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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

## **+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A**

**“Are You He who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (Matthew 11.3)**

Shortly before he died, and having led the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt, Moses reminded them of God's promise to them at Horeb, that He would raise for them another prophet like himself (Deut. 18.15-19). The promise was in answer to their request, that God should not speak to them directly again, else they would die (Exod. 20.18-19). From then on, the Israelites lived in expectation of that promised prophet. Over time, they came to associate Him with various ideas about His identity, His mission and activities, and His fate. Among other things, He would be the Messiah (Is. 61.1), the Son of God (Ps 2.7), the Son of Man (Dan. 7.13-14), and David's Offspring (2 Sam. 7.12), a covenant to the people and a light to the nations (Is. 42.7), the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace (Is. 9.6), but also a suffering Servant (Is. 42.1-9; 49.1-13; 50.4-11; 52.13-53.12; Ps 69), the rejected Corner Stone (Ps 118.22), pierced (Zech. 12.10) and forsaken (Ps 22.1-31), betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11.12-13), the Passover Lamb (Exod. 12.1-51), and the subject of a homicidal plot (Jer. 31.15). His body would not decay (Ps 16.8-11) but would be raised on the third day after His death (Hos. 6.2). His coming would be preceded by the 'return' of the prophet Elijah (Mal. 4.5-6). He would come to heal the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, proclaim the Lord's year of favour (Is. 61.1-2), and take on Himself our afflictions and transgressions (Is. 53.4-6). This prophet, promised and expected, is Christ the Lord.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Is. 35.1-6,10; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Jam. 5.7-10; **Gospel:** Mt 3.1-12

**Psalm:** Ps 145(146).6-10; **R/:** *Come, Lord, and save us.*

**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!*

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Franco and Lucia Federici's Int.
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Souls
Mon., 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Frances Richards's Intention
Tue., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Lynda O'Reilly's Intention
Wed., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Evelyn McKenna, RIP
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30 am	Joseph Perekatt, RIP
<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	John and Mary Davin's Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>3.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Souls

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
<b>Sun., 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Philip Harding, RIP
Mon., 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Chris and Ann Burke
Tue., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Noreen Higgins
Wed., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Ron Thomas, RIP
Thur., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Szajko Jozsef
Fri., 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Marek Smolka, RIP
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Rita Leonard
<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Barry and Anne Holloway, 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.

**Christmas Flowers:** Thank you for your generous support for our Christmas flower collection last Sunday.

**Send-Forth for Fr Julius: Next Sunday December the 22<sup>nd</sup>,** 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 11am Mass and continue with a Bring-and-Share reception in the hall after Mass. **Today, Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>,** we will take up a second collection for a presentation to him. We will appreciate your generous contribution.

**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.**

**More Counters Needed:** Would you like to devote an hour or two on Sunday or Monday to serve our parish community as one of the counters? The time can be arranged to suit you. If you would like to help, please contact the parish clergy or the secretary. Thanks.

**Christmas Clean-Up:** Volunteers are being requested to help give our church a deep clean for Christmas. Please join us for an hour or so on **Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10.00am.** 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.

**Youth Ministry:** We plan to start our youth programme in the New Year for two youth groups for our youth (ages 8-11 and 12-16). For it to be successful, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to offer just 2 hours on a Friday evening to support this wonderful initiative. The more volunteers we have would mean that you would only need to help out once or twice a month unless you can offer more. The timings are either 4.30-6.30 or 6.30- 8.30 p.m. If you enjoy working with young people and would like more information about the role and how you can make a difference please contact Linda Graham on 07768777768

Caritas Westminster is recruiting at least one **Representative for Social Outreach** from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please first obtain consent from your Parish Priest, then contact us on 020 7931 6077, or email: [caritasreps@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasreps@rcdow.org.uk). Should you have any questions, please contact your local Development Worker (see the hub map attached) or me by reply. Thank you for your support.

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;  
Email: [hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardsouth.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardsouth.org.uk);  
**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:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thur Monthly at 6pm

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

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

#### Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: From 15 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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Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes

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