



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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Fourth Sunday - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: In the second reading St. Paul does not make marriage sound a particularly attractive proposition. He wants his readers to “be free from all worry” and not to be “torn two ways.” We need to read this alongside his great exaltation of love and marriage in 1 Corinthians 13 and Ephesians 5. What St. Paul is saying is that “time is growing short.” None of us should be so engrossed in the affairs of this world, whether that be work, hobbies or even our personal relationships, that we lose sight of the things which last for ever. This does not mean that we give up work or don't marry, but rather we focus on getting to heaven – with our spouses.

Blessing of Throats

St. Blaise is the patron saint of those suffering any ailment of the throat. After the 9.30 am Mass this **Friday, 3 February**, his feast day, we will have the traditional blessing of throats.

Baptism Preparation

Parents who wish to have their children baptised should be attending Sunday Mass and come to a baptism preparation session. The next session here is at **7.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 7 February**. We will talk about what baptism means and the ceremony itself. We can then arrange a date.

Italian Evening

The Italians know how to enjoy themselves with good company and good food and wine. The parish is having an Italian evening with a three course supper, music and a quiz on the evening of **Saturday, 18 February**. Tickets are just £5 for adults, £2.50 for under 16s, available after the 11 am Mass or from Tony Dodd on 01707 646383.

St. Columba's Open Afternoon

St. Columba's College is a fee-paying Catholic school for boys in King Harry Lane, St. Albans AL3 4AW. There is an open afternoon for the prep school (4-11 years) **1.15-2.30 pm** on **Thursday, 23 February**. See www.stcolumbascollege.org

Safeguarding Training Morning

We are grateful to the many parishioners who volunteer to help in our various groups and ministries. Committed as we are to the protection of all children and vulnerable adults, we have a training morning on safeguarding in the Hall between **9.30 am to 12 noon** on **Saturday, 25 February** run by a diocesan representative. If possible, I would be grateful if everyone who has been CRB checked could attend (ie, catechists working with children and Ministers of Holy Communion visiting people in their homes). Marychurch and SVP volunteers are also attending.

Magnificat

Magnificat is a monthly booklet used by Catholics across the world as an aid to their spiritual life. It contains not only the prayers and readings for daily Mass, but also Morning, Evening and Night Prayers, meditations, lives of the saints, spiritual reading and Christian art. All for just £36 a year. Magnificat can be ordered at www.catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat

Last week's collection

£779.87

Thank-you

Catholic Public Policy Internships

The Bishops are offering 8 internships to run from September 2012 to July 2013 for recent Catholic graduates (local nationals). These include working with Catholic MPs at Westminster and for the Archbishop's Media Office. They include accommodation and a subsistence allowance. One of our students won an internship last year and found it an amazing experience and a great help for her future career. Closing date for applications : **29 February**. Interviews : 28/29 March. For further details and forms see <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>

Parish Office
Tues. & Fri. :
9.30-11.30 am

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

QEH & Lister Hospitals
Catholic Chaplaincy
07884 187463

St. Pius (Padre Pio)
Prayer Group
1st & 3rd Thurs. 5.30 pm

Safeguarding Officer
Sue McLellen 01707
646383

Planned giving envelopes
Pat Malsher 01707 265530

APF Mission Boxes
Heather Coakley
01707 269153

Hall Bookings
Heather Coakley
01707 269153

St Peter's Power Walking
Group
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933

Hatfield SVP
07960 785673

Rosary

This **Friday, 3 February**, is a first Friday. We pray the rosary together in church at **7.30 pm**. All welcome.

Faith & Family

This group for parents and pre-school children meets in the Hall 10-12 every Monday morning after Mass. It is a chance to chat, relax and support each other in faith and family life. Lots of toys for the children.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35 Mark 1: 21-28

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

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia**
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
To mere mortals
Alleluia

Prayer of the Church : Week 4

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Mary & Pauline **Church Cleaning:** Sumudu & Annah Mhishi

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 Maria Stewart

Mass Intentions for the Week 29 January – 5 February 2012

Saturday, 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	18.00	McCann family, RIP
Sunday, 29 January	9.15	David Byrt, RIP
	11.00	Mary King, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 30 January	9.30	Joan Knowlson, int.
Tuesday, 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30	Hubert McEleney, RIP
Wednesday, 1 February	9.30	Edith Quilter, RIP
Thursday, 2 February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 3 February <i>St. Blaise</i>	9.30	Holy Souls
Saturday, 4 February	10.30	Holy Souls
	18.00	Bradley family, RIP
Sunday, 5 February	9.15	Holy Souls
	11.00	Bridget & Packie Coyne, Anniv
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Claire Barron, John Dean, Mike Faithfull, Danielle Garnett, Tom Judge, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, John Pym, Bridie Sullivan and Anthony Wainwright

Parish Day Trip to France

We have a day trip on **Saturday, 28 April** to Boulogne. The coach leaves St. Peter's at **6.15 am** and we go via the Eurotunnel. We will start with Mass in Boulogne. The afternoon will be free for eating and shopping, stopping at the hypermarket on the way back. We should be back in Hatfield around 8 pm. Tickets are £25 for adults; £20 for under 18s. There is a list at the back of church to sign up. There are very few places remaining. Remember you need a valid passport – and, if you are not a EU citizen, perhaps a visa too.

Diocesan Pilgrimage : International Eucharistic Congress

For over a century the Church has held international Eucharistic Congresses where Catholics from across the world have come together to deepen their faith in Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, to increase our sense of awe and enthusiasm as we approach the Eucharist. The Congresses are a mixture of Mass, devotions, talks and workshops – with a social element. The 50th International Eucharistic Congress is being held in **Dublin 13-18 June**. Archbishop Nichols is leading the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage at a cost of £692, which includes flights and local coaches, the Conference fee and half board accommodation at a hotel in Dun Laoghaire. If anyone is interested, there are brochures and booking forms at the back of church. Irish Catholics have been having a rough time recently, and it would be good if people supported them by turning out in large numbers for the Congress.