



# 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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## Palm Sunday: Year C



*Fr. Mark writes:* Liturgy is much more than a question of simply “going to church.” It is where we share in the life of God, He enters our lives, we receive His strength and love. At no time is that more apparent than over this Holy Week, as we celebrate the life-giving days of Our Lord’s Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Especially, therefore, if you have never done so before, I invite you to join us for the Sacred Triduum (the Holy Three Days) when all that happens in church forms part of one continuous whole. Come and hear Our Lord’s command to love at His Last Supper on the Thursday evening. Respond to His request to watch and pray for an hour with Him in Gethsemane. Stand close by Him in His final agony and death on Calvary. And then return to the Empty Tomb on Saturday evening to experience the joy of the Resurrection, celebrate with our candidates who receive the sacraments for the first time, thank God for His gifts of love and eternal life.

## Quarant’Ore : The Forty Hours’ Devotion

Thank-you to everyone who came to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and helped keep this continuous period of prayer going over two nights. Prayer is very powerful and I am sure that the parish will receive many graces as a result.

## Holy Week & Easter

The times of the Holy Week & Easter services are :

Mon.-Wed. Mass as normal at 9.30 am  
Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper : 8.00 pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose to midnight  
Good Friday Children’s Stations of the Cross : 11.00 am  
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion : 3.00 pm  
Holy Saturday Office of Readings & Morning Prayer : 9.00 am  
Easter Vigil Mass : 8.30 pm  
Easter Sunday Mass : 9.15 & 11.00 am (No evening Mass)

A rota for **readers** and **Ministers of Holy Communion** is on the noticeboard outside the sacristy. Thank-you for volunteering to help.

There are also rotas for the **altar servers** on the noticeboard. There is a rehearsal at **7 pm** on Thursday evening for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and at **11 am** on Saturday morning for the Easter Vigil. There are also copies of the new rota for after Easter in the sacristy.

The **choir** is rehearsing in church at **7 pm** tomorrow (Monday) evening. Please come and join them if you would like to sing on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon or Saturday evening.

## Lenten Almsgiving

At the start of Lent we handed out labels for those who wanted to collect for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the Good Counsel Network. If you chose to support their work, please could you return your donations so they can be forwarded to the charities. Thank-you.

## Easter Offerings

Part of the Sunday collection goes to the Diocese (mostly for Catholic schools) and the balance is for utilities, the upkeep of the premises and general parish running expenses. It costs c.£9,000 pa to keep a priest in a parish. This money traditionally comes from offerings for sacraments and Christmas and Easter offerings. Only in the last two years has St. Peter’s met that sum – thank-you for your generosity. We need to keep up this level of funding to show we are a viable parish. Please place your Easter offering in the envelope provided last week and return it in the collection or through the house letterbox. Thank-you.

## Last week’s collection

£642.24

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**  
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. Easter cards and children's books are now in stock.

**Jubilee Mugs**

A great idea both as a commemoration of the parish's Golden Jubilee and as an Easter gift. Why not buy one of our smart china mugs containing chocolate eggs? Just £5 from the Repository or on the sweet stall after the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Isaiah 50: 4-7      Philippians 2: 6-11      Luke: 22: 14 – 23: 56

Psalm 21 Response: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Gospel Acclamation : **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Christ was humbler yet,  
But God raised him high  
And gave him the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *Everybody*    **Church cleaning :** Krzysztof Lassak**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath    9.15 Pauline O'Toole    11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke    9.15 Audrey McGuire    11.00 Christine Davison**Mass Intentions for the Week 28 March – 4 April 2010**

Saturday, 27 March	18.00	Niall Ferguson, Anniv
Sunday, 28 March	9.15	Betty Mulrane, RIP
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	11.00	William Gillman, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 29 March	9.30	Francis Corcoran, RIP
Tuesday, 30 March	9.30	Leonie McKee, int.
Wednesday, 31 March	9.30	Herman Beaumont, int.
Thursday, 1 April	<b>20.00</b>	Pope John Paul II, Anniv.
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
Friday, 2 April	<b>15.00</b>	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
<i>Good Friday</i>		
Saturday, 3 April	<b>20.30</b>	Pro Populo
<i>Easter Vigil</i>		
Sunday, 4 April	9.15	Betty Mulrane, RIP
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	11.00	Jocelyn, Cinto & Junie Rentuna, RIP

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

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

**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi**

There are just a handful of places remaining on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

**Vacancies**

**Loreto College, St Albans** is seeking a matron/reprographics officer to work 39 weeks a year. Basic numeracy, literacy, ICT skills required. First Aid qualification desirable but training will be given. Contact Mrs. Williams (tel. 01727 856206) or [stoms@loreto.herts.sch.uk](mailto:stoms@loreto.herts.sch.uk)

**SPEC Centre, London Colney** is looking for a chef/cook to assist the Chef Manager in providing meals for 60 guests a day. 38 hours per week on a rota basis. £18,000 pa. Apply to Julie Dauncey by 9 April at 0207 798 9167 or [juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk)

**Pope's Letter to Irish Catholics**

The Pope issued a Pastoral Letter last weekend about the terrible crimes committed against young people and the inadequate response by the Irish Church authorities. You can read the letter in full on the Vatican Web site [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) I have put summaries at the back of church. The Pope apologises to victims of abuse and expresses his anger and shame at those who committed these crimes and those who covered them up, as well as initiating further action to prevent this happening again. Please pray for all those who have been victims of abuse.