



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-Second Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Both the Old Testament reading and the Gospel concern humility. “O Lord, it’s hard to be humble...” We can all recognise and admire genuine humility when we encounter it. The problem is – how do we become humble ourselves? Almost by definition, if we *try* to be humble we are going to fail. Because both effort and self-consciousness have little to do with humility, and are more likely to result in pride. The key to humility must be concern for others. If we care for others, place their interests first, then we’re not going to get too wrapped up in ourselves. We also probably find we’re happier people in the process. We remember that joy is spelt J-O-Y. Jesus – Others – Yourself. If that’s our priority, then we won’t go too far wrong.

Pakistan Flood Relief

We have all seen the pictures of the millions affected by the floods in Pakistan and the massive destruction caused. There is a retiring collection at the end of Mass to help the victims. The money is given through CAFOD and their local partners on the ground to ensure it actually reaches those in need. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church. Please use one if you are a UK taxpayer – it increases the size of your gift by 25% at no expense to yourself.

Baptism Preparation

The next baptism preparation class for parents attending Mass here and wanting to have their children baptised is at **7.30 pm on Monday, 6 September**. Let me know if you plan to attend.

Rome Pilgrims

There is a meeting for those going on the parish pilgrimage to Rome in the Hall at **7.30 pm on Friday, 10 September**.

Papal Mass and Prayer Vigil

I am still waiting to hear whether those who applied for “returns” for Hyde Park were successful. Please could everyone else who asked for tickets pay Damian Ryan : £25 for Birmingham and £5 for Hyde Park. We will travel to Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon by train and Underground. There is a National Express coach for those going to Birmingham on Sunday To be admitted to either event you must arrive with Damian, the group leader, and be carrying the pilgrim pass and wristband you will be given on the day as well as photo ID, eg passport or driver’s licence.

Details of the Pope’s itinerary are now available : www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/timeline

We continue to pray for the success of the Pope’s visit after the 7 pm Mass every Thursday with Vespers, Exposition and Benediction. All welcome.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

We are very blessed as a parish in that 30 adults have gone through the RCIA programme in the last three years. Candidates have already come forward for next year. The programme is for adults wishing to receive sacraments at Easter 2011 : Christians of other denominations, those of other faiths or none who wish to become Catholics, and also Catholics who, for whatever reason, missed out on First Communion or Confirmation as they were growing up.

The sessions begin on **Monday, 11 October**. They are informal, and former candidates have really enjoyed the programme. There are always a number of existing Mass-goers and newcomers who are not yet full members of the Catholic Church. You are most welcome to join us. If you take one of the yellow forms from the back of church and let me have your details, I will send you more information closer to October.

Last week's collection

£880.01

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**First Friday**Next **Friday, 3 September** is a First Friday. The rosary will be said in church at **7.30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us.**Welcome**

Congratulations to Dominic Duong who is received into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20. 28-29 Hebrews 12: 18-19. 22-24 Luke 14: 7-14

Psalm 67 Response: **In your goodness, O God,
you prepared a home for the poor.**Gospel Acclamation : **If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
And my Father will love him,
And we shall come to him.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 2**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Audrey & Harshani**Church cleaning :** Caron Fisher**Shop:** 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Pauline O'Toole 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Maria Stewart**Mass Intentions for the Week 29 August – 5 September 2010**

Saturday, 28 August	18.00	Kieran Abram, RIP
Sunday, 29 August	9.15	Pro populo
	11.00	William & Mary Gillman, Anniv.
Monday, 30 August	10.30	Michael Clancy, RIP
Tuesday, 31 August	9.30	Private int.
Wednesday, 1 September	9.30	Martin Wallace, int.
Thursday, 2 September	19.00	Emmanuel Angelo, int.
Friday, 3 September	9.30	Angela Holmes, RIP
St. Gregory		
Saturday, 4 September		No morning Mass
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 5 September	9.15	Mary McMahon & Callan Family, Anniv.
	11.00	Breda & Ann Gilman

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Theresa Edwards, Mike Faithfull, Cath Filler, Pauline Keohane, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Mick O'Toole, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Anne Smith and Martin Wallace

SVP Tea Party : Sunday, 3 OctoberNext month marks the 350th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent de Paul. The Hatfield SVP are holding a tea party for local people who live alone and/or don't get out and about often. This will be at **2 pm** on **Sunday, 3 October** at the Jim McDonald Centre, High View, which has wheelchair access and disabled facilities. If you or someone you know might like to come, please take an invitation and insert your/their name on the form at the back of church. Please indicate transport and catering requirements on the form. The tea and transport are free.**Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham : 4 September**The coach leaves from St. Peter's at **7.30 am** prompt next Saturday. Please bring a picnic lunch – otherwise there is a limited selection of food at the Shrine cafeteria. There is the opportunity to stop at Swaffham for fish and chips on the return journey and we should be back by 9 pm.**Daily Mass Times**Mass tomorrow, Bank Holiday **Monday, 30 August** is at the later time of **10.30 am**.There is no morning Mass or Confessions next **Saturday, 4 September** due to the Walsingham pilgrimage. Evening Mass as usual.