

**EVERYBODY'S WELCOME**

After "Listening 2004" and the subsequent report "Not easy but full of meaning", the Bishops of England and Wales have decided on a three phase follow-up programme with the priority in 2006 being the creation of welcoming, hospitable, family-friendly Parishes throughout the country. Bishop Deacon emphasized the need for this in his recent Pastoral Letter.

Our Parish Pastoral Team (PPT) are now considering what we can and should do in our Parish during – and beyond – 2006 in response to this urgent call from the Bishops; their ideas will be published as they emerge but this is not a programme which can be carried out by an individual or by a small team. It requires a whole-hearted, determined and sustained effort by the entire Parish.

With that in mind I should be most grateful if each of you would consider what you can do in your own particular circumstances to contribute to the overall success of this programme. Some ideas which have already been tried in various Parishes are as follows:

- Help aged and infirm parishioners to get to Mass
- Help to welcome existing parishioners, new parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass. Make them feel that they 'belong'.
- Speak to someone you do not know after Mass. Make a special effort to meet people in the Church Hall after 0930 hours Mass occasionally.
- Visit household parishioners in your local area. Perhaps arrange a house Mass
- Help to make the rear area of our Church more welcoming and informative
- Help parishioners in need. Provide understanding, friendship and support for all.

The Bishops recognise that this is a challenging concept and that not every Parish will be able to do everything but they feel that every Parish should be able to do something! St Peter's is already a friendly Parish but we can always do better!

(Father Michael)

**PRAYER CIRCLE**

The prayer circle wish the *pilgrims to the Holy Land* a happy and fruitful journey, and assure them of our prayers during their time there.

**HOLY ECHO HOLY**

Holy Holy Holy holy is the Lord God of power  
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 God of might Heaven and earth are filled with glory  
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Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest  
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Blessed Blessed Blessed is he who comes in God's name  
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**FINANCE**

**Weekend 15/16 April 2006:**

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places: £277.90.

Very many thanks for Easter Offerings totalling £1337.

**PARISH MEETING**

**Wed 17 May, 7 pm in the Hall.**

**PARISH WEBSITE**

Our site at [www.stpeterschurches.co.uk](http://www.stpeterschurches.co.uk) exists to inform parishioners, intending visitors and newcomers to the parish, Kathy and Roger Whitton in [churchweb@stpeterschurches.co.uk](mailto:churchweb@stpeterschurches.co.uk) develop the site and can be contacted if you can help in any way or have useful comments to make about improving the content.

**PARISH PASTORAL TEAM**

Meeting Monday 8 May, 7 pm in the Presbytery.

**PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY**

If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from a member of this team, would you please let us know by telephoning Pam Wallis on 01285 641918, or let Fr Michael have the details.

**EEK**

Apr Saint George, martyr, Patron of England. Mass 10 am

Apr Saint Mark, Evangelist. Mass 10 am

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Apr Saint Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe. Mass 10 am

Apr Confessions 10.30-11 am, 5-5.30 pm.

**Y for:**

ose who are sick, including Paula Manning, Dr O'Donovan, Mrs Osiak, Charlotte Bartlett, Deacon John, Mrs McSherry, Sheila McKeown, Colin Turner, Katherine Felix, Margaret Porter, Gordon King, Lucy Telling, Terry Hiteman, Dr Adams, Gwen Murphy, Tony Barry, Dorothy Godleman, Astrid Franco, Tom Tooley, Mrs Gatehouse, Clive Owlett, Mary Kinson, Athany Mickleburgh, Anna Peake, Angela Pilkington

ose whose anniversaries occur about this time, including William Follows

**the MONTH OF THE RESURRECTION**

days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated as one feast, known as EASTER. During the Great Easter we are asked to pray especially for: members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church, human

**R'S BOOK**

r prayers and intercessions, can be found at the back of the church.

**COMMUNION**

at Mass who are not in Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and who are not receiving Holy Communion, are warmly invited to come forward and sing. When approaching the celebrant, please fold your arms across your chest. We will know that you wish to receive a blessing.

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Permanent Deacon: Rev. J Fothergill

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalter week 2.

Readings (Year B) page 541.

Saturday 6 pm (Esther Taylor R.I.P.), 9.30 am

11 am

Acts 4/22-35

The first Christians.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1 John 3/1-6.

Children of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
 Alleluia!

John 20/9-31.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples.

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.



Sunday 23 April

First Mass of Sunday: Sunday Mass:

First Reading:

PSALM RESPONSE:

Second Reading:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GOSPEL:

COMMUNION ANTIPIHON: