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MASS TIMES

St Peter's

Sunday Mass:

9.15am, 11am, & 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

**“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.*



+ 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“Which commandment is the first of all? (Mark 12.28)

The Ten Commandments are the well-known religious and moral principles God gave to humankind on Mount Sinai (Exod. 20.1-17), to order the relation of human beings to God and to one another. The first three (Exod. 20.1-11) deal with our relation to God, and the other seven (Exod. 20.12-17) focus on our interpersonal relationship. By the time of Our Lord, the Jewish leaders had, by drawing from the Torah (or the Law, that is, the first 5 books of the Bible), the rabbinical teachings, and the Jewish customs, amplified those commandments into 613 rules or *halacha* governing practically all aspects of Jewish life. Our Lord described those rules as ‘heavy burdens, hard to bear’ (Mt 23.4). We can only imagine how extremely hard it was at the time for anyone to fully understand and keep them all. At face value, what Our Lord did by summarising the whole law and the prophets simply as love of God and love of neighbour (Mk 12.29-32; Mt 22.37-40; Lk 10.27) might seem to be a simplification of a very complicated set of rules. But in fact, He introduced a totally new perspective to all God’s law and its observance that wraps them up, establishing them on the foundation of love as their *raison d’etre*. Thenceforward, law and its observance would no longer serve only to restrict people and their conduct in order to serve God out of fear or to protect life, limb, and property, or simply to meet the demands of justice; they would become an expression of love which both encompasses and transcends the demands of justice. This love directed to God and to neighbour is an indivisible reality; it fulfils the whole law since, by its very nature, it cannot wrong either God or neighbour (Rom. 13.8-10) or do anything (1 Cor. 13.4-7) that law usually seeks to forestall and to punish. It is the first commandment, because it is the foundation of all God’s commandments. It begins with God as its origin, ends with Him as its summit, and requires that we do everything that God commands (John 14.15; 15.9-17; 1 John 5.3).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Deut 6.2-6; **2nd Reading** Heb. 7.23-28; **Gospel:** Mark 12.28-34

Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.2; R/: *I love You, Lord, my strength.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 4th Nov.	+ 31ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Lorna Ahsan
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 5 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Fran Shumba's Family Intentions
Tue., 6 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 7 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 8 th Nov.	Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 9 th Nov.	Dedication of Lataran Basilica	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 10 th Nov.	St Leo the Great	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 11th Nov.	+ 32ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Brian Browne, RIP
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 27 th Oct.	+ 31ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sun., 4th Nov.		9.30am (STM)	Noemi and Elias Gonsalves, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 5 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Patrick Farrelly, RIP
Tue., 6 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Wed., 7 th Nov.	Feria	7.30pm	Private intention
Thur., 8 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri., 9 th Nov.	Dedication of Lataran Basilica	9.30am	Vincent Hwan Kim, RIP
Sat., 10 th Nov.	+ 32ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	John and Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 11th Nov.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Mairead Waugh, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine Coulson, Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDomald, Sharon Childs, and Agnes Clark.

Mission Sunday Collection: £208.52. Thank you for your generous support.

Sick & Retired Priests' Collection next week, to support the sick and retired priests of Westminster Diocese. Your generous donation helps ensure that these priests, having followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when sick or retired. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover their medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy: active, retired or ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Blessing of Graves. The blessing of graves at St Luke's Cemetary will take place at 12.30pm and at Southway Cemetery at 2.00pm, both on Sunday the 18th of November.

Annual Requiem Mass for the parishioners who died during the year on Friday the 16th of November at 7.00pm. Please join us to pray for our deceased parishioners.

Next Sunday, November the 11th, is Remembrance Sunday.

Confirmation: Forms for the 2018/2019 programme are available at the back of the church. The completed forms should be returned to the parish office.

BINGO night on **November the 10th** at 7.30pm for 7.45pm.

Mary's Meals and Table Top Sale - Saturday 10th November, St Peter's Hall: Please join us on Saturday the 10th of November at 12pm for a simple lunch of soup and bread, all for a donation of £2 to Mary's Meals. More information from Mary Faithfull. At the same time, we will be holding a table top sale to raise funds to renew the tables and chairs in the hall. If you would like to clear some clutter and recycle items you no longer need - book a table with Tony Dodd on 646383.

Gen Verde Concert: Tuesday 13th November, 7.30pm, Christ Church Baptist, 20 Tewin Rd, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1BW: Gen Verde is an International Performing Arts Group of the Focolare Movement. Their music and choreographies express their own experiences of living the Gospel and working for peace. Since the 20 artists come from 14 different countries, their styles are very varied and their concerts are suitable for people of all ages (from 8 years old upwards). Tickets £7.00 each. (Family ticket £15) Tickets also available on the door. Contact Joy Watters on 07710090150 for further info..

St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School Open Morning for all parents and carers of children who will be applying to Nursery and Reception for September 2019 **on Tue. November the 13th at 9.30am.** Please come along to hear about our school. For further information, please contact the school office on 01707 263969.

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

Safeguarding Officer: SP:
Sue McLellen, 01707 646383;
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01707 883653

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;
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01707269693

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**

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

Weekly Rota:
Cleaning: From 4 Nov.
Henry & Janet Cornelius

Flowers: 4 & 11 Nov.
Roshan & Harshani

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.

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**Proclaim Our Lady of
Fatima Family Rosary:**
Contact: Lucia Federici,
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ndergarten.co.uk

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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

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