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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.*



+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

“ . . . the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.”
(Exod. 3.2)

At the time God called him to deliver the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt, Moses saw a bush that was burning but without being consumed. The Church has always seen in this incident a sign of Virgin Mary who was a virgin when she conceived her Son (Is. 7.14; Mt 1.23), became a mother without losing her virginity, and remained a virgin ever after. Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit (Mt 1.18), and had no human father; so, He was called the Son of God (Lk 1.35). Born of Virgin Mary, He was also Son of Man. With the divine and human natures perfectly united in Him, He was the ‘new Man, or ‘Man of heaven’ (1 Cor. 15.45, 47), filled with the Spirit without measure (Jn 3.34). His virgin birth shows the Incarnation to be utterly of God’s initiative and began the “new creation” (2 Cor. 5.17; Gal. 6.15) of those to be born, “not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (Jn 1.13). That virgin birth did not lessen, but sanctified, Mary’s real and perpetual virginity (LG, 52, 57; CCC, 499), preserving her mystery as both virgin and mother all at once. Her virgin motherhood was a sign of her unadulterated faith and her undivided gift of herself to God’s will (cf. 1 Cor. 7.34). By that, she is also mother to all Our Lord’s many brethren (cf. Rom. 8.29; Jn 19.26-27). Apart from Jesus, she had no other biological child. The people called His ‘brethren’ (Mk 3.31-35; Mk 6.3; Gal. 1.19; Mt 13.55; 1 Cor. 9.5) were actually no more than His relatives. James and Joses among those were in fact children of “the other Mary” (Mt 27.56; 28.1). Besides, since those ‘brethren’ were still alive at the time of His crucifixion it would have been utterly incomprehensible and unjust for Him to take the mother He had with a sibling or siblings – had there been any – and entrust her to an outsider, albeit His apostle, John, who promptly took her to his home where she lived with him from then on (Jn 19.25-27).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Exod. 3.1-8,13-15; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 10.1-6,10-12; **Gospel:** Lk 13.1-9

Psalms: Ps 102(103):1-4,6-8,11; **R/:** *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 24th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Ina Casey's Intention
Tue., 26 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Martin Carty, RIP
Wed., 27 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Patricia Darling, RIP
Thur., 28 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 29 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 30 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	10.30am	Teresa McKee, Anniversary
Sun., 31st Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Mike Ryan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioner

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 23 rd Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
Sun., 24th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Winifred Hannon, RIP
		11.00am	Sr Michael, RIP
Mon., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Tue., 26 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Pauline Kirkham, RIP
Wed., 27 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	7.30pm	Stephanie Doherty, RIP
Thur., 28 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	M. Doody Intention
Fri., 29 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Michael Creighton and Mary Taylor
Sat., 30 th Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 31st Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Germaine Overton, RIP
		11.00am	Mothers

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, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDomald, Sharon Childs, Patricia Hayward, Agnes Clark, Vanessa Anne and Lucas James.

Thank you for your generous support of **£436.70** for the CAFOD appeal last Sunday.

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION will have their yearly **Day of Recollection** on **Saturday the 30th of March, from 10am to 12pm, at St Peter's**. By the archdiocesan guidelines, all readers and extraordinary ministers are expected to attend the recollection.

The new **Boxes of the Offertory Envelopes** will be available for collection at all the Masses next Sunday, the 24th. If you have not previously used the box and would like to have one, please see Pat Malsher and he will supply you with one. Thank you.

40-HOUR ADORATION will take place at St Peter's, beginning with Mass at 7pm on Thursday, the 11th of April, and conclude with Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday the 13th. If you wish to watch with Our Lord for one hour or more, please sign up on the form at the back of the church. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 7pm. Please, join us.

DVD series on the life of Mary is being shown after the 11am Mass each Sunday of Lent: Five engaging DVD sessions of 25 minutes each exploring the life of Mary are being shown in the church hall. Each Session has a different theme: **Session 1** – Mary, Chosen by God; **Session 2** – Mary, The First Disciple; **Session 3** – Mary, Mother of All; **Session 4** – Mary, Queen of Heaven; **Session 5** – Mary, Help of Christians. The first two sessions went really well, remaining three to go. Please do make time to come if you are able to and bring some snacks to share. Everyone is welcome, including children as there will be activities for them too.

Mary's Meals: The recent fundraising lunch raised £607.80 plus gift aid of £67.50. Thank you for your generous support and to all who helped to organise the day. Hope to see you at the next Mary's Meals lunch on Saturday 11th May.

Marriage Banns: Timi Elabha, daughter of Dogood Theo and Stella Elabha, from Ogbia in Bayelsa State, Nigeria, wishes to marry Kennedy Ikechukwu Okorooha, Son of Charles and Franca Okorooha, from Umu-Dim Agu, Imo State, Nigeria. Anyone who knows why the couple should not marry should contact the parish clergy.

The funeral Mass of **Patricia Darling** will take place at St Peter's on Tuesday the 26th at 1pm. Please pray for her peaceful repose.

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:
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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:
1st 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 17 March
Agness M. & Winona M.

Flowers
No flowers during Lent

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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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