



# 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

**Last week's collection**  
**£633.06**  
**CAFOD Lent Fast Day**  
**£558.89**  
**Thank-you**

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## Third Sunday in Lent : Year C



this life is the opportunity to respond to God's call.

*Fr. Mark writes:* The Book of Exodus in the Old Testament is used frequently during Lent, the familiar story of God's liberation of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. But Exodus is more than just an account of the miraculous. It is worth going back to read it again. It is the very human story of God's relationship with Israel. Despite the great things God does for them, Moses and the people are constantly doubting and complaining, as in today's reading. Will God lose patience with them? No – God's love and mercy is infinite. However, we human beings are finite. Now, this world,

### Penitential Service

All Catholics should plan to go to Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard **11-12 noon** and **5.15-5.45 pm** on Saturdays, and at other times by request. We also have a Lent Penitential Service when parishioners from Marychurch will join us here at St. Peter's at **7.30 pm** this **Wednesday, 10 March**. There will be a number of priests available to hear Confessions.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent in church at 7.30 pm.

### Youth Group

The Youth Group meet in the Hall for fajitas and film ("The Pursuit of Happiness") in the Hall **7.30-9.30 pm** this **Friday, 12 March**. All welcome. The Youth Group is open to anyone in Year 9 or above at school.

### Quarant'Ore : The Forty Hours' Devotion

The Church recommends that every parish should have Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each year "so that the community may more attentively meditate on and adore the Eucharistic Mystery." Archbishop Nichols has asked for this extended opportunity for prayer during the Year of Priesthood. We will have Adoration here from the **7 pm Mass** on **Thursday, 25 March** to **10 am** on **Saturday, 27 March**. During this time there will be meditations, the rosary and the opportunity for Confessions.

It is a great joy to have Our Lord present amongst us in Hatfield, and we should welcome Him appropriately. We need to ensure that there are people watching continuously in church throughout this time – with our student population, I think we should easily be able to cover two nights. There is a rota at the back of church – please print your name and telephone number clearly to commit to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour. (The heating will be on and the loos open!)

### CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Many thanks to everyone who supported CAFOD's Lent Fast Day in aid of the poorest and most needy in the world. In addition to the retiring collection, the raffle raised £249.25 and the fasting lunch £95.10. (Thank-you to those who helped organise these.) The total raised so far is, therefore, is **£903.24** – and I am sure that there will be more to come. Thank-you for your generosity.

### Parish Register

A couple of times recently I have found established parishioners are not on the parish register. It helps to have a complete and up to date register in order to make contact – also for things like school references or Hall bookings. The yellow registration forms are at the back of church

**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**Repository**

The Repository is the shop at the back of church which is open after the Sunday Masses. Please take a moment to have a look at the large selection of books, cards and devotional items. St. Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter material are now in stock.

**Daily Mass Times**

Please note there will be no morning Mass, Confessions or Exposition next **Saturday, 13 March.**

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15    Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12    Luke 13: 1-9

Psalm 102 Response:    **The Lord is compassion and love.**Gospel Acclamation :    **Repent, says the Lord,  
For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.****Prayer of the Church** : Psalter Week 3**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** *No flowers in Lent*    **Church cleaning :** Fionnuala Sheldrake & Caron Fisher**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas    9.15 Patricia Martin    11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite    9.15 Rosemary Curran    11.00 Uzo Cliffe**Mass Intentions for the Week 7 - 14 March 2010**

Saturday, 6 March	18.00	Sarah Brennan, Anniv
Sunday, 7 March	9.15	John & Aileen Quigley, RIP
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Pro Populo
	18.00	Sr. Patricia Mary, int
Monday, 8 March	9.30	Maureen Clancy, RIP
Tuesday, 9 March	9.30	Harold Pym, Anniv
Wednesday, 10 March	9.30	Rachel Linley, Int
Thursday, 11 March	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 12 March	9.30	Mary Quinn, RIP
Saturday, 13 March		<b>No morning Mass</b>
	18.00	Private Intentions
Sunday, 14 March	9.15	Patricia Wilkes, RIP
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00	Private Intentions
<i>Laetare Sunday</i>	18.00	Pro populo

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

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

**Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi**

Our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria is **23-30 October**. There are 26 pilgrims so far, and 7 places remaining. Please pick up a brochure, and ask me for an application form.

**Patrick Tighe, RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Tighe, who died recently. The funeral will be at West Hertfordshire Crematorium on Wednesday, 16 March.

**Discovering Priesthood**

In response to the Pope's Year of the Priesthood, the Benedictines of Ealing Abbey are hosting a vocations day for young men aged 16 and over **10am-4 pm** this coming **Saturday, 13 March**. In addition to diocesan priests and Benedictines, there is a chance to meet the impressive new communities of St. Jean & the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. For more information or to book contact [www.ealingabbey.org.uk](http://www.ealingabbey.org.uk) Overnight accommodation possible. (There is a vocations weekend for young men and women at Oscott near Birmingham 2-4 July - details later.)