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MASS TIMES

Marychurch/STM

Sunday Mass:

6pm (Sat.), 9.30am (STM),
& 11am

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.:
9.30am; Wed.: 7.30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 1030am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

St Peter's

Sunday Masses:

9.15am, 11am, & 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10am

**"My house shall be
called a house of prayer."**

*Before Mass - Talk to God
During Mass - Listen to God
After Mass - Talk to each
other.*



+ 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

"... faith apart from works is dead." (Jam. 2.26)

Martin Luther is said to have published his 95 Theses on 31 October 1517. In the first two theses, He claimed that faith alone (with God's grace, and without the need for any good work) is sufficient for anyone to be saved. His claim which formed the bedrock of his theology that contributed to the reformation appears to have been informed by a superficial reading of St Paul. In Romans 3.20, St Paul says that no one can be justified in God's sight by works of the law. "For we hold", he goes on, "that a person is justified by faith apart from works of law." (Rom. 3.28) He invokes the example of Abraham whose faith was reckoned as righteousness (Rom. 4.3; cf. Gen. 15.6), and concludes that the faith of anyone who does no work of law but trusts in the God who justifies the unglodly is also reckoned as righteousness (Rom.4.5). But St Paul is here talking about the irrelevance of Jewish cultural practices (not about the necessity of good works) for personal salvation. Salvation is not something we can claim any credit for, since it is beyond what we can achieve by the sheer exercise of our faculties. Rather, it is something we receive purely as a gift from God, but which, to be realised in us, requires our response in the form of our cooperation with grace expressed through good works. That is, the faith which justifies is in its very nature an active and living faith. It necessarily involves and expresses itself in good work that in turn completes (Jam. 2.22) and gives it life, else it is like a fossil that may have a paleontological value but, for practical purposes, is utterly useless (cf. Jam. 2.17). By His own conduct and teaching, Our Lord is clear about the kind of faith that justifes and saves – that faith which is interwoven with charity: He teaches: I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me a drink, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me . . . (Mt 25.43-46). Without good works such as these, personal salvation is utterly impossible.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Isa 50:5-9; **2nd Reading:** Jas 2:14-18; **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

Psalm: Ps 114 (115); *R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat., 15 th Sept. | | 6.00pm | James Leonard |
| Sun., 16th Sept. | + 24th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i> | 9.30am (STM) | John and Demaris Tomlin |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |
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| Mon., 17 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Jane and Arthur Wiseman, RIP |
| Tue., 18 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Margaret Kennedy, RIP |
| Wed., 19 th Sept. | Feria | 7.30pm | Mickey Kennedy, RIP |
| Thur., 20 th Sept. | Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Martyrs | 9.30am | Maxine Bruckner and family |
| Fri., 21st Sept. | ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist | 9.30am | Funeral Mass of John Scanlon |
| Sat., 22 nd Sept. | | 6.00pm | Patrick Flavin, RIP |
| Sun., 23rd Sept. | + 25th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.30am (STM) | Margaret and Tony Wilcock |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |

ST PETER'S

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| Sun., 16th Sept. | + 24th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i> | 9.15am | Mary Grace Zarb, RIP |
| | | 11.00am | Jacinto Rentuma, RIP |
| | | 6.00pm | Parishioner |
| Mon., 17 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Karen Fielding's and Jonathan Blunt's Intentions |
| Tue., 18 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Wed., 19 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Mrs Mary McNeilly |
| Thur., 20 th Sept. | Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Martyrs | 7.00pm | Private Intention |
| Fri., 21 st Sept. | ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist | NO MASS (Funeral Mass at Marychurch) | |
| Sat., 22nd Sept. | Feria | 10.30am | Maura Mannion, RIP |
| | | 2.00pm | SVP MASS FOR THE SICK |
| Sun., 23rd Sept. | + 25th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.15am | Private Intention |
| | | 11.00am | Ian Gaboll, Thanksgiving/Int. |
| | | 6.00pm | Parishioners |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Josie & Maurice

Ashwell, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Frank Cafferty, Patricia Dee, Louise Duncan, Linda Pullen, Joyce Davies, Anne Owens, Larry Carolan, and Sylvie Green.

Joyce would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday. She had some very special gifts, good wishes and cards.

The two parishes will hold a Send-Forth ceremony for Fr Pius, our former Assistant Priest, on **October the 7th**, starting with the 11.00 am Mass at St Peter's. We look forward to seeing at the occasion.

We will have with St Peter's **our Parish Retreat** this year on **Saturday, October the 27th**. It will be moderated by the Franciscans. Please put this date down in your diary.

Becoming a Catholic: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or in finding out more about the Church? Please talk to Father Julius or Father Livie at any time.

Application forms for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes are available at the back of the church. Parents/carers interested in their children participating in the programmes should complete the forms and return them to the Parish Secretary by Friday the 28th of September. A First Communion meeting for parents will take place on **Sunday, the 30th of September at St Peter's at 3.00 pm.**

'Moves are afoot to bring in anti-Christian censorship zones around abortion centres in the U.K. On Friday the 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com'

Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School warmly invites you to their Open Evening on Thursday 4th October 2018, 5.30pm – 8.30pm (Headteacher's Address will take place at 6.30 and 7.30pm.) This is an ideal opportunity for prospective families who are starting to consider secondary schools for their Children. Nicholas Breakspeare is a mixed secondary school providing Catholic Education in St Albans.

Come and join Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School Sixth Form. There are still courses available for you to join the NBS community which is considered in the top 10% of sixth forms in the country. The sixth form is welcoming and aspirational and our students benefit from small class sizes, a wide range of academic courses, as well as exceptional guidance and support. Contact Mr Laing (Head of Sixth Form) on laingc@nbs.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01727 860079 for more information.

Thank you for returning the hymn books/Mass cards to the shelves at the end of Mass.

Parish Office: MC/STM:
Wed - Fri.: 8.30am - 1.30pm;
SP: Tue., Wed., Fri.: 9.30am-
1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Mary Stephenson
01707 883653;
SP: Sue McLellen,
01707 646383
Email:
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned Giving: MC/STM:

Gillian Sutton, contact the
Parish Secretary 262439;
SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

Lead Catechist: Linda
Graham 07768 777768

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:
MC/STM: Parish Secretary

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions: MC/STM:

Sat., 5-5.45pm; or by request;
SP: Sat., 11am – 12 noon;
5-5.30 pm

Marriage: See Parish Priest;
6 months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Sacred Heart Novena:

MC/STM: Thur. after Mass;
SP: Fri. after Mass;

Rosary: MC: Mon. after
Mass; **STM:** Mon. 9.30am;
SP: Wed. after Mass;

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Succour: Tuesday
after Mass in both parishes

Christian Meditation:

MC: Wed. 8.00pm in term
time

Hatfield SVP:

07960 785673

St Pio Prayer Group:

SP: 1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

Prayer & Bible Study

Group: SP: Prayer &
Praise: 1st & 3rd Sun.,
4:30 - 5:45pm; Bible Study
& Prayer: 2nd & 4th Thur.:
7:30-8:45pm.

Tea & Coffee: After 11am

Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Suggestion/Comment Box:

There is a box on the table in
the porch, if you wish to
express any suggestions or
comments in relation to either
parish.

St Philip Howard:

Primary: 01707 263969

Nicholas Breakspear: Senior

Mixed – 01727 860079

Loreto College, St Albans:

01727 856206

Catholic Chaplaincy Lister

Hospital: John O'Neil,
01438 285518

Proclaim Our Lady of

Fatima Family Rosary:

Contact: Lucia Federici:
07933 436387; Email:
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ndergarten.co.uk.

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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