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**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT**



St Peter's Catholic Church is a welcoming missionary parish committed to spreading the gospel values of love and service to all through our community worship and by responding with compassion and love to the needs of our parish and the wider community, so that we, like St Peter, may spread the Good News and in the end attain eternal life with Christ in heaven.

MASS TIMES

St Peter's

Sunday Mass:

9.15am, 11am, 2pm &
6pm

Weekday Mass:

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.: 9.10 am

Marychurch/STM

Sunday Mass:

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

Weekday Mass:

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

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 10.30am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (Jn 1.29)

Among the many common titles of Our Lord is “The Lamb of God”. It was first used by the Baptist to identify Him (Jn 1.29-36). A lamb is naturally a gentle animal. Its white coat is a rich symbol of purity and innocence. To figuratively call Our Lord ‘lamb’ is thus to affirm His meekness and gentleness’ (Mt 11.29), innocence, and utter sinlessness (1 Pt 2.22; 2 Cor. 5.21; Heb. 4.15; 1 Jn 3.5). He was the ‘lamb unblemished and spotless’ (1 Pt 1.18-19). But He was not just ‘a lamb’; He was ‘the Lamb who was slain’ (Apoc. 5.6,9,12; 13.8), the lamb God Himself would provide for the burnt offering (Gen. 22.8). This Lamb was offered in sacrifice, as the Baptist testified, to take away the sin of the world (Jn 1.29). In the ancient time, the Passover lamb was killed and its blood became a sign that saved the Israelites from the destroying angel (Exod. 12.1-27). Our Lord was the new ‘Paschal Lamb’ who was sacrificed (1 Cor. 5.7). Just as animals were sacrificed and their blood used to purify both things and people (Lev. 4.35), Our Lord shed His blood to purify us of our dead works (Heb. 9.13-14); He ransomed us for God (Apoc. 5.9) and secured the permanent perfection of all He was sanctifying (Heb. 10.9-18). By His blood, then, believers conquer sin and death, and their eternal enemy, the devil (Apoc. 12.11). He was the lamb prophesied by Isaiah who was led to the slaughter, not opening His mouth (Is. 53.7). But unlike the unwilling scapegoat laden with the sins of the people (Gen. 16.20-22), the Lamb of God willingly went to the cross (Phil. 2.8) and chose to sacrifice Himself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us for Himself (Tit. 2.14).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 49.3,5-6**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 1.1-3**; Gospel: **John 1.29-34**.

Psalm: **Ps 39(40).2,4.7-10**; R/: *Here I Am, Lord! I come to do Your will.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 19th Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.15am	Margaret & David Grundy's 60 th
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 20 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 21 st Jan.	St Agnes	9.30am	Minna Brown's Intention
Wed., 22 nd Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Mary Faithfull's Intention
Thur., 23 rd Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 24 th Jan.	St Francis de Sales	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 25 th Jan.	Conversion of St Paul	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 26th Jan.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 18 th Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sun., 19th Jan.		9.30am	Thelma Liesner, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 20 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Thomas Keohane, RIP
Tue., 21 st Jan.	St Agnes	9.30am	Gaynor Driscoll
Wed., 22 nd Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	Ernest and Dorothy Davies, RIP
Thur., 23 rd Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 24 th Jan.	St Francis de Sales	12 noon	<i>Funeral Mass: Maurice Scally, RIP</i>
Sat. 25 th Jan.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 26th Jan.		9.30am	Timmy Horgan, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Maurice Scally, RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Pat and Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Theresa Chatfield, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

YEAR OF THE WORD: We will be launching our **Year of the Word on Sunday, January the 26th**, which has been designated as Sunday of the Word of God.

Youth Ministry: As we start a New Year this is a great opportunity to make a positive change and make a real difference to the lives of our young people.

Our exciting new youth club project has been approved and funded by the diocese, but can't begin without the necessary support of volunteers. This could include working as part of a team helping to supervise the children, dealing with admin, helping with a sport or craft activity or being a listening ear. Just 2 hours support weekly, fortnightly or monthly (depending on what suits you) on a Friday evening is what we need. The time slots are either 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. or 6.30-8.30 pm.

Will you commit to making a big difference in the lives of the youth of our community? Please do if you can. To find out more and get involved, contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768.

No previous experience of giving youth programme support is necessary, so if you'd like to help out, there's an opportunity waiting for you.

Let's make the new year and the new project great for our youngsters.

Annual Mass of the Sick: The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 8 Feb. 2020 at 2pm and will be led by Cardinal Vincent. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. All are invited. Any parishioner who will be attending in a wheelchair should please send their name, their parish, the name of the person

accompanying them, and their contacts to Oliver Delargy, PA to Bishop Paul McAleenan, by email to oliverdelargy@rcdow.org.uk by Friday, 31 January 2020, to ensure that the appropriate space is reserved in the Cathedral.

Film Night: Following our successful film night in November last year we are holding a second one next Saturday 25th January on the church hall from 7 pm, with cafe style seating. The main event will be the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" with lots of well known songs. Entry is free and there will be refreshments and nibbles available. For more information Tony Dodd 01707 646383

New Parishioners' Evening: Have you joined the parish in the last 12 months? Did you complete the registration form? If not please complete one today so that you will receive an invitation to our New Parishioners' Evening.

CAFOD information Morning – Sat. 25th January 10am-12.30pm, Lambeth North: CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with a guest speaker, who has first-hand experience of our work in Zimbabwe. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. Meeting will take place from 10am – 12.30pm at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Bookings required and taken on 0208 449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk.

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

Parish Office: SP: Tue.,
Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm;

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: SP:
Sue McLellen, 07710978770;
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk;
MC/STM: Angela Madden
01707275214

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton;
Parish Secretary: 01707262439

Lead Catechist: Linda
Graham, 07768777768

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

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation is obligatory

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

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

Sacred Heart Novena: SP:
Fri. after Mass; **MC/STM:**
Thur. after Mass

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

**Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour:** Tuesday
after Mass in both parishes

Christian Meditation:
MC: Wed. 8.00pm in term
time
Hatfield SVP: 07960785673

St Pio Prayer Group: SP:
1st Thur Monthly at 6pm

**Proclaim Our Lady of
Fatima Family Rosary:**
Contact: Lucia Federici,
07933 436387; Email:
lucia.federici@mountcarmelkindergarten.co.uk

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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: From 19 Jan.

Violet and Annah

Flowers: For 26 Jan./2 Feb.

Christine

“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.*

Catholic Chaplaincy Lister

Hospital: John O’Neil,
01438 285518

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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.

Text: ParishHATSO to 70800 to
donate £5 through your mobile
phone.

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