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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

+ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

“Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom.”

(Matthew 4.23)

Aperuit illis is the title Pope Francis gave to the apostolic letter on the Word of God he issued on 30 September 2019, the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great pioneer of biblical scholarship. The title was taken from Lk 24.31 which tells us what happened after Our Lord had the Eucharist with the two disciples following a long discourse on the Scripture He had with them on the way to Emmaus the very day He rose from the dead. At that point, the eyes of the two were ‘opened and they recognised Him.’ The pope’s letter was written for three purposes: (1) to establish the Sunday of the Word of God to be marked on the third Sunday of the year; (2) to restate and underline the ‘unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist’; and (3) to invite us to daily celebrate, study, and spread the Word of God and make it a core part of our daily life. By these, we are to become familiar with the texts of the living and active Word of God (Heb. 4.12) and let that Word guide our words, decisions, and actions. The letter is part of the trend in the Church since Vatican Council II to get Catholics to read and study the Scripture and make it part of their daily lives. This is a welcome development that, hopefully, will encourage us to read and study the Scripture for our spiritual nourishment. However, the authority to interpret the Scripture and to use it to teach formally has been reserved by the Scripture itself to the Church alone and not to any individual member of the faithful (1 Peter 1.20-21), except those who share in the authority to teach the Lord bequeathed to the apostles (Mt. 28.18-20).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 8.23-9.3**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 1.10-13,17**; Gospel: **Mt 4.12-23**.

Psalm: **Ps 26(27).1,4,13-14**; R/: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 26th Jan.	+ SUNDAY OF WORD OF GOD	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 27 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 28 th Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Terry Mahabir, Anniversary
Wed., 29 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Peter Sheehan, RIP
Thur., 30 th Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	Matthew Kiely's Intention
Fri., 31 st Jan.	St John Bosco	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 1 st Feb.	Feria	12 noon	Private Intention
Sun., 2nd Feb.	+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.15am	Paddy Nolan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 25 th Jan.	+ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 26th Jan.		9.30am	Timmy Horgan, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Maurice Scally, RIP
Mon., 27 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 28 th Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Peter Sheehan, RIP
Wed., 29 th Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	Russell Holloway
Thur., 30 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Maurice Scally, RIP
Fri., 31 st Jan.	St John Bosco	9.30am	Sheehan's Family
Sat. 1 st Feb.	+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	James and Bridget Laffey
Sun., 2nd Feb.		9.30am	Parishioners
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Gordon and Ethel Richardson

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, Adele Pym, Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

Sunday of the Word of God: As we celebrate this Sunday today, we are encouraged to reflect on the place of God's Word in our lives, to resolve to read the Scripture more frequently, and to let what we read inform our decisions, actions, and, indeed, our whole life.

Year of the Word: We are launching our **Year of the Word today, 26/1/2020.** Please join us in the parish events to keep this year.

Presentation of the Lord: Next Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord. There will be a Candle Procession at the beginning of the Mass, starting from the front of the church.

9.15 am Mass: Starting from the first Sunday of Lent, March the 1st, we will be moving the 9.15 am Mass to 9.00 am. Please, let us know what you think about this change. Thanks.

Youth Ministry: 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 in youth programme support is necessary, so if you'd like to

help out, there's an opportunity waiting for you.

"Hello Love": One-Day Youth Retreat, 8 Feb., 10.30 am – 4.30 pm: A one-day programme for the youth (aged 18 to 35 years) to be conducted by the Jesus Youth, an international Catholic movement approved by the Holy See and present in more than 25 countries. The programme will consist of relevant sessions for the youth, adoration, great music, and fun games. Food for the day will also be provided. Those interested can contact the organiser on 07438571399.

Annual Mass of the Sick: The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral on Sat. 8th February 2020 at 2pm and will be led by Cardinal Vincent. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. All are invited. Any parishioner who will be attending in a wheelchair should please send their name, the name of the person accompanying them, and their contacts to Oliver Delargy, PA to Bishop Paul McAleenan, by email, to oliverdelargy@rcdow.org.uk by Friday, 31 January 2020, to ensure that the appropriate space is reserved in the Cathedral.

Days Off: Fr Livie will not be available on Wednesdays, and Fr Francis on Thursdays.

Please, pray for the peaceful repose of **Mgr Anthony Stark**, 88, and **Mgr Charles John Klyberg**, 89, priests of the archdiocese who died respectively on the 8th and 16th.

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
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Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton;
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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 26 Jan.

Tawa, George, Jade

Flowers: For 26 Jan./2 Feb.

Olive

“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.

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

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