



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

£624.30

Pro-Life Collection

£256.00

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Nineteenth Sunday: Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Be ready, make your preparation: that is the message of all the Scripture readings today. It is part of the fundamental attitude of the Christian. Our faith requires us to be alert, to read the signs of the times, to recognise what God is asking of us at a particular moment and to be prepared to do it. It means not being too engrossed in the affairs of this world – these things will pass. Yesterday we celebrated the feast of a great Polish saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe, who held himself ready to do whatever God asked of him. He was able, therefore, to do great things in spreading devotion to Mary in Poland, in taking the faith to Japan and ultimately in giving his life in the concentration camp at Auschwitz. The message is clear. If we live our daily life in this way, listening to God's Word and putting it into practice, then we will have nothing to fear when we eventually have to give an account of ourselves in His presence.

The Thirteenth Day

Possibly God's most powerful intervention in the world in the twentieth century was the miracle and message of Fatima, something witnessed by tens of thousands. In this country we tend to be more familiar Lourdes; it would be good to know a little more about Fatima. There is an excellent film about Fatima which has just been released called "The Thirteenth Day." It is not very long – just 85 minutes. As we prepare to celebrate Our Lady's Assumption next week, I suggest we watch the film in the Hall after Mass at **10 am** this **Friday, 13 August**.

Papal Mass and Prayer Vigil

43 of us are attending the Prayer Vigil with Pope Benedict in Hyde Park on Saturday, 18 September and 13 parishioners are going to Cardinal Newman's Beatification Mass at Birmingham the following day. I will provide more information about travel arrangements as this becomes available. However, we must travel as a group to be admitted to these events. (There is a list of questions and answers concerning the papal visit on the notice board at the back of church.)

We continue to pray for the success of the Pope's visit after the 7 pm Mass every Thursday with Vespers, Exposition and Benediction. All welcome.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

We are very blessed as a parish in that 30 adults have gone through the RCIA programme in the last three years. I have already received enquiries about next year. This is for adults wishing to receive sacraments next Easter. It applies to Christians of other denominations, those of other faiths or none who wish to become Catholics, and also to Catholics who, for whatever reason, may have missed out on First Communion or Confirmation as they were growing up. The sessions begin on Monday evenings in October. They are informal, and most people in the past have really enjoyed the programme. There are always a number of existing Mass-goers and newcomers who are not yet full members of the Catholic Church. You are most welcome to join us. If you take one of the yellow forms from the back of church and let me have your details, I will send you more information closer to October.

Baptism

The next baptism preparation class for parents attending Mass at St. Peter's who would like to have their children baptised here will be at 7.30 pm on Monday, 6 September.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The coach for the day pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday, 4 September is now fully booked. Please could pilgrims pay Heather Coakley as soon as possible.

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**Sanctuary@Walsingham**

This annual festival held 26-30 August and organised by Youth 2000 at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham attracts 1,500 young people aged 16-25 each summer. Daily Mass, Adoration, talks and prayer. There is no fee; contributions invited. For further information see www.youth2000

Repository

The Repository is the shop at the back of church open after Sunday Masses. It has a wide range of cards, books, Bibles, statues, rosaries and other devotional items. Please take a moment to visit.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Wisdom 18: 6-9 Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8-19 Luke: 12: 32-48

Psalm 32 Response: **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own**

Gospel Acclamation : **Blessed are you, Father
Lord of heaven and earth
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
To mere children**

Prayer of the Church : Psalter Week 3**Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Elsie, Terry & Netta **Church cleaning :** Casey Crack & Elsie Judge**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Mary O'Donnell**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran

11.00 Pauline Keohane & Cath Hogan

Mass Intentions for the Week 8 – 15 August 2010

Saturday, 7 August 18.00 John & Marguerite Quinn, Anniv

Sunday, 8 August 9.15 Stephen Corrigan, RIP
11.00 Pro populo

Monday, 9 August 9.30 Valerie Byrne, RIP

St. Teresa Benedicta

Tuesday, 10 August 19.30 Olive & Pat Malsher, int.

St. Lawrence

Wednesday, 11 August 9.30 Parishioners in thanksgiving

St. Clare

Thursday, 12 August 19.00 Fr John Milne, Anniv

Friday, 13 August 9.30 Tom Kelly, RIP

Saturday, 14 August 10.30 Anne McNiff, RIP

St. Maximilian Kolbe 18.00 Pro populo

Sunday, 15 August 9.15 Maureen Kelly, int.

The Assumption of Our Lady 11.00 Dominic Ryan, int.**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

Altar Servers

To say thank-you, we will have a day for our altar servers here starting at **10.00 am** on **Wednesday, 25 August** to include Mass, lunch and (weather permitting) outdoor games.

Pilgrimage : Rome & Assisi

There are twenty-nine going on our parish pilgrimage to Rome & Umbria on **23-30 October**. If anyone else is interested, there are two twin rooms remaining and one other space for a man prepared to share a room. If you are interested, please have a word with me before 22 August.

Cardinal Newman

“May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Oh, my Lord and Saviour, support me in that hour in the strong arms of Your Sacraments, and by the fresh fragrance of Your consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me, and Your own Body be my food, and Your Blood my sprinkling; and let my sweet Mother, Mary, breathe on me, and my Angel whisper peace to me, and my glorious Saints smile upon me; that in them all, and through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die, as I desire to live, in Your faith, in Your Church, in Your service, and in Your love. Amen.”