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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.*



## + 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

**“Be compassionate as you Father is compassionate.”**  
(Luke 6.36)

Compassion, often used interchangeably with ‘mercy’ in the Scripture, is primarily a divine attribute. It has its roots in the Latin word, ‘*compassio*’, and means ‘a sympathetic consciousness of others’ distress together with a desire to alleviate it’ (*Webster Dictionary*). It is used severally in the Scripture to describe both the identity (Ps 103.8; 116.5) and a certain act of God (Exod. 33.19; 34.6; Is 49.13; Lk 15.20; Heb. 4.15). Its antonyms include ‘callousness’, ‘cold-heartedness’, ‘hardheartedness’, and ‘heartlessness.’ Our Lord expressed this attribute every time, especially when met with the people’s distress. On each occasion, He not only felt with and for the people, He also suffered with them in their distress, bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows (Is 53.4). He then provided the practical help the people needed: He healed their sick (Mt 20.34), satisfied their spiritual hunger with truth and their bodily need with bread (Mt 9.36; 14.14; 15.32; Mk 6.34; 8.2-3); He restored life to the dead and hope to the bereaved (Lk 7.13). Such a flood of mercy and compassion that He showed was in fact the sure sign both of the reign of God (Lk 7.18-23; Mt 11.2-6), and of the fulfilment in Himself of the ancient prophecies about the coming of the Messiah (Lk 4.18-21). He then commanded that we have the same heart and attitude that our Father has (Lk 6.36). Having been created in God’s own image (Gen. 1.27), being compassionate is one way we resemble God. But after we had lost it through hardness of heart, God promised to rid us of our stony hearts and to replace them with a heart of flesh instead (Ezek. 11.19; 36.26) – a heart that is open to others, feels their pains, and readily helps, shows kindness and liberality to all, loves everyone and discriminates against no one, bears no grudges and keeps no score of wrongs, broods not over hurts, and bears no bitterness towards anyone person.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Sam. 26.2,7-9,12-13,22-23; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Cor. 15.45-49; **Gospel:**

Luke 6.27-38

**Psalm:** Ps 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13; **R/:** *The Lord is compassion and love.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!*

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>+ 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Germaine Overton, RIP
		<b>(STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maria and Felly Fernandes, RIP
Mon., 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Pamela Gonsalves, RIP
Tue., 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Wed., 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>N O M A S S</b>		
Thur., 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30am	John De Sousa, RIP
Fri., 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Feria	9.30am	May Kelly
Sat., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.</b>	<b>+ 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Germaine and Fred Overton, RIP
		<b>(STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Private Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Sarah Brennan, Anniversary
Tue., 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Indram and Family Intentions
Wed., 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>N O M A S S</b>		
Thur., 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	Sylvia Davin, RIP
Fri., 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar..	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.	St David	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.</b>	<b>+ 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Michael Bruton, Anniversary
		<b>11.00am</b>	P. D. Antony, RIP
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention

**Sick and Housebound:** Please pray for Noreen Withall, Willy and 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.

**World Day of Prayer.** This year the service to be held together with other Hatfield churches is prepared by Women of Slovenia. You are all invited to join them on Friday March the 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am at Gracemead House opposite Asda. Please see posters in porches for further details. "Come Everything is Ready."

**The family of the late Thomas Keohane** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support regarding Thomas.

**The Parish would still appreciate any volunteer help with the cleaning of the parish on an ad hoc basis please.** Please contact Yvette on 01707 262439. Thank you.

**St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School** is recruiting 2 teachers for April and September 2019. If you would like to join our friendly, supportive team, please find more details on [www.teachinherts.com](http://www.teachinherts.com), or contact Mairead Waugh, Headteacher, on 01707 263969.

**The national Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 11 to 18 March 2019. Please see the notice board for details on how to receive a Novena booklet, or alternatively, you may email to [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

**On the Feast of the Annunciation 25 March 2019** there will be a Pilgrimage to Walsingham with coach from St Albans, to pray for the Sanctity of Life. Holy Mass in Walsingham at 12noon. The cost is £20 with special price for families. Coach will pick up from Galleria, Hatfield. To book or for further info please contact Rosemary Roscoe: 07723 546642 [rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com).

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday the 8th of June 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, or 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please add your details to the sign up sheet at the back of Church. Thank you.

**The Cotter School of Irish Dancing lessons** are being held in Marychurch Hall on Tuesday's during term time at 5.15pm for one hour. All children are welcome from the age of 3 upwards. The first session is free and then it is £5 per session payable weekly. If you would like to attend then please email Laura at [thecotterschoolofid@gmail.com](mailto:thecotterschoolofid@gmail.com).

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. monthly, 6pm

**Proclaim Our Lady of**

**Fatima Family Rosary:**

Contact: Lucia Federici:  
07933 436387; Email:  
luciafederici@mountcarmel  
kindergarten.co.uk.

**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,  
01707 275214; Email:  
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**Planned Giving:**

**MC/STM:** Gillian Sutton;  
C/O 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 at the back of Church,  
if you wish to express a  
suggestion or comment on  
any parish matter.

Last Week's Collection

**Thank you.**

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