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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

## **+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A**

**“This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.” (Mt 3.17)**

At the start of His public ministry, Our Lord of His own accord went to River Jordan, to John the Baptist – the King to His subject, the Master to His servant, the Creator to His creature, the Immortal One to a mortal man, the Almighty God to a mere human being, the Lord of baptism to an unworthy minister of baptism – to be baptised. What a great act of extreme humility! His baptism was part of the larger mystery of His incarnation and His saving ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and return to heaven. By this mystery, He recreated us and the whole of humanity in Himself (Eph. 2.10; 2 Cor. 5.17). Thus, He conferred His divinity on our fragile human nature, opening to us the door to eternal divine life. He was utterly sinless and did not live with the human condition of sin that called for baptism for the forgiveness of sin (Mt 3.6). He was baptised on our behalf so that subsequently all of us would be baptised into Him, and being buried with Him in baptism, we might die to sin and to the weakness of our human nature, and rise with Him to newness of life (Rom. 6.3-6; Col. 2.12). The final outcome is that our mortality will put on immortality, and our corruptibility, imperishability (1 Cor. 15.53). Our Lord was baptised, not for His own sake or benefit, but solely for that of the whole of humanity and for ours, for our sanctification. In His baptism, He washed our guilt away, renewing and recreating us and our nature in that original image of His that pleased God. His baptism is also instructive. Since He who was without sin most humbly got Himself baptised, anyone who desires life and wants to make the journey to the eternal kingdom of God must also begin with baptism (John 3.3-8).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Is. 42.1-4,6-7**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Acts 10.34-38**; Gospel: **Mt 3.13-17**.

Psalm: **Ps 28(29).1-4,9-10**; R/: *The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is My Son, the Beloved; listen to Him. Alleluia!'*

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Roshan & Gami Sennenakye, W.A.
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria (Week 1)	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	John & Mary Davin's Intention
Wed., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	Margaret & David Grundy's 60 <sup>th</sup>
Fri., 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	St Anthony	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Margaret & David Grundy's 60 <sup>th</sup>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
<b>Sun., 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Beverly Atkin and family
Mon., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria (Week 1)	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Chido Chandisarewa
Wed., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	Private Intention
Thur., 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	St Anthony	9.30am	Special Intention
Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Thelma Liesner, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for 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, Cathy Ryan, Edwin Levy.

# Notices

**YEAR OF THE WORD:** We will be launching our **Year of the Word on Sunday, January the 26<sup>th</sup>**, which has been designated as Sunday of the Word of God. Please look out for the details.

**Youth Ministry:** As we start a New Year this is a great opportunity to make a positive change and make a real difference to the lives of our young people.

Our exciting new youth club project has been approved and funded by the diocese, but can't begin without the necessary support of volunteers. This could include working as part of a team helping to supervise the children, dealing with admin, helping with a sport or craft activity or being a listening ear. Just 2 hours support weekly, fortnightly or monthly (depending on what suits you) on a Friday evening is what we need. The time slots are either 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. or 6.30-8.30 pm.

Will you commit to making a big difference in the lives of the youth of our community? Please do if you can. To find out more and get involved, contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768.

No previous experience of giving youth programme support is necessary, so if you'd like to help out, there's an opportunity waiting for you.

Let's make the new year and the new project great for our youngsters.

**Retrouvaille Weekend': You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on . . . **the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> of February, & 1 March 2020**. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Mgr Anthony George Stark**, a retired priest of the archdiocese, aged 88, who died on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

***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](mailto: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:**  
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 5 Jan.

A. Maunganidze & W.  
McGlave

#### Flowers: For 12 /19 Jan.

Christine

**“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.

### December Offertory Collection

**Thank you.**

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

### **ST PETER’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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[www.stpetershatfield.org/](https://www.stpetershatfield.org/); <https://parish>

Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes

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Parish Secretary: Yvette Rawle

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