



St. Peter's Church

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Mass Times:

Sunday Masses

Sat. : 6.00 pm 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-Seventh Sunday: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: October is the month of the rosary. Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary; we will pray the rosary together in church at **7.30 pm**. Pope John Paul called the rosary one of the most powerful of all prayers, in which we contemplate the mysteries of Our Lord's life in the company of Our Lady. Every Catholic ought to own a rosary. (We have a good selection in the Repository at the back of church.) Better still, we should pray it at home or in church. I was told recently of a parish where groups (especially the housebound) promise to pray the rosary in their own homes each night at 9 pm. In advance they text each other simple messages, eg "For my daughter," "For John," so is a whole group united in simultaneously praying for those intentions. What a beautiful thing to do. Could we manage something similar here?

SVP Tea Party

Thank-you to all the volunteers, drivers and cake-bakers who made last Sunday's tea party possible. A very enjoyable time was had by all. The music and singing were greatly appreciated.

Christopher O'Toole, RIP

Christopher O'Toole's Requiem Mass is here at **9.30 am** tomorrow, **Monday, 3 October**.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day : Friday 7 October

For the world's poorest children, childhood can be a time of pain, despair and survival. Pan from Cambodia was 11 when he tested positive for HIV. Months later his parents died of AIDS. At a time Pan felt life wasn't worth living, CAFOD was there. Today Pan is healthy, happy and excelling at school. To help Pan, and many more needy children, please give what you can this Fast Day. Please return your donation next Sunday in the envelope attached to the newsletter.

Bingo

There is parish bingo in the Hall next **Saturday, 8 October**. The doors open at **7 pm**; eyes down at **7.45 pm**. All welcome.

Catholic Secondary School References

I am available again in the house to sign priest references **6-8 pm** on **Tuesday, 11 October**.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for primary school children in Year 3 or above who attend Mass will be the weekend of **19/20 May 2012**. The programme begins with a parents' meeting in the Hall at **3 pm** on **Sunday, 16 October**. Please complete and return a green application forms ASAP.

University of Hertfordshire

If you are starting, or returning to, the University, welcome to St. Peter's. As well as being parish priest, Fr. Mark is also the Catholic Chaplain to the University. In term time we have a **6.00 pm Sunday Mass** specifically for students. The UH Catholic Society has a wide range of spiritual and social events. Copies of the programme are at the back of church or at www.uhcatsoc.org

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land : 10-17 November 2012

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be a memorable experience. There has been a great deal of interest in the parish with many people of all ages telling me that they are definitely coming. To guarantee a place you need to send your application form and deposit to Pax Travel by the end of this month. Non-parishioners will be able to book any remaining places after that date.

Parish Office
Tues. : 9-11 am;
Fri. : 1-3 pm

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

QEII Hospital
Catholic Chaplaincy
Bernadette Cassidy
07884 187463

Youth Group
Jemma Emmans
01707 880703

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 Running
and Walking Group
Mondays in term time
Michael & Linda Blissett
01707 885933

Mass Count

If you see people walking about during Mass, they are taking numbers for the Mass count all parishes are obliged to take during the Sundays in October.

Curry Evening

We are repeating last year's successful curry evening in the Hall from **7 pm on Saturday, 29 October**. Tickets are available at the end of Sunday Masses : £5 for adults; £2.50 for under 16s. Any help in cooking, especially from parishioners from the Subcontinent, would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Fr. Mark.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Philippians 4: 6-9 Matthew 21: 33-43

Psalm 79 Response: **The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia**

I call you friends, says the Lord

Because I have made known to you

Everything I have learnt from my Father

Alleluia

Prayer of the Church : Week 3

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Elsie & Netta

Church Cleaning: Casey Crack & Elsie Judge

Shop: 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Audrey Palmer

Welcome: 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Leonorah Mashumba

Mass Intentions for the Week 2 – 9 October 2011

Saturday, 1 October	18.00	Charles McCann, RIP
Sunday, 2 October	9.15	Baby Oscar Rose, int.
	11.00	Juana Tamesis, int.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 3 October	9.30	Christopher O'Toole, RIP : Funeral
Tuesday, 4 October	9.30	Vera Simoes, int.
<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>		
Wednesday, 5 October	9.30	Cath Hogan, Anniv.
Thursday, 6 October	19.00	Giles Keane, RIP
Friday, 7 October	9.30	Christopher O'Toole, RIP
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
Saturday, 8 October	10.30	Christopher O'Toole, RIP
	18.00	Carrie Brosnan, RIP
Sunday, 9 October	9.15	John & Aileen Quigley, RIP
	11.00	William Gillman, RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Peggy Collins, Mike Faithfull, Tom Judge, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, John Pym, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Bridie Sullivan and Anthony Wainwright

RCIA – Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA programme is for adults (parishioners and students) who wish to become Catholics and to receive the sacraments next Easter and also for Catholics who may have missed out on First Holy Communion or Confirmation as children. We meet at 8 pm on Monday evenings. Please feel free to join us. Come through the side entrance to the church and turn right in front of the altar.

Sanctuary Works

The works to the sanctuary began last week. The walls behind the Lady Altar and the choir will be plastered this week. That should be the end of the messy stage. We will then proceed with the tiling of the sanctuary floor and the improvements around the Lady Altar. Daily and Sunday Masses will be in the church as normal.

Grief to Grace : 23-28 October

This Catholic residential retreat, held at All Saints Pastoral Centre, London Colney, aims to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who may have suffered physical, emotional or sexual abuse at any point in their lives. It was pioneered by Dr. Theresa Burke, a leading expert in trauma theory and founder of Rachel's Vineyard. Through the work of expert facilitators and openness to Scripture and the sacraments, the Holy Spirit is given space to act on individual hearts and histories. For further information see the poster at the back of church or the Web site www.griefftograce.org