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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



St Peter's Catholic Church is a welcoming missionary parish committed to spreading the gospel values of love and service to all through our community worship and by responding with compassion and love to the needs of our parish and the wider community, so that we, like St Peter, may spread the Good News and in the end attain eternal life with Christ in heaven.

MASS TIMES

St Peter's

Sunday Mass:

9.15am, 11am, 2pm &
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

+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain.” (Isaiah 11. 9)

Each year, Institute for Economics & Peace headquartered in Sydney, Australia, publishes its ‘Global Peace Index’. This year’s index shows for the first time since 2014 a slight improvement in the level of global peacefulness. While 86 countries showed some improvement, 75 others recorded deteriorations. Iceland maintains its enviable prime position as the most peaceful country in the world, with Afghanistan taking over from Syria as the least peaceful. Overall, the global level of peacefulness has decreased by 3.78% since 2008. What this tells us is that we are still a very long way from getting close to a principal goal of Our Lord’s coming into the world, which is, that peace and harmony might reign amongst all peoples and nations. Our Lord came as the Prince of Peace (Is 9.6); He Himself is also “our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the wall of hostility . . .” (Eph. 2.14). He came and established in Himself Isaiah’s vision of a world that is totally devoid of all conflict and hostility, including the ones that occur in nature, the vision of all creation perpetually living in peace and harmony (Is 11.6-9). That vision is not realisable in this life; but it does invite everyone to recognise and take full responsibility for his or her part in making the reign of peace in every heart, home, and society illusive, and to turn completely away from such behaviour through a true conversion of heart. That conversion is what St John the Baptist is inviting all of us to undergo by turning away from everything that is in any way hostile to God or to neighbour, and by bearing the fruits that befit true repentance (Mt 3.8).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 11.1-10; **2nd Reading:** Rom. 15.4-9; **Gospel:** Mt 3.1-12

Psalm: Ps 71(72).1-2,7-8,13-17; **R/:** *In His days, justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 8th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Mary Kennedy, 90 th Birthday
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon., 9 th Dec.	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Lisa & Christopher Robertson, WA
Fri., 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat. 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Sun., 15th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Franco and Lucia Federici's Int.
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 7 th Nov.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sun., 8th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin and family
		Mon., 9 th Dec.	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Wed., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Bill and Maggie Ruane
Thur., 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	John and Marlies Burke
Fri., 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Sat. 14 th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 15th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
		11.00am	Philip Harding, RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Michelle Elliott, Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Pat and Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Theresa Chatfield, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDonald, Sharon Childs, Patricia Hayward, Agnes Clark, Vanessa Anne, Lucas James, Sienna Anne Parker, Edwin Levy.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary has been moved to **Monday the 9th**. Mass will be at 9.30am.

Christmas Flowers: We will be taking up a second collection this Sunday, the 8th of December, for Christmas Flowers. Please assist the parish with your generous donation. Thanks.

Send-Forth for Fr Julius: On Sunday December the 22nd: The parish will hold a send-forth ceremony for Fr Julius who has been with us for nearly two years. The ceremony will begin with the 11 am Mass and continue with a Bring-and-Share reception in the hall after Mass. **Next Sunday the 15th,** we will take up a second collection for a presentation to him. Please note those two dates in your dairy.

Christmas Confessions: St Peter's – Fri., 20/12/2019: 6-7pm; Sat., 21/12/2019: 10.30am-12 noon; Marychurch – Wed., 18/12/2019: 6-7 pm; Sat., 4.30-5.30 pm.

RCIA: Do you want to become a Catholic? Are you a baptised adult who would like to receive confirmation? We have a programme in the parish called RCIA to help you. Whatever your background, if you want to find out more, please give your details to the Parish Priests or Teresa Crabtree. Thank you.

Children's Christmas Party in the hall on Saturday **4 January 2020** from 12.30pm, including games, entertainment, music, lunch and refreshments. Admission strictly by ticket which will cost £1 and available from this coming Sunday. Limited availability, so purchase your ticket as soon as you can from Tony Dodd in the hall on Sundays or 01707 646383.

Christmas Bingo is on the 14th of December, with Mulled Wine and mince pies ,as well as the usual refreshments Doors open at 7pm, with eyes down 7.45pm.

Come to a **Pre-Christmas Film** showing in the hall on Saturday December the 7th to help fund the cost of our new projector. Free entry – refreshments available – café style seating. Aside from the main event, there will be excerpts from the 1981 St Peter's Pantomime. More information: Tony Dodd 01707 646383.

Christmas Carol Event for Families at the Focolare Centre on December the 13th: An evening of carols for all – everyone welcome! Join with us to sing and celebrate the coming of Jesus! 13th December 6:30 to 8:30 Focolare Centre for Unity 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG. Light refreshments will be served after the carols. All contributions of savoury or sweet finger food most welcome. For Further Info please contact Joy on 07710090150.

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

Parish Office: SP: Tue.,
Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm;

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: SP:
Sue McLellen, 07710978770;
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MC/STM: Angela Madden
01707275214

Planned Giving: SP:
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:
1st Thur Monthly at 6pm

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

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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: From 8 Dec.

Tawa, George, and Jade

Flowers: For 15/22 Dec.

Elsie

**“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.*

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.

Nov. Offertory Collection

Thank you.

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

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