



# 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

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## Fifth Sunday : Year C



*Fr. Mark writes:* It's always good to be backed up by friends in high places. When I preached my homily last Sunday, I wasn't aware the Pope would be saying the same thing to our Bishops the next day. Obviously, that got quite a bit of coverage in the Press. Read his actual address in full if you can rather than relying on inaccurate Media reports. The Pope is not interfering where he shouldn't. No one is being condemned or excluded from anything on the basis of being the people "they are." Quite the reverse : we find true dignity and freedom by living in accordance with God's Will as His beloved children. This is the bottom line : who determines the order and purpose of Creation, what it means to be human? God or public opinion?

### Curry Night

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard and gave so generously to make last Saturday such a great success. If there are other ethnic groups in the parish who would like to volunteer to host an evening for the parish, don't be shy. We would be very happy to sample your food!

### 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.

### Pre-Lent Disco

The Youth Group have a Pre-Lent Disco in the Hall 7.30-9.30 pm this **Friday, 12 February**. The entry price is the normal cost of £1.50. The Youth Group is open to all in Year 9 and above at School. Feel free to bring friends and a MP3 player on the evening.

### 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 **7.30 pm on Tuesday, 23 February**.

### 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

£669.85

Missionary Sisters

£470.00

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**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** next **Saturday, 13 February**. All welcome, especially the sick, those working in health care and those with a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Quiz Night**

We have another of our ever popular Quiz Nights in the Hall on **Saturday, 27 February**. You can bring a team of six, or simply turn up and join a team on the evening. Tea, coffee and soft drinks available. A raffle will be held. The doors open at **7.00 pm**. Entry : £2 head. All welcome.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Isaiah 6: 1-8 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11

Psalm 137 Response: **Before the angel I will bless you, O Lord.**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 1**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Maria, Bella & Anna **Church cleaning :** John & Mary Davin**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 6.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Uzo Cliffe**Mass Intentions for the Week 7 – 14 February 2010**

Saturday, 6 February	18.00	Dorothy Jerone, RIP
Sunday, 7 February	9.15	Sunanda Senanayake, Anniv
	11.00	Bill Stewart, Anniv
	18.00	Pro Populo
Monday, 8 February	9.30	Annie Pym, int.
Tuesday, 9 February	9.30	Terry McKee, int.
Wednesday, 10 February	9.30	Annie Pym, int.
<i>St. Scholastica</i>		
Thursday, 11 February	19.00	Holy Souls
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		
Friday, 12 February	9.30	Pym Family, int.
Saturday, 13 February	10.30	Mary Beretta, RIP
	18.00	Eileen & Kevin Rodgers & Family, int.
Sunday, 14 February	9.15	Alice McGrath, RIP
	11.00	Paddy Coakley, RIP
	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](mailto: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.

**Bingo**

There is the normal parish Bingo in the Hall next **Saturday, 13 February**. Doors open **7.00 pm**, eyes down **7.45 pm**. All welcome.