm welcome from St. Peter's to all UH students. Fr. Mark is Catholic Chaplain to the University. There is Mass here every **Sunday evening at 6 pm** especially for students. The Catholic Society is an active student body with a wide range of spiritual and social events. The term's programme is at www.uhcatsoc.org Come and meet us at the **Freshers' Fair.** Please complete the blue form at the back of church so we can let you know what's happening.

Peggy O'Connor, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy O'Connor, who died last Monday. Peggy's funeral Mass will be here at St. Peter's at **10.30 am on Friday, 8 October.**

Last week's collection

£635.72

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**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**Parish Census**

Each year we are asked to count the number of people attending Mass in the parish. The count will take place over the coming four Sundays. The average Mass attendance at St. Peter's for the last three years has been : 370 (2007); 448 (2008); 471 (2009).

Youth Group

The Parish Youth Group meets again in the Hall **7.30-9.30 pm, Friday, 1 October**. All in Year 9 upwards are welcome. Please arrive promptly as we will be watching the funny and moving DVD "Life is Beautiful."

Readings at Sunday Mass

Amos 6: 1 4-7 1 Timothy 6: 11-16 Luke 16: 19-31

Psalm 145 Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation : **The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, Says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Elsie, Terry & Netta **Church cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Pauline Keohane 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Eleonora Mashumbi**Mass Intentions for the Week 26 September – 3 October 2010**

Saturday, 25 September	18.00	Cath Hogan, Thanksgiving
Sunday, 26 September	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	Mercedes Albano, Anniv.
	18.00	UH Staff & Students
Monday, 27 September	9.30	Cosmo Fernandes & Esmelinda Dsa, RIP
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>		
Tuesday, 28 September	9.30	Tom & Ann Stapleton, Wedding Anniv.
Wednesday, 29 September	9.30	Mick O'Toole, RIP
<i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>		
Thursday, 30 September	19.00	Emmanuel Udom, RIP
<i>St. Jerome</i>		
Friday, 1 October	9.30	Jean Howley, RIP
<i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i>		
Saturday, 2 October	10.30	Emmanuel Udom, RIP
<i>Guardian Angels</i>	18.00	Mike Ronayne, RIP
Sunday, 3 October	9.15	Tommy McMahon & family, Anniv.
	11.00	John Handley, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Theresa Edwards, Mike Faithfull, Cath Filler, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Fionnuala Sheldrake and Anne Smith

Secondary Schools

The school year has only just begun, but already we have to start thinking about secondary school applications. The following local Catholic schools have open sessions for parents of children currently in Year 6 :

1. **Nicholas Breakspear**, Colney Heath Lane (Mixed) : By appointment with the school office, open mornings **9-10.30 am, 27 Sept.-22 October**.
2. **John Henry Newman School**, Stevenage (Mixed) : From **6.30 pm on Thursday, 30 September**. Prospectuses and application forms available on the evening. The Headteacher begins his talk at 8 pm.
3. **Loreto College**, St. Albans (Girls) : From **6.00 pm on Tuesday, 28 September**. Please use the Upper Lattimore Road entrance. There are no parking facilities at the school. The Headteacher will address parents at 6.15, 7.15 and 8.15 pm.
4. **St. Columba's College**, St. Albans (Independent boys) : **7-9.30 pm, Thursday, 30 September** and **9.30am-12.30pm, Saturday, 2 October**. A limited number of bursaries are available for boys entering Year 3 or Year 7 in September 2011.

I am available in the Presbytery to sign priest's references this **2-4 pm, Saturday, 2 October** and **7-8 pm, Tuesday, 12 October**. In asking for a reference, you are stating that you attend Sunday Mass at St. Peter's.