



# 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-Third Sunday: Year C



*Fr. Mark writes:* To understand the second reading we need to know that Paul is sending back to his correspondent and fellow Christian, Philemon, a runaway slave, Onesimus. Paul is in prison himself and, whilst there, has baptised Onesimus. This transforms all former relationships. Paul is a Roman citizen and Onesimus a slave, yet Paul now describes him as this “child of mine.” Likewise, making his appeal out of love, Paul urges Philemon to regard Onesimus completely differently in future : “not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother.”

This was what made such an impact in the ancient world : the fact that social conventions were overturned; all Christians treated each other as brothers. This was reflected in their charity, their generosity, their daily lives. Do people look at St. Peter's, Hatfield and say, there is a community united in faith and brotherly love? They should.

### Baptism Preparation

The next baptism preparation class for parents attending Mass here and wanting to have their children baptised is in the Oratory at **7.30 pm** tomorrow **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** this **Friday, 10 September**.

### Friends of St. Peter's

The Friends meet the back of church after the **11 am** Mass next **Sunday, 12 September** to plan the autumn social calendar. If you have any suggestions or can offer to help, please join us.

### Visit of Pope Benedict : 16-19 September

1. There is a sheet at the back of church with vital information for pilgrims. If you are going to either Hyde Park or Birmingham, please pick up a copy. Everyone who had asked for a ticket for Hyde Park before last Sunday has received one.
2. There will be no morning or evening Mass or Confessions at St. Peter's on Saturday, 18 September – Mass as normal on the Sunday morning.
3. The Bishops have produced a missal/prayer book for every Catholic to follow the Pope's visit. Please take a copy. There is no charge, but the Bishops suggest a donation of £2.
4. If you do not have a ticket for either event, but would still like to see the Pope, he will be travelling in the Popemobile from Lambeth Palace via Lambeth Bridge to Westminster Hall early on the Friday evening. The Saturday route is fuller and more easily accessible as the Pope travels along Horse Guards Road, The Mall and Constitution Hill to arrive at Hyde Park at 6.15 pm. You are warmly encouraged to greet the Pope on his way.
5. We will be praying for the success of the Pope's visit after the 7 pm Mass this Thursday with Vespers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

### Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA programme begins again on **Monday, 11 October**. It 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. Sessions are informal, and former candidates have really enjoyed the programme. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic, please take one of the yellow forms from the back of church and let me have your details. I will send you more information later in the month.

Last week's collection

£637.64

Pakistan Flood Victims

£900.00

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**  
Heather Coakley  
01707 269153**St Peter's Power Running and Walking Group**  
Mondays in term time  
Michael & Linda Blissett  
01707 885933**Hatfield SVP**  
07960 785673**Bingo**

The parish bingo resumes after the summer break next **Saturday, 11 September**. The doors open at **7.00 pm**, eyes down at **7.45 pm**. All welcome.

**SVP**

The SVP will be holding a vegetable sale and selling light refreshments after the 11 am Mass next Sunday. Any donated vegetables gratefully received. The SVP exists to help any person in need in the locality. If you are interested in joining the SVP, please speak to one of the members next Sunday.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Wisdom 9: 13-18 Philemon 9-10. 12-17 Luke 14: 25-33

Psalm 89 Response: **O Lord, you have been our refuge  
From one generation to the next.**Gospel Acclamation : **I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 3**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Audrey & Harshani **Church cleaning :** John & Mary Davin**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Audrey McGuire 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran  
11.00 Pauline Keohane/Cathie Hogan**Mass Intentions for the Week 5 – 12 September 2010**

Saturday, 4 September	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 5 September	9.15	Mary McMahon & Callan Family, Anniv
	11.00	Breda & Ann Gilman
Monday, 6 September	9.30	Denis Teahan, Anniv.
Tuesday, 7 September	9.30	Stuart Clair, RIP
Wednesday, 8 September	9.30	Dennis Bruton, Anniv.
		<b>Our Lady's Birthday</b>
Thursday, 9 September	19.00	Pope Benedict, int.
Friday, 10 September	9.30	Lucy Moore, RIP
Saturday, 11 September	10.30	St. Francis of Assisi, Hemel Hempstead
	18.00	Arthur McCann, RIP
Sunday, 12 September	9.15	Pro Populo
	11.00	David & Valerie Turley, 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Theresa Edwards, Mike Faithfull, 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 October**

The SVP invite any local people who live alone and/or don't get out and about often to their tea party at **2 pm** on **Sunday, 3 October** at the Jim McDonald Centre, High View. If you or someone you know might like to come, please add your name and address to the list at the back of church or RSVP to the invitation you have received by next Sunday. If any parishioners could help on the day with transport or food preparation, please call 01707 269693.

**David & Valerie Turley : Diamond Wedding Anniversary**

David and Valerie Turley were longstanding parishioners of St. Peter's. They invite you to join them on Thursday, 9 September to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. There will be Mass at St. Thomas More Church, Knebworth at 7.30 pm followed by cheese and wine in the church hall. No cards or gifts, please. A collection will be taken at Mass for the Passage, the Cardinal Hume Centre for the homeless.

**Damian Ryan**

I would like to thank Damian for all his work in the parish over the last year, especially with the young people and visiting the sick and housebound. Damian is applying to the Westminster Diocese to train for the priesthood. This is a thorough process taking several months, and he will continue to work for the parish during this time. Please keep Damian in your prayers.