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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.*



+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

“. . . look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Lk 21.28)

The Advent season begins a new ecclesial calendar year. It will be followed by the Christmas Season, a brief spell of the Ordinary Season, Lent, the Easter Season, and the rest of the Ordinary Season. The Church chiefly uses 4 different colours for these and other liturgical celebrations during the year. Purple or violet is used for Advent. Symbolising royalty, it captures the Christian expectancy for the birth of the great King (cf. Jer. 23.5; Zech. 9.9; Mt 2.2; Jn 1.49). As a symbol also for pain, penance, humility, suffering, and sadness, it is used too during Lent to renounce our sinfulness, seek repentance, and do penance, and for the sad occasions of funerals, to mourn loved ones. It is the colour of the skull caps and sashes of bishops. During the Christmas and Easter seasons, the liturgical colour changes to white, the symbol of purity, sanctity, reverence, respect, and virtue. This colour is also used for the feasts of Our Lord (excepting those connected to His suffering and death), Our Lady, the saints who did not die as martyrs, and most of the sacraments. When used for funerals, especially of those who die very old, it points to the resurrection. It can be replaced with gold – a symbol of joy, majesty, and great value. It is the traditional colour of the pope's cassock, skull cap, and sash. Red is the colour of fire and symbolises the burning fire of God's love, the presence of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2.3-4), blood, passion, and martyrdom. It is used for the feasts of the Holy Spirit, the Passion of Our Lord, Palm Sunday, the Triumph of the Cross, Confirmation, and the feasts of martyrs. It is also the colour that cardinals use for their skull caps and sashes. Green which symbolises vegetation, life, hope, and renewal, is used during the Ordinary Season to remind us that we are marching in hope towards the fullness of life with Christ in heaven. This sequence of the use of the liturgical colours goes back to the outline given by Pope Innocent III in 1198.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Jer. 33.14-16; **2nd Reading:** 1 Thes. 3.12-4.2; **Gospel:** Lk 21.25-28,34-36

Psalm: Ps 24 (25):4-5,8-9,10,11; **R/:** *To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 2nd Dec.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Thomas Neville, RIP
		11.00am	Samuel Nwachukwu, Thanksgiving
		6.00pm	Parishioers
Mon., 3 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Christine & Family Intention
Tue., 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Sabina Delaney (Sick)
Wed., 5 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Helen McDonagh, RIP
Thur., 6 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Patrick & Alice McCann & Family
Fri., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	All in Bible Studies's Intentions
Sat., 8 th Dec.	Immaculate Conception of BVM	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 9th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 1 st Dec.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 2nd Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Fred Overton, RIP
		11.00am	Sr Michael
Mon., 3 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Tue., 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 5 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Benie Brophy, RIP
Thur., 6 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Joyce Davies
Sat., 8th Dec.	Immaculate Conception of BVM	9.30 am	Private Intention
		6.00pm	John Slean, RIP
Sun., 9th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week</i>	9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Mieczyslawa Kazula, RIP

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Aileen Freeman, 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 MacDonald, Sharon Childs, and Agnes Clark.

We warmly welcome to our holy Catholic family our little brother, **Samuel Obinnaya Peter Nwachukwu**, who will be baptised during the 11am Mass, and our other little sister and brothers, **Disney Arabella Whelan**, **Ezra Kwarteng**, and **Micah Kwarteng** who were baptised on Saturday December the 1st.

Saturday December the 8th is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patron of the diocese**, and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Confirmation: LAST CHANCE to get your Confirmation forms submitted. No new applications will be accepted after the 5th of December.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND: Places are still available for the parish pilgrimage to Ireland from 17 to 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.

The parish Christmas lunch will take place on **Sunday December the 9th** this year after the 11am Mass. Tickets will cost £5 and will be available from this Sunday the 25th of November. There will be a separate Christmas party for children on Saturday 5 January 2019 with more details shortly. Contact Tony Dodd: 01707 646383.

On **Friday December the 7th**, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed and really do save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com.

Old Hatfield Residents Association invite you to join us at the annual **CAROLS IN THE SQUARE** on 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.

Musicians and Retired Musicians: We are looking to build our stock of orchestral instruments at NBS. We would like to offer secondary school students the same chances they are given at primary to learn instruments. Unfortunately we do not have the instruments available to lend out to students who would like to learn. We would like to ask if you could look through your loft and see if there is a student violin or flute, cello or trumpet, or anything else musical for that matter, that you can donate to give a new chance at creating a young musician. Please get in touch, and thank you.

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

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;
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@safegu
ardrcdow.org.uk;

MC/STM:

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton,
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 25 Nov.
V. Dumba & A. Mhishi

Flowers: For 2/9 Dec.
Olive Malsher

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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01438 285518

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

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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

Parish Clergy: Fr Livie Onyebuchi msp; Email: livinusonyebuchi@rcdow.org.uk
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