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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

+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD– YEAR A

“They saw the Child, and falling to their knees, they did Him homage.” (Jn 1.14)

Epiphany translates the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, and means ‘an appearing’ or ‘a manifestation’. We use it for the revealing of Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour of the world, the prophet God promised through Moses He would send His people (Deut. 18.15,18; Acts 3.22; 7.37). For centuries the Israelites waited for this Messiah, expecting Him to come in a way that would identify Him unmistakably. Contrary to that expectation, the Messiah came in the form of a servant, being born in our likeness (Phil. 2.7). In great humility, He concealed His divinity and glory by the poverty of His humanity, and His eternity by the mortality of our flesh that He assumed. Without manifesting Himself, especially to the eyes of faith, the divine Saviour and God the world awaited could not be recognised in the helpless baby of Bethlehem, in the humble child and young man of Nazareth, and in the itinerant preacher who went about in all Israel teaching the mysteries of God. Even with the eyes of faith, it is still impossible to see Him in this life as He really is; the vision of His glory is possible only in the full glow of the beatific vision (1 Jn 3.2). But lest in the meantime we be deprived entirely of this vision, He gave us glimpses of His glory on several occasions – at His nativity when the angels appeared and announced His birth to the shepherds (Lk 2.9-14); in the guidance of the Magi by a star (Mt 2.1-12); at the wedding in Cana (Jn 2.11); during His baptism at River Jordan when the Father bore witness to Him from heaven (Mt 3.16-17); in His transfiguration (Mt 17.1-8; 2 Pt 1.17-18); and in the miracles He worked. These epiphanies invite us at this time to contemplate and worship our God and Saviour in the child who was born to us.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 60.1-6**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 3.2-3,5-6**; Gospel: **Mt 2.1-12**.

Psalm: **Ps 147.12-15,19-20**; R/: *All nations shall fall prostrate before You, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. We saw His star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 5th Jan.	+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.15am	Mike Faithfull, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 6 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Russell Sinfield, RIP
Tue., 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.00pm	Tom Conway, RIP
Fri., 10 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 11 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 12th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Roshan & Gami Sennenakye, W.A.
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 4 th Jan.	+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 5th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Cheryl Williams
		11.00am	John Van Dongen, RIP
Mon., 6 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.30pm	Private Intention
Thur., 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 10 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 11 th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
Sun., 12th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin and family

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, Sienna Anne Parker, Edwin Levy.

Welcome to Fr Francis Agada msp: The new Assistant Priest, Fr Francis, arrived on the 2nd. Fr Francis is a priest of the Missionary Society of St Paul and had been ministering in Scotland since 2017. We extend our warmest welcome to him.

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.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants: Rosary Procession Vigil will be held on **Saturday 11th January 2020** at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB, for mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and for those who have suffered the effects of abortion. details of which are in the attachment.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Richard Kennelly** of 81 Stockbreach Close, Hatfield, who died on 13 December 2019. His funeral Mass will be on Friday, January the 24th, at 11.00am.

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;

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 5 Jan.

Victoria Ayeh

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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.

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phone.

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Assistant Priest: Fr Francis Agada msp