



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 & 7.30 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

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Fourth Sunday : Year C



Fr. Mark writes: It's amazing how quickly people's attitudes change, isn't it? Just within the space of this Gospel passage the reaction of the congregation goes from full approval to wanting to kill Jesus. What's going on? Firstly, Jesus had read a beautiful passage from the prophet Isaiah. The people were happy to listen to Scripture. But then He challenges their complacency. Where is God in their lives? Some people can't handle religion if it asks them to change their behaviour, to stand up and be counted. But that is exactly what our faith demands of us if it is not be hypocrisy. "No prophet is ever accepted in his own country." But Jesus doesn't call us to be successful; He calls us to be faithful.

Blessing of Throats

This Wednesday is the Feast of St. Blaise. After the 9.30 am Mass we will have the traditional blessing of throats.

Missionary Appeal

The Diocesan Missionary Appeal this year is on behalf of the various congregations who make up the Missionary Sisters of England & Wales. The Sisters work mostly overseas amongst the world's poorest people and rely on our help to fund their future missions. Sister Mary Rose will be speaking at the end of Mass today and there will be a retiring collection for the Sisters

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation session for parents wanting to have young children baptised at St. Peter's is in the Oratory at **7.30 pm on Tuesday, 16 February**. At a Baptism the parents promise to raise their children "in the practice of the faith." Amongst other things, this includes coming to Sunday Mass. If your attendance hasn't been too great in the past, now is the opportunity to do something about it so the children grow up with the faith as a reality in their lives. Welcome back.

Confirmation

Bishop Stack will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at **6 pm, Saturday, 12 June**. Every Catholic should be confirmed to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the grace to live life as we should, to defend our faith. Confirmation classes for those in Year 9 (or above) at School will be in the Hall on Tuesday evenings starting after half term. There are application forms at the back of church. **Please return the completed application form to me as soon as possible.** Any supporting documentation and the fee of £25 can be brought to the parents' meeting at the beginning of the programme.

Vacancies : SPEC Centre

There are vacancies for the Director and Assistant Director of SPEC, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre at London Colney. Both positions are residential and start on 1 August. Closing date for applications : 26 February. Please see the poster at the back of church for further details.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Archbishop Nichols is celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in Westminster Cathedral at **3 pm on Saturday, 22 May** for couples celebrating 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage in 2010. If you would like to attend, please let me have by 21 February a written note of your names, address and length of time married. Invitations will then be posted to you in due course.

Last week's collection

£661.16

Thank-you

Readings at Sunday Mass

Jeremiah 1: 4-5. 17-19 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13:13 Luke 4: 21-30

Psalm 70 Response: **My lips will tell of your help.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, Says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.**

Prayer of the Church : Psalter Week 4

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Maria, Bella & Anna **Church cleaning** : Fionnuala Sheldrake & Caron Fisher

Shop: 18.00 Bobby McGrath 9.15 Patricia Martin 11.00 Audrey Palmer

Welcome: 6.00 Elizabeth Clarke 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Christine Davison

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

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

Lourdes Mass

Archbishop Nichols will be saying Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in Westminster Cathedral at **3.00 pm on Saturday, 13 February**. All welcome, especially the sick, those working in health care and those with a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Fr. Kevin's 40th Anniversary

Fr. Kevin McDevitt, parish priest of St. Peter's in the early 1990s, is celebrating 40 years as a priest. There is a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Gabriel's Church, John's Villas, Upper Holloway Road, London N19 at **12 noon next Saturday, 6 February** followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Mass Intentions for the Week 31 January – 7 February 2010

Saturday, 30 January	18.00	Dorothy Hall, int.
Sunday, 31 January	9.15	Special int.
	11.00	Special int.
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 1 February	9.30	Chrissie Cashin, RIP
Tuesday, 2 February	9.30	David & Margaret Grundy, 50 th Anniv
Presentation of the Lord		
Wednesday, 3 February	9.30	David & Margaret Grundy, 50 th Anniv
St. Blaise		
Thursday, 4 February	19.00	Margaret Barnard, int
Friday, 5 February	9.30	David & Margaret Grundy, 50 th Anniv
St. Agatha		
Saturday, 6 February	10.30	Bridget Woodman, RIP
Ss. Paul Miki & Companions	18.00	Dorothy Jerone, RIP
Sunday, 7 February	9.15	Sunanda Senanayake, Anniv
	11.00	Bill Stewart, Anniv
	18.00	Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Carmel Burton, Mike Faithfull, Hugh McGrath, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, Peggy O'Connor, Christopher O'Toole, Anne Smith, Sheila McAleer

Catholic Parliamentary Internships

Each year the Bishops sponsor internships for recent British Catholic graduates considering a career in public life. For the period September 2010 to July 2011 they are offering three places to work for Catholic MPs in Westminster, two with MEPs in Brussels and two in the Catholic offices in central London. The time also includes study, prayer and a trip to the Vatican. Applications by 26 February to cpi@cbcew.org.uk or call 0207 901 4817. This is a wonderful opportunity and a great preparation for anyone considering a career in this sphere.

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. We have Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter and an audience with the Pope. After four days in Rome, we go to the beautiful Umbrian countryside visiting Assisi and other places associated with St. Francis. There are 23 coming on the pilgrimage so far, and a number of people expressing an interest in the remaining ten places. Please pick up a brochure from the back of the church, and ask me for an application form.

St. Columba's College, St. Albans

St. Columba's is an independent Catholic day school for boys aged 4-18. There is an open afternoon for the Prep School (4-11 years) at **1.15-2.45 pm on Thursday, 25 February**. To register interest phone (01727) 862616.