



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

£676.81

Priest Training Fund
£654.99

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Fifth Sunday of Easter: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The General Election is on Thursday. After weeks of campaigning some people are fed up with politics and think there is little point voting. As Catholics we have a moral obligation to vote. St. Paul tells us to play our part and pray for our leaders “that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.” Our vote can have influence the level of care given to the vulnerable, the less privileged, the unborn. It can help determine whether our country is a force for peace and justice in the world. It can help decide the future of faith schools and the type of society are children grow up in. Let's pray for wisdom in making our decisions and let's exercise our democratic rights.

Priest Training Fund (formerly WEEF)

Thank-you for supporting the Priest Training Fund in last weekend's second collection. The parish has raised £655 so far. All this money will be used to fund the training of men for the priesthood and their seminary. If you have not made a donation yet, but would like to do so, please place it in an envelope marked “Priest Training Fund.”

There are free copies of the seminary magazine, *The Mulberry*, at the back of church.

General Election

You will find free copies of the Bishops' document, “Choosing the Common Good,” at the back of church setting out the principles Catholics should consider in exercising their vote. The local churches in Hatfield are hosting a meeting of the three main candidates at **7.30 pm** this evening, **Sunday, 2 May** at the Memorial Hall on the roundabout opposite St. Luke's.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meet **7.30-9.30 pm** this **Friday, 7 May**. Tim McSweeney is a parishioner who works for the Institute for Criminal Research at King's College, London. He will be giving a talk. “Don't let drugs mess you up,” and then taking questions. All in Year 9 or above at school are welcome.

Rosary

This **Friday, 7 May** is a first Friday. The Rosary is said in church at **7.30 pm**. All welcome.

Bingo

There is the normal parish Bingo in the Hall on **Saturday, 8 May**. The doors open at **7 pm**, eyes down at **7.45 pm**. All welcome.

Tea Party

We are blessed by having a vibrant student community here at St. Peter's. In turn they are very grateful to the parish for allowing them to have Mass and other events here. They would like to say thank-you by inviting you to a tea party in the Hall at **3.30-5 pm** on **Sunday, 9 May**. All are welcome. The students are providing refreshments, but I am sure they wouldn't say no if you were to bring a cake along on the day. Everyone is very welcome.

Filipino Evening

The next Filipino evening is on **Saturday, 29 May**. There will be excellent food, a dancing display, raffle and lucky ticket prizes. Tickets are available after the 11 am Mass or from Tony Dodd on 646383 : £7 adults; £3.50 for 6-16 years; 5 and under free. Numbers are strictly limited so buy early to avoid disappointment.

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**Weekday Mass Times**

Tomorrow, **Monday, 3 May** is a Bank Holiday. Mass at St. Peter's is at the slightly later time of **10.30 am**.

Repository

The Repository is the shop at the back of church open after Sunday Masses. There is a wide selection of Catholic papers and books as well as Bibles, missals, cards, rosaries and other devotional items. Please take a moment to browse and buy.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 14: 21-27 Apocalypse 21: 1-5 John: 13: 31-35

Psalm 144 Response: **I will bless Your name for ever, O God my King.**Gospel Acclamation : **Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: Love one another, just as I have loved you.'****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 1**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Edita & friends **Church cleaning :** Krzysztof Lassak & Evelina Baziuk**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Pauline O'Toole 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Uzo Cliffe**Mass Intentions for the Week 2 – 9 May 2010**

Saturday, 1 May	18.00	Pro Populo
Sunday, 2 May	9.15	Thanksgiving to parishioners (McKee family)
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Rory Hallahan, Anniv
	18.00	Holy Souls
Monday, 3 May	10.30	Thanksgiving
<i>Ss. James & Philip</i>		
Tuesday, 4 May	9.30	Bridie Pugh, Anniv
<i>Bl. English Martyrs</i>		
Wednesday, 5 May	9.30	Holy Souls
Thursday, 6 May	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 7 May	9.30	Theresa Monaghan
Saturday, 8 May	10.30	Holy Souls
	18.00	Tony Sheridan, RIP
Sunday, 9 May	9.15	Pro Populo
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Andrew Penman, Anniv
	18.00	Holy Souls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Theresa Edwards, 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

A pilgrimage is a wonderful way to deepen our faith, make new friends and enjoy ourselves. There are just a handful of places remaining on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria which is **23-30 October**. The list will close at the end of June. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

“Come & See” Weekend : 7-9 May

From 6.30 pm, Friday to 2.00 pm, Sunday there is a “taster” weekend for men aged 18+ seriously thinking about priesthood. This takes place at the diocesan seminary, Allen Hall in Chelsea, where over 40 men are training to be priests. There are talks from seminarians and priests, opportunities for personal and shared reflection, and the chance to meet other people in the same position. See me if you want to join those going from St. Peter's.

Ss. Alban & Stephen : Children & Youth Coordinator

The parish in St Alban is looking to employ an experienced, creative person to coordinate youth ministry and support the sacramental preparation teams. They are offering a two year contract with a salary of £20-22K depending on experience. Closing date : 21 May. For information packs contact (01727) 853585 or alban_stephen@lineone.net