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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

+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name, Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt 1.21)

Two persons played pivotal roles in Our Lord's coming to us in the flesh. The first was Our Lady, His mother, from whom He took His human body (Gal. 4.4). The second was St Joseph whom the scripture calls in no uncertain terms “a just man” (Mt 1.19). He was legally and properly married to Our Lady; yet he was in no shape or form involved in Our Lord's conception; God did not need or involve him (or any other man) in that process, for Mary, “full of grace” (Lk 1.28), conceived by the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High (Lk 1.35). Yet St Joseph was part of the story of Our Lord's incarnation, not only as the person who brought up Our Lord; without being married to him or to any other man, Our Lady could have, as a single mother, brought up Our Lord, perhaps with some difficulties. St Joseph was part of this story basically in order to provide legitimacy for Our Lord's entry into the human family. Firstly, God would not let Our Lord be born out of wedlock or outside a properly constituted family of a man and his wife; so it was necessary that Our Lady be married to St Joseph before she could bring forth Our Lord into the world. Secondly, Our Lord was to come from Judah (Mic 5.2; Mt 2.6), from the royal line of King David (Mt 1.1; Lk 1.32; Jn 7.42; Mk 12.35; Rom. 1.3; 2 Tim. 2.8; Mt 21.9; etc.). That prophecy was fulfilled when He was born in the properly constituted family of St Joseph who descended from David and was called the ‘son of David’ (Mt 1.20). As far as we know, then, Our Lord got His royal Davidic ancestry from St Joseph, just as He took His humanity from Our Lady.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 7.10-14; **2nd Reading:** Rom. 1.1-7; **Gospel:** Mt 1.18-24

Psalms: Ps 23(24).1-6; **R/:** *Let the Lord enter, He is the King of glory.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel, a name which means 'God is with us.' Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 22nd Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	John and Mary Davin's Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon., 23 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 24 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Seena and Family
	CHRISTMAS VIGIL	11.00pm	Private Intention
Wed., 25 th Dec.	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	9.15am	Mothers' Intentions
		11.00am	Parishioners
Thur., 26 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri., 27 th Dec.	St John, Apostle	9.30am	Roshan & Gami Sennenakye, W.A.
Sat. 28 th Dec.	Holy Innocents	10.30 am	Audrey Palmer, Anniversary
Sun., 29th Dec.	+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Audrey Senanayake & Family Int.
		3.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intentions

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 14 th Dec.	+ 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Rita Leonard
Sun., 15th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Barry and Anne Holloway, RIP
		Mon., 16 th Dec.	Advent Feria
Tue., 17 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
	CHRISTMAS VIGIL	5.00pm	Special Intention
		10.00pm (STM)	Private Intention
Wed., 18 th Dec.	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
		11,00am	Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP
Thur., 19 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	Sue Purdie
Fri., 20 th Dec.	St John, Apostle	9.30am	Jenny Manwaring
Sat. 21 st Dec.	+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	6.00pm	Rose Cunningham
Sun., 22nd Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners

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 CELEBRATIONS, Wednesday the 25th: Carols and Vigil Mass – Tuesday the 24th from 10.30pm; Nativity Mass is at 9.15am and 11am. Please, join us.

Send-Forth for Fr Julius: Today, December the 22nd, from the 11am Mass, the parish will be having 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. Please, join us to wish him well.

Thank you for your generous contributions last Sunday for the send-forth of Fr Julius today. May the good Lord reward you abundantly.

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.

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.

Congratulations for Revd Dermot O'Gorman and Revd Peter Murphy who were ordained deacons on the 14th for Southwark and Liverpool respectively. Revd Dermot worked in the parish for a year, and Revd Peter was involved in the parish during his studies at the university.

Homeless Presents: Thank You to all who supported the Homeless Christmas Project in various ways. The presents collected and wrapped will be distributed at the Franciscan Christmas party for the homeless.

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 0776877768.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Bernard James Crowe** who died on the 19th.

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@safeguardrcdow.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:
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 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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