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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.*



## + 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice”** (Gal. 4.4)

Every Sunday is the day of the Lord, the day of joy, the day Our Lord rose from death (CCC, 1193). On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate Sunday*, we are particularly ordered to rejoice, to express our joy specially in our worship in line with the ancient biblical practice (cf. Ps 27.6; 32.11; 33.1; 35.27; 43.4; 45.15; 47.1; 66.1), and, most importantly, to enter into the joy of Our Lord (Mt 25.21,23). This joy is the experience of great delight and contentment the Lord wants to share with us to the full (Jn 17.13), to remain in us, and to attain its fullness in us (Jn 15.11; 16.24). It is spiritual in nature and, so, deep, interior, and long-lasting. It does not depend on external events, nor is anyone or anything capable of taking it away from us (Jn 16.22). It is experienced by those who discover the true meaning of life by practising charity, the virtues, self-giving, and self-denial, and, in doing so, have attained some level of self-fulfilment. Joy in this sense is associated principally with the Holy Spirit as its source (Acts 13.52; Gal. 5.22), with faith in Christ (1 Pt 1.8), with the Christian hope (Rom. 5.2; 12.12), with righteousness and peace (Rom. 14.17), with the future glory (Rom. 5.2), with our names being written in heaven (Lk 10.20), and even with affliction and suffering endured for the sake of Christ and God's kingdom (Mt 5.11-12; Rom. 5.3; 2 Cor. 6.10; 8.2; Heb. 12.2; 1 Thes. 1.6; Jam. 1.2). Those who are capable of rejoicing in this way are thus those who recognise the utter dependence of all things on God (CCC, 301), and who, from that discovery, seek God as the highest Good with sincere hearts (Ps 105.3). They find their joy in the Lord (Neh. 8.10; Ps 5.11; 4.7; 16.11; 20.5; 21.6). Like St Paul and the apostles, they also find their joy in the Church (cf. Rom. 15.13; 1 Thes. 2.20; 3.9; Phil. 2.2; 4.1; 2 Cor. 2.3; Jn 3.4), and in other people (cf. Phil. 1.7; 2 Tim. 1.4). Even still on earth, they share with angels in the eternal bliss and rejoice in their salvation.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zeph. 3.14-18; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Phil. 4.4-7; **Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

**Psalm:** Is. 12; *R/:* **Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. The spirit of the Lord has been given to Me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Bobby McGrath, 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Thur., 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Tessa & Rajeev Johnson, Baby's Safe Delivery
Fri., 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Howard and Paul Seedall, RIP
Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30am	Louis Chike Chiejina, 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention

### MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Patrick Flavin, RIP
<b>Sun., 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Special Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Thanksgiving
Tue., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Rita Leonard
Thur., 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri., 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Stephen Brennan, RIP
Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Bishop Raul Gonsalves
		<b>11.00am</b>	Gordon and Ethel Richardson

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Lily Clark, Aileen Freeman, Mairead Waugh, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, 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, Patricia Hayward, and Agnes Clark.

**This Saturday, December the 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have a **general cleaning of our church** for Christmas, beginning at 11.00 noon. There will be tea and coffee. Please, come and join us to prepare our church for the celebration of Our Lord's nativity. Thank you.

**Christmas flowers.** Could we please have a special collection for extra flowers for Christmas this weekend. Thank you.

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

**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.

**FAMILY ROSARY 2019:** You are warmly invited to Mass at 10.00am on Tuesday January the 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, the feast of Mary Mother of God, followed by the Rosary. This is to launch our second year of the weekly house to house Family Rosary. If you would like to say the Rosary and host the Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home for one week during 2019, please contact Lucia by mobile 07933436387.

**FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** We will start the **First Friday devotion** at Marychurch with all-day Exposition and Adoration **on Friday, 4/1/2019.** The **First Saturday devotion**, with healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, will be at St Peter's **on Saturday, 5/1/2019.** Please, join us.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND:** Places are still available for the parish pilgrimage to Ireland from 27 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.

**The Children's Christmas Party** will take place on **Saturday 5 January 2019** in the church hall, starting at 12.30 pm. There will be games, music, refreshments, and, hopefully, a visit from Santa Claus. Tickets cost £1 each and will be available from this weekend the 16<sup>th</sup> of December in the hall. Owing to health and safety regulations, there will be only 50 available and these are reserved for the children who regularly attend Sunday Mass. For any queries, call Tony Dodd on 01707 646383.

**The funeral Mass** of the late **Fr Michael Lambert AA** will take place in the church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Hitchin, on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

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;

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Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

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**Lead Catechist:** Linda  
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**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:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thur. monthly at **6pm**

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

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

**Weekly Rota:**  
**Cleaning: From 16 Dec.**  
Henry & Janet Cornelius

**Flowers: For 16/23 Dec.**  
Christmas Group

**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

**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.

**Last Week's Collection**

**Thank you.**

**Text:** ParishHATSO to 70800  
to donate £5 by mobile phone.

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