

Volume 2, No. 2
9 December 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.*



+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

“But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law . . .” (Gal. 4.4)

In the past 100 years, the ‘Historical Jesus’ movement – a naturalist philosophical movement – has been trying futilely to separate the Jesus of history from Jesus of myth and of faith. In this effort, it is dismissive of the claim to history of the gospel accounts of Jesus, on the ground that the accounts contain things that naturally simply could not happen, for instance, the virgin birth of Jesus, the miracles He worked, and His resurrection. The movement apparently does not take seriously the testimonies of St Peter and St John – two of the people who witnessed firsthand most of the events of Jesus in His adult life. “For we did not follow cleverly devised myths”, St Peter says, “when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.” (2 Pt 1.16) St John is even more emphatic: “That which was from the beginning, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands . . . that which we have seen and heard, we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us . . .” (1 Jn 1.1-4) In that line, today’s gospel (Lk 3.1-6) carefully details the ruling political figures and their respective provinces of the time that St John the Baptist appeared to prepare the way for Jesus. These (and other biblical and extra-biblical) testimonies underline the fact that in the fullness of time, God, taking on Himself our fallen human nature and all its weaknesses – except sin – definitively entered our historical context, to be like us in “every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.” (Heb. 2-17-18). Having chosen in this way to be like us, He was not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters (Heb. 2.11) – something none of us deserves, but of which all of us ought to be proud.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9; **2nd Reading:** Phil. 1.3-6, 8-11; **Gospel:** Luke 3.1-6
Psalms: Ps 125 (126); **R/:** *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 8 th Dec..	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	John Slean, RIP
Sun., 9th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Mieczyslawa Kazula, RIP
Mon. 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Margaret Barnard, RIP
Wed. 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Thanksgiving
Thur. 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	9.30pm	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Fri., 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Fr Michael Lambert, RIP
Sat., 15 th Dec..	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Patrick Flavin, RIP
Sun., 16th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 9th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon. 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Christopher Hancock, RIP
Tue., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed. 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Lisa Christopher Robertson, RIP
Thur. 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 15 th Dec..	Advent Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
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		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Leish Prendergast, Joyce Davies, Mairead Waugh, Josie and Maurice Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Frank Cafferty, Patricia Dee, Louise Duncan, Linda Pullen, Anne Owens, Cath. O'Brien, Beverley Atkins, and Larry Carolan.

There will be Mass to usher in the New Year on December the 31st at 10.30pm.
Please join us in a vigil of prayer and praise.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND: Places are still available for the parish pilgrimage to Ireland, 27 - 31 May 2019. The details are on the noticeboard. For the booking form or any question, please contact Lynda O'Reilly on 07958721336, or lyndadawn2003@yahoo.com.

RCIA: The 2018/2019 programme has started at St Peter's. Adult Catholics who have not received the sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation or both, and non-Catholics who wish to become Catholics can still join the programme by completing the forms at the back of the church and returning them to the parish office.

ST PETER'S The parish Christmas lunch scheduled for today has been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. The Christmas party for children still remains on Saturday 5 January 2019. More details shortly. Please contact Tony Dodd: 01707 646383.

Old Hatfield Residents Association invite you to join them at the annual **CAROLS IN THE SQUARE** today, Sunday December the 9th, from 5.30pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in Marychurch Hall. Collection for the Hatfield Night Shelter (75%) and Marychurch. All are very welcome.

Carols in the Cloisters, Friday the 14th of Dec., 6.30-8.30pm at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway, WGC AL8 6JG: An evening of carols; everyone is welcome! Calling all children! Come and join with us to sing and celebrate the coming of Jesus! If you have a traditional costume, do wear it, if not come as a shepherd, king, or angel - or come just as you are! Light refreshments, all contributions of savoury or sweet finger food most welcome. Thanks a lot

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Michael Lambert AA**, a priest serving in Stevenage Deanery as the parish priest of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Hitchin, who died on Sunday the 2nd of December. Fr Michael's body will be received into the church on Sunday the 16th at 4.30pm. His funeral Mass will take place there on Monday the 17th at 11am.

CAFOD Word Gifts brochures are available at the back of the Churches. Please do take a copy.

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

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:

MC/STM: Sat., 5-5.45pm; or on request;
SP: Sat., 11 am – 12 noon;
5-5.30 pm; or on request

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

Sacred Heart Novena:

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

Rosary: MC: Mon. after Mass;
STM: Mon., 9.00am
SP: Wed. after Mass;

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Tuesday after Mass in both parishes

Christian Meditation:

MC: Wed. 8pm in term time

Hatfield SVP:

07960 785673

St Pio Prayer Group:

SP: 1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

Proclaim Our Lady of

Fatima Family Rosary:

Contact: Lucia Federici:
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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

Parish Office:

MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:
8.30am - 1.30pm;

SP: Tue., Wed., Fri.: 8.30am-
1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
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MC/STM: Gillian Sutton;
Parish Secretary: 262439;

SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

Lead Catechist: Linda
Graham, 07768 77768

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:

MC/STM: Parish Secretary

SP: Parish Secretary

Tea & Coffee: After 11am
Mass in both parishes. Please,
join us.

Suggestion/Comment Box:

Please use the box on the table
in the porch, if you wish to
express a suggestion or
comment on any parish matter.

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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