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23 September 2018

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.*



+ 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly.”
(James 4.3)

While training to be a teacher in the 1940s, Tai Solarin fasted and prayed day and night, asking God to let him be posted not to a rural community after his qualification, but to a big city. When the posting came, however, he was sent to a rural school – the exact opposite of what he sought. The result? Tai severed all his relationship with God and became a die-hard atheist. He said: Why have anything to do with God who does not keep His word and answer prayers? He died in 1994, still the atheist he had become. In Matthew 7.7 the Lord tells us to “ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” This text, repeated verbatim in Luke (11.9) and with variations in Mark (11.24) and John (15.7; 16.23-24), is most likely the actual words of Jesus, and it is inconceivable that He did not mean exactly what they say. However, from experience we know that not everyone who asks always receives, or who seeks that always finds, or who knocks that always has the door opened to them. There are several reasons why our prayers may not be answered. It could be that we pray wrongly, or simply for the wrong object or purpose (Jam. 4.3). For our prayer to be granted: (a) we must pray both in the name (Jn 14.14; 16.23) and according to the holy will of Christ (1 Jn 5.14); (b) the Holy Spirit has to be the object of our prayer (Lk 11.13); (c) we must abide in Christ and His word must abide in us (Jn 15.7); (d) we must keep God’s commandments and do what pleases Him (1 Jn 3.22), keeping in mind that God does not listen to sinners (Jn 9.31); (e) we must pray with faith and confidence, believing that our prayer will be answered (Mk 11.24; Mt 21.21-22; 17.20-21; Lk 17.6). The mind of Christ may well be that our prayer will be answered, but not in the manner we want it or even in our lifetime; we must be open to that possibility and wait on God with patience and humility.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Wis. 2.12, 17-20; **2nd Reading:** Jam. 3.16-4.3; **Gospel:** Mark 9.30-37

Psalm: Ps 53 (54): 3-6. 8; **R/:** *The Lord upholds my life.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. I Am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat., 22 nd Sept. | | 6.00pm | Patrick Flavin, RIP |
| Sun., 23 rd Sept. | + 25th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.30am (STM) | Margaret and Tony Wilcock |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |
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| Mon., 24 th Sept. | Our Lady of Walsingham | 9.30am | Fr Bernard Lang, RIP |
| Tue., 25 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP |
| Wed., 26 th Sept. | Feria | 7.30pm | Mr and Mrs Harris |
| Thur., 27 th Sept. | St Vincent de Paul, Priest | 9.30am | Katie Garrod and Family |
| Fri., 28 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Doris Townsend, RIP |
| | | 12.30pm | Funeral: John Scanlon |
| Sat., 29 th Sept. | | 6.00pm | Parishioners |
| Sun., 30 th Sept. | + 26th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i> | 9.30am (STM) | Patrick Gavin, RIP |
| | | 11.00am | Watson family |
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ST PETER'S

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| Sun., 23 rd Sept. | + 25th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.15am | George Andrews, RIP |
| | | 11.00am | Ian Gaboll, Thanksgiving/Int. |
| | | 6.00pm | Parishioners |
| Mon., 24 th Sept. | Our Lady of Walsingham | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Tue., 25 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Wed., 26 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Sheila & Pat Flanagan, RIP |
| Thur., 27 th Sept. | St Vincent de Paul, Priest | 7.00pm | Private Intention |
| Fri., 28 th Sept. | Feria | | Private Intention |
| Sat., 29 th Sept. | Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Sun., 30 th Sept. | + 26th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i> | 9.15am | Private Intention |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |
| | | 6.00pm | Cor Christi Sisters |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lois Parker, 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.

HOME MISSION APPEAL: A diocesan **Home Mission Appeal Second Collection** will be take at all Masses on **October the 7th**. Your generous support will be appreciated.

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. A second collection for that purpose will be taken next Sunday, the 30th.

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.

First Holy Communion: A limited number of application forms for this programme are available at the back of the Church. Completed forms and payment should be returned to the Parish Secretary by **Friday, 28th September**, if you would like your child to take part in the programme. A meeting for parents/carers to talk about the programme will take place on **Sunday, the 30th of September at 3pm at St Peter's church hall at 3pm.**

Children's Mass will take place on **Sunday, the 5th of October**. If your child would like to do a reading or participate during the Mass, please arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass so we can practise.

Confirmation and RCIA: Forms for the programmes are available at the back of the church. The completed forms should be returned to the parish office.

'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.

World Youth Day 2019: Bursary Available: The next World Youth Day takes place in Panama, January 2019. The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults from ages 18-35. If any young people in the parish are interested in joining the pilgrimage, they are invited to contact youth@rcdow.org.uk. Bursaries of up to 50% of the cost are available. Spaces are limited. Hence, interested youth are requested to contact Youth Ministry as soon as possible.

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; **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:
luciafederici@mountcarmelki
ndergarten.co.uk.

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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