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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.*



## + 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.

## 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

<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

### MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>		<b>9.30am</b> <b>(STM)</b>	Germaine Overton, RIP
		<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.	Feria	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>No Mass</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>+ 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.</b>		<b>9.30am</b> <b>(STM)</b>	Germaine and Fred Overton, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, the 3<sup>RD</sup> of MARCH,** is Children's Mass at St Peter's.

**DVD series on life of Mary to be shown in Lent:** 5 engaging DVD sessions of 25 minutes each exploring the life of Mary and helping us to come closer to God will be shown after the 11am Mass in St Peter's church hall during the Sundays of Lent. It has been filmed on locations in Walsingham, the Holy Land, Ephesus, Rome, Monserrat, Lourdes, and Knock. Please do make time to come and bring some snacks to share. Everyone is welcome, including children as there will be activities for them too. We hope it will be a special preparation for each one of us for Easter.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 at 3pm.** The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> (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.

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'

**St Patrick Day Celebration in aid of Marys Meals:** Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, come and enjoy a fantastic Irish Lunch and help us raise funds for Marys Meals. Time 12 to 2pm. Menu: Guinness stew and Colcannon mash or homemade soup and Irish soda bread. Puddings: Baileys cheesecake, Apple pie or Pavlova. Tea or Coffee. Cost: Adults £5 children £2.50; Venue: Church hall. Children's activities. More information: contact Mary 07596973001 or Pauline07738074614.

**London 40 Days for Life Pre-Campaign Hour of Prayer.** Lead by Monsignor Keith Newton, 6pm-7pm Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March, Outside Marie Stopes abortion centre, 108 Whitfield Street, London W1T 5BE (nearest tube: Warren St – Northern/Victoria lines) Through God's Grace 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion. Sarah 07776 256838 email [London40daysforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:London40daysforlife@hotmail.com).

**Are You Feeling Valiant?** On 30 May this year, Baldock Parish will be making a ten-day pilgrimage to Lourdes with helpers, nurses, a priest, and VIPs - Very Important Pilgrims. Helpers need no previous experience: just a willing spirit and the ability to help others. We will be travelling in a Jumbulance, a specially designed coach, and be staying at a four-star hotel in Lourdes, minutes from the Domain. The cost of the ten-day trip, is £750 per person. Some financial help may be available. Travellers between 16 and 25 are half price. Please contact Fr Denis Sarsfield on 01462 893127 for more information.

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, 07710978770;  
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@safegu  
ardrcdow.org.uk;

**MC/STM:** Angela Madden  
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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:**  
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 24 Feb.**  
C. Imoh, Tawa, George  
& Jade Elias-Ubiawhe

**Flowers: For 24 Feb/3 Mar**  
Elsie

**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 Collections

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

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