



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

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Baptism of the Lord: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Last Sunday we were with the three wise men as they presented their gifts to the infant Christ at the Feast of the Epiphany. Today we jump forward thirty years. The adult Christ is baptised in the River Jordan by His cousin, John. We waste no time in joining Our Lord's saving ministry. But there is a connection. Last week those wise men represented all people in acknowledging the infant Jesus as God. It wasn't just a social visit to a newborn child and his family – they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. Today the adult Christ is acknowledged as God by His heavenly Father. "A voice spoke from heaven, "This is My Son, the

Beloved." In our words and our actions, let us too acknowledge Jesus as God, and, accordingly, have confidence and trust in Him.

Friends of St. Peter's

The Friends of St. Peter's meet at the back of church after the 11 am Mass this morning to plan the social programme for the parish for the next few months. You are welcome to come along if you have ideas to contribute or can lend a hand.

Congratulations

We welcome Jessica Blissett who is received into the Church today through the sacrament of baptism.

White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) hold their annual appeal today. SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC provides trained speakers for schools and offers Pro-Life support to teachers, parents and medical professionals. Every Catholic should be supporting the Pro-Life cause. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

St. Philip Howard School Applications

St. Philip Howard is the local Catholic primary school in Woods Avenue. If there is anyone attending Sunday Mass at St. Peter's who would like a priest's reference for a Reception place for their child to start in September 2011, I am available again in the house to sign references **6-7 pm, this Tuesday, 11 January.**

Youth Group

The Youth Group meet between **7.30 pm** and **9.30 pm** this **Friday, 14 January** when one of our student parishioners, Evelina Baziuk, a very talented singer herself, will be leading a session on music and song. The Youth Group meet generally every other Friday in term time for a mixture of social and spiritual events, with occasional outings. The new programme is at the back of church. It is open to anyone of school age in Year 9 or above. There is a fee of £1.50 per evening.

Confirmation

Next month we begin the parish Confirmation programme for those in Year 9 and above at school. Confirmation itself will be at Marychurch at **11 am** on **Sunday, 12 June**. All baptised Catholics should be confirmed. In the sacrament we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the grace we need to spread and defend our faith. Further details of the programme and application forms are at the back of church. Please return the completed application to Fr. Mark.

This Confirmation programme is for those of school age. Adult parishioners and University students wanting to be confirmed should join the new RCIA programme later in the year.

Last week's collection

£910.96

Thank-you

Parish Office

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

St Philip Howard

Primary : 01707 263969

Pre-School : 07950 624815

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

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01707 269153

**St Peter's Power Running
and Walking Group**

Mondays in term time

Michael & Linda Blissett

01707 885933

Hatfield SVP

07960 785673

Marriage Prep

Catholics should marry and need to attend a marriage preparation prior to their wedding. We have a marriage preparation session here on **Saturday, 29 January**. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend.

**Children's Liturgy
Group**

The Children's Liturgy Group resumes at the 11 am Sunday Masses today. This is a good opportunity to thank all the volunteers who run the Group. Your help is very much appreciated.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 42: 1-4. 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Matthew 3: 13-17

Psalm 28 Response: **The Lord will bless his people with peace**Gospel Acclamation : **The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'****Prayer of the Church : Week 1****Weekly Rotas****Flowers:** Christine & Maureen **Church Cleaning :** Pauline Hayes & Roshan Senanayake**Shop:** 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Pauline Keohane 11.00 Heather Coakley**Welcome:** 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Eleonora Mashumbi**Mass Intentions for the Week 9 - 16 January 2011**

Saturday, 8 January 18:00 Ajaya Allam & Swathi Reddy, int.

Sunday, 9 January 9.15 Frances Broux, RIP
Baptism of the Lord 11.00 Edward Gillman, Anniv
 18.00 Pro Populo

Monday, 10 January 9.30 Mary Mullen, RIP

Tuesday, 11 January 9.30 Frances Broux, RIP

Wednesday, 12 January 9.30 Margaret Barnard, RIP

Thursday, 13 January 19.00 Frances Broux, RIP

Friday, 14 January 19.00 Parishioners in thanksgiving

Saturday, 15 January 10.30 Margaret Barnard, RIP
 18:00 Rosann & Peter Rogan, Anniv.

Sunday, 16 January 9.15 Henry Curran, RIP
 11.00 Frances Broux, RIP
 18.00 Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Mike Faithfull, Jon Gridale, Bethan Larking, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Sheila McAleer, Hugh McGrath, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, Christina Newman, John Pym and Fionnuala Sheldrake

World Youth Day : Madrid, 15-22 August 2011

Pope Benedict has invited young Catholics from all around the world to join him in Madrid next summer. There will be a full programme of talks, , dance and cultural activities culminating with Mass with the Pope. We are taking a group of those aged 18-30 from the parish and University. The cost currently is about £300 for flights, food and very basic accommodation. Let me know ASAP if you are interested – flight prices are increasing quickly.

Faith Conferences

It was a real joy to take 16 students and young parishioners to the Faith Winter Conference at Stonhurst College after Christmas. It can literally be a life-saver for young people to attend such an event as they see their faith makes sense and enjoy themselves in beautiful surroundings with sports and social events in the company of more than 200 other young Catholics from across the country. Don't take my word for it – ask them. If you want to get dates in your 2011 diaries, the Summer Conference is at Woldingham in Surrey **1-5 August**; the Winter Conference is back at Stonhurst the same dates as last year, **28-30 December**.

University of Hertfordshire

Term begins again at the University of Hertfordshire tomorrow, Monday, 10 January, and we resume our student Sunday evening Masses at **6.00 pm** this evening. The CathSoc programme for the Spring Term is available on the Web site www.uhcathsoc.org.uk and the sheets at the back of church.