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31 March 2019

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.*



+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

“So we are ambassadors for Christ . . .” (2 Cor. 5.20)

‘Sorry’ is a word that is so simple but often very difficult to utter. The difficulty in saying that we are sorry when called for partly comes from our recognition of the reality it expresses, which is, the full and unconditional acceptance of our responsibility for the wrong we have done. We tend to feel that our reputation we need to protect will be damaged when we accept before someone else that we make mistakes, that we are inadequate and do things that are outrightly wrong, and, so, that we are not really as good as we would like people to believe. Of course, there is often a price to pay upon that acceptance. Yet we also know that saying ‘sorry’ when we are wrong, and resolving not to do the wrong again, is very essential in all human relationships. Far from being a sign of weakness, it shows that we are growing, that we are morally maturing and can take responsibility for our choices and actions. It expresses our genuine regret and sorrow for doing something wrong, and douses the temper, heals the hurt, and repairs and restores the damaged relationship our wrongdoing causes. When through repentance it is expressed, and through forgiveness accepted, it results in true reconciliation. Our Lord came into the world for this purpose, namely, to reconcile us to God and to one another. On His part, God is always willing and ready to forgive us our sins, as we pray daily in the Lord’s Prayer, so long as we are also willing and ready to forgive (Mt 6.12; Lk 11.4), and be reconciled with one another (Mt 5.23-24). In Christ, especially through His death (Rom. 5.10; Col. 1.20; Eph. 2.16), God has reconciled us to Himself (Rom. 3.25; 5.11; 2 Cor. 5.19), and He has given both to the institution of the Church and to us its individual members the charge to work in the name of Christ for the reconciliation of all through repentance and forgiveness of sin (Lk 24.47). As agents of reconciliation in the world, we are thus “ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.” (2 Cor. 5.20).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Josh. 5.9-12; **2nd Reading:** 2 Cor. 5.1-17-21; **Gospel:** Lk 15.1-3,11-32

Psalms: Ps 33(103).2-7; **R/:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Gospel Acclamation: *I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 31st Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 1 st Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Ina Casey's Intention
Tue., 2 nd Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Martin Carty, RIP
Wed., 3 rd Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Patricia Darling, RIP
Thur., 4 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 5 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Maria Pereira's Intention
Sat., 6 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	12.00pm	Teresa McKee, Anniversary
Sun., 7th Apr.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Mick Ryan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

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
Mon., 1 st April.	Feria of Lent		Ethel Richardson
Tue., 2 nd April.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Fr Gerard Thomas Burke, RIP
Wed., 3 rd April.	Feria of Lent	7.30pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Thur., 4 th April.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Adelina and Vincent Di Giuseppe RIP
Fri., 5 th April.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	The Beach family
Sat., 6 th April.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Roland and Irene Costa, RIP
Sun., 7th April.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	George Rhine, RIP

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

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION – This Friday, **April the 5th**, at Marychurch, starting with Mass at 9.30am, continuing with Exposition/Adoration, to end with Benediction starting at 11.45am. Please come and join us.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – This Saturday, **April the 6th**, at St Peter's. It will begin with Exposition at 10.30am, continue with Rosary/Adoration/Confessions, Benediction at 11.45am, and end with Mass with Anointing of the Sick, starting at 12pm. Please come and join us.

The new **Boxes of the Offertory Envelopes** is still available for collection after Mass. We thank those who have collected theirs, and those who signed up newly. 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 three sessions went really well, remaining two to go. Please come, and bring some snacks to share. Everyone is welcome, including children as there will be activities for them too.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2019 funds initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the three mission areas of: **Marriage and Family Life**, enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church; **Youth and Evangelisation**, supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith; and the **Church's Service in Society**, putting our faith into action by serving the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about the last of these in particular and has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the diocese. Much of this poverty remains hidden. Many use foodbanks even though there is a wage earner in the family. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today. To find out about volunteering opportunities, visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk. Cardinal Nichols: "I hope this Appeal offers you and your family one way in which to observe Lent and to grow in the richness of our response to God's blessings of life and faith."

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;
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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**

**Proclaim Our Lady of
Fatima Family Rosary:**
Contact: Lucia Federici,
07933 436387; Email:
lucia.federici@mountcarme
lkindergarten.co.uk

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

Weekly Rota:
Cleaning: From 31 March
V. Dumba & A. Mhishi

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.

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