



St. Peter's Church

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Nineteenth Sunday: Year A

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



Fr. Mark writes: People, including so-called Christians, try to explain away the miracle in the Gospel: Jesus walking on water. "It was just a dream or an illusion. The water was very shallow at that point." No. The apostles were no fools. They were practical fishermen. They knew this lake and its storms very well. They know what they saw. After all, the account of this miracle is contained in the Gospels of Mark and John, as well as Matthew.

Why are we surprised? As Christians we believe that Jesus is Son of God, He is God the Son. God gave nature its laws. He has no difficulty, therefore, in suspending or overriding those laws. Jesus does not do conjuring tricks to fool our senses. He is telling us and the apostles Who He truly is. If He can command the forces of nature, then, of course, He can tell us the truth about life and eternity, about the way to live life for our happiness and salvation. He is in charge. "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

Altar Servers' Day

We have a day for our altar servers here at **10.00 am on Wednesday, 24 August** to include Mass, lunch and (weather permitting) outdoor games.

Revised Translation of the Mass

We will start using the revised translation of the Mass in September.

1. Every parishioner will be given a free fold out card with the responses on the first Sunday of September. If you would like a larger card (£1) or booklet (£1.95) these are now available in the Repository. New hand missals are not available until the autumn, but the readings at Mass are the same as in your existing missals.
2. The musical setting will change to reflect the revised translation. The Archbishop wants us all to sing the setting (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei) which will appear in the new missal. We will have a rehearsal at **4.00 pm on Saturday, 3 September**. This is open to absolutely everyone. It would be good if all those in our choirs could attend, and it is also an opportunity for anyone not yet singing in a choir to join, if you would like to do so.

Baptism Preparation

The next session for parents attending Sunday Mass at St. Peter's who would like to have their children baptised is in the Oratory at **7.00 pm on Tuesday, 6 September**.

RCIA – Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for several groups of people. In the first place, it is for adults not yet baptised, whether they were brought up in another faith or with no faith. It is for Christians of other denominations who wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, so that they can share fully in our life, especially at the altar. Then there are also Catholics who, for whatever reason, missed out on First Communion or Confirmation when they were younger. In every case, it presupposes faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Saviour Who founded the Catholic Church. It also presupposes the intention to live in accordance with that faith, by coming to Mass on Sunday and living a life of prayer, truth and charity, not least in our personal lives. At present we might be interested, but wonder whether we can make such a commitment. If you're in this position, then the sessions which start again on Monday evenings in October are for you. There is no commitment; all you need is an open mind and a generous heart. Only if appropriate and you are fully happy, will you receive the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and/or the Eucharist at Easter 2012. Please take and complete one of the yellow forms from the back of church.

Parish Office

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

St Philip HowardPrimary : 01707 263969
Pre-School : 07950 624815**Nicholas Breakspear Senior**
Mixed – 01727 860079**Loreto College Senior Girls**
01727 856206**John Henry Newman Senior**
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Catholic Chaplaincy**
Bernadette Cassidy
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Jemma Emmans
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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**Hatfield SVP**
07960 785673**G. K. Chesterton**“A saint is a man who
knows he is a sinner.”“The Christian ideal has not
been tried and found
wanting. It has been found
difficult and not tried.”**St. Edmund's
College Scholarships**Hertfordshire has the oldest
independent Catholic school
in the country, St.Edmund's, Ware, for boys
and girls aged 3-18. They
are offering scholarships
(up to 100% of fees) for
pupils of Catholic primary
schools for entrance to Year
7 to start in September
2012. For details see the
poster at the back of church.**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Kings 19: 9. 11-13 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 22-33

Psalm 84 Response: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.**Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia
Blessings on the King who comes, In the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven And glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia****Prayer of the Church : Week 3****Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Christine & Maureen **Church Cleaning** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicolas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Leonorah Mashumba**Mass Intentions for the Week 7 - 14 August 2011**

Saturday, 6 August	18.00	Pro Populo
Sunday, 7 August	9.15	Joe Lorimer, RIP
	11.00	Breda Boyce, RIP
Monday, 8 August	9.30	Christina Newman, RIP
<i>St. Dominic</i>		
Tuesday, 9 August	9.30	Patricia Mary Brown, RIP
<i>St. Teresa Benedicta</i>		
Wednesday, 10 August	9.30	Elizabeth Kelly, RIP
<i>St. Lawrence</i>		
Thursday, 11 August	19.00	Patrick McAdam, RIP
<i>St. Clare</i>		
Friday, 12 August	9.30	Fr John Milne, Anniv.
Saturday, 13 August	10.30	Theresa Marsh, RIP
	18.00	Frances & Frank Murphy, Anniv.
Sunday, 14 August	9.15	Pro Populo
<i>Assumption of the BVM</i>	11.00	Joe McKenna, 80 th birthday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:Mike Faithfull, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna,
Christopher O'Toole, John Pym, Fionnuala Sheldrake and Bridie Sullivan**Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham**The day pilgrimages to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk are always extremely popular. This year the parish pilgrimage is on **Saturday, 10 September**. There will be a coach leaving the church at 7.30 am, getting back in the evening. We will have Stations of the Cross and Mass at the Shrine, followed by a picnic lunch, and then time to relax in the village. The cost is £12 for adults and £5 for children. If you wish to join us, please sign up on the list at the back of church.**Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land : 10-17 November 2012**

The parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year will spend three nights by Lake Galilee and four in Old Jerusalem. The cost per person for a shared room is £1,054. Parishioners will have priority until November. There are brochures at the back of church. To reserve a place, you need to pay a deposit of £250 by 1 November 2011. Please ask me for a booking form. (You must be reasonably mobile as there is no alternative to walking to see a number of the sites.)

Pope Benedict's Holiday Tips

The Pope has offered suggestions as to how we might spend our summer holidays. Let's use our holidays to renew and refresh our relationships with others and with God. Away from the frenetic pace of daily life, we can take time for others and for God. Why not pack a Bible? We might be pleasantly surprised by what we discover. Then allow our surroundings to speak to us of God : both the beauty of Creation, which talks to us of the presence of the Creator, and also the cathedrals, abbeys and churches which also bring us into contact with Him.