

**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

+ 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

“If you will, you can keep the commandments; to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.” (Sir. 15.15)

The Scripture teaches that true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (Ps 111.10; Prov. 9.10; Job 28.28); so does true knowledge (Prov. 1.7) and understanding (Ps 111.10); and so equally does the fountain of life (Prov. 14.27). To fear God is thus instruction in wisdom (Prov. 15.33) and is strong confidence (Prov. 14.26; Job 4.6;). It prolongs (Prov. 10.27) and leads to life, and “they who have it rest satisfied, untouched by harm” (Prov. 19.23). Riches, honour, and life are its rewards (Prov. 22.4). This fear is not the distressing emotion that is caused in us by a perceived – whether real or imagined – impending danger, pain, evil, or threat to our wellbeing. From all unspiritual fears, God through perfect love has already delivered us (Ps 34.4; Lk 1.74; Heb. 2.15; 1 Jn 4.1), for the Spirit He has given us is not the spirit of timidity or of slavery, leading us back into fear, but the spirit of power, love, and self-control (2 Tim. 1.7; Rom. 8.15). No; the fear of the Lord is a holy fear. It is taught and learned and understood (Ps 34.11; Prov. 2.5). It means hatred of evil (Prov. 8.13), and keeping God's commandments (Eccl. 12.13), the commandments which themselves are within the reach and power of every one of us to keep (Deut. 30.11). Mature Christians strive to faithfully serve God and keep His commandments, not because they fear having to burn for ever in hell if they do not, but out of the love they have for God who loves them unconditionally, and whom they seek to please out of their love of Him. Those who thus fear the Lord are blessed (Ps 112.1; 128.1,4) and ultimately “avoid the snares of death” (Prov. 14.27).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **sIR. 15.16-21**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 2.6-10**; Gospel: **Mt 5.17-37**.

Psalm: **Ps 118(119).1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34**: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 16th Feb.	+ 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Sunanda Senanayake, Anniversary
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 17 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 18 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 19 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 20 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 21 st Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Sarah Brennan, Anniversary
Sat. 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	10.30am	Ythomas Kiely, Anniversary
Sun., 23rd Feb.	+ 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 15 th Feb.	+ 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 16th Feb.		9.30am	Thomas Dee, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family
Mon., 17 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	The Ready family
Tue., 18 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Hazel Minns
Wed., 19 th Feb.	Feria	7.30pm	Ruby Cartwright, RIP
Thur., 20 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 21 st Feb.	Feria	9.30am	O'Connor family
Sat. 22 nd Feb.	+ 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Gordon and Ethel Richardson
Sun., 23rd Feb.		9.30am	Parishioners
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Health of Evelyn Murray-Bruce

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Pat and Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Theresa Chatfield, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Adele Pym, and Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

60th Anniversary Celebration: In 2021 we will be marking the 60th anniversary of the first Mass in St Peter's church on 9 July 1961. We are looking for volunteers to help plan the celebration. If you have some ideas or would just like to get involved as a volunteer, please let Fr Livie, Fr Francis, or the Parish Secretary know. Thank you.

Hall Caretaker: We are looking for someone to help look after our parish hall to ensure that it is kept secure and in good order. If you would like to do this, please contact Sue McLellen on 07710 978770.

Deanery Meeting: A massive Thank You to Boby, Mary Faithfull, Mary O'Donnell, Lynda O'Reilly, and Theresa Hogan from Marychurch for being there and attending to the priests of Stevenage Deanery during their meeting at St Peter's last Tuesday.

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, contact us if you have any comment. Thanks.

Youth Ministry: Thank You to those volunteers who have signed up to help with the running of the Youth Group – it is still not too late to volunteer and be part of a small team making a difference. For more information, please contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768.

SVP Annual National Raffle will be held on March the 27th. SVP members will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday the 16th and 23rd of Feb. and would be grateful for your support. Marychurch and St Peter's SVP conference visit people in their homes, hospitals, etc., provide lifts to

hospital, outing for people, practical support such as food, furniture or financial help, among other things. Thank you.

A Family in Urgent Need: St Philip Howard Primary has a family in need of a 2 or 3 bed property to rent as soon as possible. If you think you may be able to help please contact Lorraine Chamberlain at school on 01707 263969. Thank you.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 30 May 2019 at 3pm.. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who celebrate their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th, (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating the anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Nursery Places at St Philip Howard School - September 2020: Do you have a child born between 01/09/16 and 31/08/2017 NOT in Nursery already? 15 and 30 hour nursery places will be available from September along with wrap around care from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Please contact the school office for an application. The deadline for September 2020 places is the 3rd March. If you would like to visit the School, tours are available at 9.30am on Wednesday the 5th February.

***Thanks 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:
Roshan Senanayake; 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 16 Feb.

Victoria, Reynolds, &
Handa

Flowers: 23 Feb./1 Mar.

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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.

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

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