



# 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  
£690.69

CAFOD  
£817.44  
Thank-you

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## Third Sunday of Lent: Year A



**Fr. Mark writes:** The meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is one of the classic Gospel texts for Lent. The woman doesn't know who Jesus is. She misunderstands what He is asking of her, and what He is offering her. Like so many people today, like ourselves sometimes, she wants the right thing, but has been looking in the wrong place. Then she meets Jesus. He opens a conversation with her. He invites her to reflect on her life, and moves her forward to see what is the most important thing of all : eternal life. We witness the transformation of this woman's life. Jesus wants a similar relationship with us. As with the Samaritan woman, He will show us infinite courtesy, patience and gentleness, but, at the end of the day, we are asked for a decision so that we too are able to say, "We know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world."

### CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Thank-you to all those who contributed to the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. The parish raised £817.44, including £105 from the Fast Day Lunch. If there are any further donations, please return them in the envelope provided. Your donations help some of the world's poorest families.

### Quarant'Ore : The Forty Hours' Devotion

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 7 pm Mass this **Thursday, 31 March** and continues until **11.30 am on Saturday, 2 April** as we have the opportunity to pray before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please do call into church at some point during the day or night during this time and invite those who may not come to Mass regularly to spend time in the closer presence of Our Lord. Thank-you to everyone who has signed up to watch and pray for one hour. Most slots have been taken; if you can, please sign up to the few remaining. Please come along at the time you commit to, so no one is left waiting for two hours.

On Thursday, there is **rosary** after Mass and **Confessions** until **Night Prayer at 10 pm**. The 9.30 am Mass on Friday will be in the Hall. On Friday evening there will be a **Lenten meditation** between **7.30 and 8.30 pm**, and then **Confessions** will be heard until **Night Prayer at 10 pm**.

### Stations of the Cross

As we have Adoration in church, there will be no Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. Instead, we will pray the Stations at **5.15 pm next Sunday, 3 April**.

### Youth Group

The Youth Group meet **7.30-9.30 pm** this **Friday, 1 April**. All in School Year 9 and above welcome.

### Day for Dads

Next **Saturday, 2 April**, there is a Day for Dads in St Albans for any Christian father who finds being a dad to school age children challenging. It's free, and a mix of faith and practicalities designed to be encouraging and spiritually empowering. The day starts with breakfast at 9.30 am, includes lunch and ends at 3.15 pm. To book places for you and your friends call Brendan on 07774 411400 or E-Mail [d4dstalbans@gmail.com](mailto:d4dstalbans@gmail.com)

### Penitential Service

We should be thinking of going to Confession during Lent. In addition to the normal Saturday Confessions and the extra times during Exposition, we also have a joint Penitential Service with Marychurch here at **7.30 pm on Tuesday, 12 April**. Four priests will hear Confessions.

**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 Boxes**

Heather Coakley

01707 269153

**Hall Bookings**

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**St Peter's Power Running  
and Walking Group**

Mondays in term time

Michael &amp; Linda Blissett

01707 885933

**Hatfield SVP**

07960 785673

**Rotas**

There are new rotas at the back of church for the readers and Ministers of Holy Communion at the 11 am Mass, also for the shop and welcome ministry. Please collect your copy.

**St. Thomas More**

The parish in Knebworth are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Tomorrow **Monday, 28**

**March** they have a talk on

their patron, St. Thomas

More, given by the

Diocesan Archivist, Fr.

Nicholas Schofield. All

welcome. The talk is at 7.45

pm, Mass at 7.15 pm. The

church is at 72 London

Road, Knebworth SG3 6HB

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Exodus 17: 3-7      Romans 5: 1-2. 5-8      John 4: 5-42

Psalm 94 Response:      **O that today you would listen to his voice  
'Harden not your hearts'**

Gospel Acclamation :      **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world  
Give the living water, so that I may never get thirsty  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**Prayer of the Church : Week 3****Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent***Church Cleaning :** Caron Fisher**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Pauline O'Toole 11.00 Audrey Palmer**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Maria Stewart**Mass Intentions for the Week 27 March – 3 April 2011**

Saturday, 26 March	18:00	Sarah Brennan, Anniv.
Sunday, 27 March	9.15	Lissa Massie, RIP
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Fionnuala Sheldrake, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 28 March	9.30	David Hedger, RIP
Tuesday, 29 March	9.30	John & Mary Mullen, RIP
Wednesday, 30 March	9.30	Stella Ashley, int.
Thursday, 31 March	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 1 April	9.30	Private int.
Saturday, 2 April	<b>11.30</b>	Peggy O'Connor, RIP & Mary Hart, int.
	18:00	Billy O'Dwyer, Anniv.
Sunday, 3 April	9.15	Levy Family, int.
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	William Gilman, Anniv.
<i>(Laetare)</i>	18.00	Pro Populo

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

Mike Faithfull, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, John Pym, Fionnuala Sheldrake and Bridie Sullivan

**Lent Talks**

The second talk on the Eucharist by Fr. John Farrell, Provincial of the British Dominicans is entitled "The Sacrifice of the Mass." It is at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6HH at **7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13 April**. All welcome.

**Called to Priesthood? "Come and See"**

There is a "Come and See" weekend for men, aged 18+, who are discerning the possibility of priestly vocation at Allen Hall seminary in London from the evening this **Friday, 1 April to Sunday, 3 April**. Talks, discussion and prayer. No commitment required. For more information speak to Fr. Mark or contact Fr. Richard Nesbitt on [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

**Holy Land**

My pilgrimage to the Holy Land with other Westminster priests exceeded all my expectations. It was a great privilege to visit and offer Mass at the places Our Lord knew : Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane and Calvary. We were accompanied by an excellent Scripture scholar who deepened our understanding of so many familiar Gospel passages. It was good to meet the local Christian population. Please pray for them. Their life is not easy – but their faith burns strongly and is a real inspiration for all of us. I will talk a little about my time in the Holy Land after the 9.30 am Mass on **Wednesday, 6 April**. All things being equal, I hope to lead a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in autumn 2012.