



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

£705.22

Thank-you

Parish Priest: *Fr. Mark Vickers*

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday: Year A



Fr. Mark writes: The Gospel reminds us that marriage in the first place concerns the relationship between God and His people, Christ and His Church – and we are all invited to the wedding feast of heaven. This is “the banquet of rich food” prepared by the Lord of hosts described by Isaiah. “Come to the wedding.” All we need is a wedding garment, the necessary disposition to get to heaven. The Church Fathers have understood this to mean clothing oneself in charity. The person who fails to show charity is the one who risks not getting to heaven. That is not God making a decision against us, but rather His respecting the consequences of our decisions.

Congratulations

We welcome Emmanuel Adejuwon, who is baptised this weekend.

Fr. Joe Boward, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Joe Boward, who died recently aged 80. A number of you may have known him from St. Bonaventure's, WGC or John Henry Newman School. His funeral is in his former parish of Poplar at **11 am this Wednesday, 12 October**.

Catholic Secondary School References

I am available again in the house to sign priest references **6-8 pm this Tuesday, 11 October**.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for primary school children in Year 3 or above who attend Mass will be the weekend of **19/20 May 2012**. The programme begins with a parents' meeting in the Hall at **3 pm next Sunday, 16 October**. Please complete and return a green application forms ASAP.

University of Hertfordshire

As well as being parish priest, Fr. Mark is also the Catholic Chaplain to the University. In term time we have a **6.00 pm Sunday Mass** for students. The UH Catholic Society has a wide range of spiritual and social events. See the programme at the back of church or www.uhcatsoc.org

Family Curry Evening

We have a Family Curry Evening in the Hall from **7 pm on Saturday, 29 October**. Tickets are limited in number and are available after the Sunday Masses : £5 for adults; £2.50 for under 16s. Any help in cooking and preparation, especially from parishioners from the Subcontinent, would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Fr. Mark

A Foretaste of Heaven

In June 2012 the universal Church will gather in Dublin to celebrate the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. The most recent faith-sharing booklet produced by the Diocese of Westminster is in preparation for that and to help us deepen our faith in the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ amongst us, through Scripture, prayers and reflections. The booklets are available from the Repository for £1.50, and can be used by small groups or individuals.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land : 10-17 November 2012

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be a memorable experience. There has been a great deal of interest in the parish with many people of all ages telling me that they are definitely coming. To guarantee a place you need to send your application form and deposit to Pax Travel by the end of this month. Non-parishioners will be able to book any remaining places after that date.

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

Safeguarding Officer
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

Daily Mass

There is no morning
Mass, Exposition or
Confessions next
Saturday, 15 October.
Mass and Confessions as
normal in the evening.

Quiz Night

The Friends of Nicholas
Breakspear have a Quiz
Night for teams of up to
six at **7.30 pm** this
Friday, 14 October to
raise funds for school
projects, including a new
minibus. Tickets
(including a hot supper)
are £5 for under 16s,
£8.50 for adults or £20 for
a family. See the poster at
the back of church for
further details.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 25: 6-10 Philippians 4: 6-9 Matthew 21: 33-43

Psalm 79 Response: **The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel**

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia**
I call you friends, says the Lord
Because I have made known to you
Everything I have learnt from my Father
Alleluia

Prayer of the Church : Week 4

Weekly Rotas

Flowers: Elsie & Netta **Church Cleaning:** Casey Crack & Elsie Judge
Shop: 18.00 Frances Nicholas 9.15 Maureen Irving 11.00 Audrey Palmer
Welcome: 18.00 Jose Braithwaite 9.15 Rosemary Curran 11.00 Leonorah Mashumba

Mass Intentions for the Week 2 – 9 October 2011

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| Saturday, 8 October | 18.00 | Carrie Brosnan, RIP |
| Sunday, 9 October | 9.15 | John & Aileen Quigley, RIP |
| | 11.00 | William Gillman, RIP |
| | 18.00 | Pro Populo |
| Monday, 10 October | 9.30 | Jack Martin, int. |
| Tuesday, 11 October | 9.30 | Christopher O'Toole, RIP |
| Wednesday, 12 October | 9.30 | Joseph Travers, RIP |
| Thursday, 13 October | 19.00 | Elizabeth Davin, Anniv. |
| <i>St. Edward the Confessor</i> | | |
| Friday, 14 October | 9.30 | Christopher O'Toole, RIP |
| Saturday, 15 October | | <i>No morning Mass</i> |
| <i>St. Teresa of Avila</i> | 18.00 | Kathleen Murphy, RIP |
| Sunday, 16 October | 9.15 | Marc & Vicky Sycamore, int. |
| | 11.00 | Christopher O'Toole, RIP |
| | 18.00 | Pro Populo |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Peggy Collins, Mike Faithfull, Tom Judge, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Thelma Marston, Sheila McAleer, Terry McKee, Joe McKenna, John Pym, Fionnuala Sheldrake, Bridie Sullivan and Anthony Wainwright

RCIA – Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA programme is for those who wish to become Catholic and adult Catholics who may have missed out on First Holy Communion or Confirmation as children. We meet at 8 pm on Monday evenings. Please feel free to join us.

Sanctuary Works

The walls behind the Lady Altar and the choir have been plastered, and will be painted when they dry. A start has been made to the tiling of the sanctuary floor and the improvements around the Lady Altar. To allow the workmen to continue without interruption, weekday Mass will be in the Hall for the next few days.

Grief to Grace : 23-28 October

This Catholic residential retreat, held at All Saints Pastoral Centre, London Colney, aims to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who may have suffered physical, emotional or sexual abuse at any point in their lives. It was pioneered by Dr. Theresa Burke, a leading expert in trauma theory and founder of Rachel's Vineyard. Through the work of expert facilitators and openness to Scripture and the sacraments, the Holy Spirit is given space to act on individual hearts and histories. For further information see the poster at the back of church or the Web site www.griegtograce.org