

**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

+ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

“But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil.” (Mt 5.39)

Of all the teachings of Our Lord, the hardest to swallow and live out is perhaps His command that we go beyond fulfilling the very difficult demand of love of our neighbour, and do two nearly impossible things: (a) offer no resistance to an evil person and, instead, offer double of what anyone illicitly and forcibly demands of us; and (b) love those who are enemies to us, who we know are enemies to us, and who treat us badly as foes. It is hard to know what to make of this teaching. It appears to defy commonsense and to go against our natural attraction to things that serve our interests, and our aversion to things that harm those interests. It also seems to be inconsistent with our natural instinct of self-preservation that impels us to defend ourselves against any aggression directed to us. Someone may think it is all about the moral stance of passive and non-violent resistance; but that stance, exalted and laudable as it is, falls well short of the standard of this teaching. This teaching enjoins no resistance at all, but the total committal of one's cause to God (Jer. 11.20; 20.12), our mighty Stronghold and Deliverer (Ps 18.2). Our Lord who taught us this difficult doctrine put it into practice Himself when He was confronted with unjust aggression and unforgiving enmity. In that situation, He did exactly what He ordered us to do – He firmly restrained St Peter from defending Him (Mt 26.52-54); before His accusers, He opened not His mouth in self-defence, like a sheep silent before its shearers (Acts 8.32); and, while dying painfully on the cross, He prayed that all those responsible for His sufferings and death be forgiven (Lk 23.34), so much did His love for His enemies overflow!

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Lev. 19.1-2,17-18; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 3.16-23; **Gospel:** Matt 5:38-48.

Psalm: Ps 102(103).1-4,8,10,12-13: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon., 24 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Deceased Members of Josephides, Christophi, & Marines Families
Tue., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Antoni Christophi, Anniversary
Wed., 26 th Feb.	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Parishioners
		7.00pm	Private Intention
Thur., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Thur., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 29 th Feb.	Chair of St Peter	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 1st Mar.	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Michael Bruton & Joe Kiely, Anni.
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

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 (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Health of Evelyn Murray-Bruce
Mon., 24 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Leish Prendergast
Tue., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Harry Parkes, RIP
Wed., 26 th Feb.	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Parishioners
		7.30pm	Joyce Davies
Thur., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 28 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Parsbey family
Sat. 29 th Feb.	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 1st Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Peter Logan, RIP
		11.00am	Maurice Scally, RIP

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

Ash Wednesday: The holy season of Lent begins this Wednesday. There will be Mass at 9.30am and 7.00pm during which ashes will be distributed.

CAFOD Collection next Sunday, 8/3/2020.

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 comments on this. Thanks.

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.

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.

The next DVD organised by Proclaim Team will be held on Saturday Feb. 29th at 7pm in the hall. **October Baby** (PG 12), a moving story based on a girl who was adopted following a failed abortion. As she searches to discover her hidden past and find hope for her unknown future, Hannah realizes life can be so much more than you have planned. Refreshments provided from 6.30pm. All are welcome

All EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for

applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

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.

Big Picture Bible Study Course starts on Sunday March the 1st at 12.15pm in the parish hall. We have purchased extra books so do not worry if you did not order one; just come along. David Payne who produced the material is going to come along to this first session. Remember, there is a Bible study for children aged 5 and over at the same time. Younger children can stay with their parents. If you ordered the book but want to study on your own or with friends at another time, you can get your book from the parish office.

*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
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Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

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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 23 Feb.
Violet and Annah

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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