



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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Second Sunday in Lent : Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The Scripture readings today are a reminder that we are a pilgrim people. It is sometimes easy to get too comfortable, to surround ourselves with material possessions and to forget that we are on a journey – and that the destination is not in this world. “For us, our homeland is in heaven,” St. Paul tells the first generation of Christians. That must always be our guiding principle, something from which we should never allow ourselves to be deflected. Recalling that this world is passing is a challenge to the comfortable and complacent, but a huge source of hope and consolation to those who are currently struggling and suffering.

Congratulations

We welcome Daniel Amariwa-Obi, who is received into the Church today through the sacrament of Baptism.

Penitential Service

All Catholics should plan to go to Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard **11-12 noon** and **5.15-5.45 pm** on Saturdays, and at other times by request. We also have a Lent Penitential Service when parishioners from Marychurch will join us here at St. Peter's at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 10 March**. There will be a number of priests available to hear Confessions.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30 pm.

Quarant'Ore

The Forty Hours' Devotion, with the Blessed Sacrament continuously exposed for Solemn Adoration, was a regular part of Catholic life. The Archbishop has asked for this extended opportunity for prayer during this Year of Priesthood. We will have Adoration here from the **7 pm Mass on Thursday, 25 March to 10 am on Saturday, 27 March**. During this time there will be meditations, the rosary and the opportunity for Confessions.

It is a great joy to have Our Lord present amongst us in Hatfield, and we should welcome Him appropriately. We need to ensure that there are people watching continuously in church throughout this time – with our student population, I think we should easily be able to cover two nights. There is a rota at the back of church – please print your name and telephone number clearly to commit to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour. (The heating will be on and the loos open!)

Confirmation Programme

The Confirmation Programme starts for the candidates at **7.30-9.00 pm** this **Tuesday, 2 March**. Please keep the ten candidates in your prayers. Confirmation itself is at **6.00 pm** on **Saturday, 12 June**.

First Holy Communion

There is a meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion children in the Oratory at **7.30 pm** this **Wednesday, 3 March**.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Last Friday was CAFOD's Lent Fast Day when we went without food to give what we saved to help the poor of the world. If you took an envelope you took last Sunday, please place that, or any other donation, in the retiring collection at the end of Mass. Thank-you for your generosity.

Last week's collection

£694.90

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**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**Repository**

The Repository is the shop at the back of church which is open after the Sunday Masses. Please take a moment to have a look at the large selection of books, cards and devotional items. St. Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter material are now in stock.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Cameroon. It will take place in St. Michael's Anglican Church, Birchwood at **10.30 am** this **Friday, 5 March**. Everyone welcome

Readings at Sunday Mass

Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18 Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 Luke 9: 28-36

Psalm 26 Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**Gospel Acclamation : **From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!'****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas**

Flowers: *No flowers in Lent* **Church cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake
Shop: 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Heather Coakley
Welcome: 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison

Mass Intentions for the Week 28 February – 7 March 2010

Saturday, 27 February 18.00 Tom Evans & Tess Smith, RIP

Sunday, 28 February 9.15 Harry Kiberd, RIP

Second Sunday of Lent 11.00 Sara Pillay, Anniv

18.00 Pro populo

Monday, 1 March 9.30 Danny Hefferman, RIP

St David

Tuesday, 2 March 9.30 Bridget Maher, RIP

Wednesday, 3 March 9.30 Margaret Shepherd, RIP

Thursday, 4 March 19.00 Holy Souls

Friday, 5 March 9.30 Winnie Wright, Int

Saturday, 6 March 10.30 Holy Souls
18.00 Sarah Brennan, Anniv

Sunday, 7 March 9.15 John & Aileen Quigley, RIP

Third Sunday of Lent 11.00 Pro Populo

18.00 Sr. Patricia Mary, int

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. There are 24 pilgrims so far, and 9 places remaining. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

Ernest Corradine, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ernie Corradine, who died recently. His funeral service (not a Mass) is here at **12 noon** this **Wednesday, 3 March**.

Benefit Race Evening

Edwin and Bridie Levy's 5 year old granddaughter, Bethan, is seriously ill. Please pray for her. Several parishioners would like to help not least towards the significant travel costs involved with the frequent treatment at Great Ormonde Street Hospital for. There will be a fundraising evening in the Hall at **7 pm** next **Saturday, 6 March** including a race evening, raffle, auction and refreshments. Tickets are on sale after the Sunday Masses.

"Living as One"

The diocesan Lenten meditation booklet is available in the Repository priced £1. In this second week the question is "How are we asked to love?" The answer is surely to follow Christ's example. loving as He loved. forgiving as He forgave. letting His peace rule in our hearts.