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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:

9am, 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, & 6pm (Polish)

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

+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

“If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink’ . . .” (John 4.10)

Good is what we all desire and seek. None of us will desire anything unless we perceive it – rightly or wrongly – as good. But when it comes to the specific goods, Augustine tells us, we differ widely. During His encounter with the Samaritan woman, Our Lord invites her to seek and strive after the gift of God, the supreme good she does not yet know. To lead her to an understanding of that supreme gift of God, He directly applies to Himself the name, ‘Messias’ (Jn 4.26). Nowhere else in the gospel does He so refer directly to Himself. In those cases where He uses the term, He tends to speak as if of someone else. In John 17.3, for instance, He speaks of eternal life consisting of knowing “You the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” Of course, He is fully aware of His own identity, not only as Jesus, the Saviour (Mt 1.21) – a self-knowledge He continues to manifest even after His Ascension (Acts 9.5; 22.8; 26.15); or the Son of Man (Mk 2.10; Lk 9.22; Mt 26.64); or the Son of God (Jn 10.36; Lk 1.35; 3.22); but, in fact, also as God who is one with God the Father (Jn 10.30). He does not hesitate to apply to Himself the term, ‘I AM’ (Jn 8.58), that God used exclusively of Himself (Exod. 3.14). Hidden in His identity are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2.3), all righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1 Cor. 1.30), the truth (Jn 14.6), the true light of the world (Jn 1.9; 8.12; 9.5; 12.46), the resurrection and the life (Jn 11.25), the power and the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 24), and, indeed, the fullness of God (Col. 1.19; Eph. 1.23). All these are the gift of God He offers in Himself to the Samaritan lady, and to all who thirst.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Exod. 17.3-7**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 5.1:2,5-8**; Gospel: **John 4.5-42**.

Psalm: **Ps 94(95).1-2,9**: *O that today you would listen to His voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Gospel Acclamation: *Lord, You are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.'*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 15th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 16 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 17 th Mar.	St Patrick (F)	9.30am	Pauline Hayes's Intention
Wed., 18 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 19 th Mar.	ST JOSEPH (S)	9.30am	Turner Family's Intention
Fri., 20 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 21 st Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 22nd Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 14 th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 15th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Bishop Paul Gonsalves
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family
Mon., 16 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Bridie & John Slean; Kay O’Brien, RIP
Tue., 17 th Mar.	St Patrick (F)	9.30am	Miss. H. Cunneenn, RIP
Wed., 18 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Melissa and Grant and families
Thur., 19 th Mar.	ST JOSEPH (S)	9.30am	Gerald O’Boy, RIP
Fri., 20 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mandy Tait
Sat. 21 st Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 22nd Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Rosita Ross
		11.00am	Anne Holloway, RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Mike Kavanagh, 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

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm. Please join us as we travel with Our Lord along the way of the Cross.

Year of the Word: The Big Picture Bible study has so far gone well. It is not too late to join in for the **next session this Sunday March the 15th from 12.15 to 13.15**, as we have extra books. Teenagers are welcome too. Young children can play in the hall. Older children have their own Bible study.

Offertory Envelopes: The new boxes of Offertory Envelopes will be available for collection **next Sunday, March the 22nd**, at the back of the church. If you have not used envelopes before and would like a box, please let Pat Malsher know. Thanks.

An Altar Servers Practice Session will take place on Saturday **March the 28th**, starting at 12.15pm. The session will focus mostly on the use of incense and the Thurible during Mass. All Altar Servers, both old and new, are requested to attend.

The Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse will be marked on Friday, 3 April 2020. All are requested to join in prayer with all these victims.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020: This weekend, please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet as you leave Mass. The Appeal contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and Service in Society. With your support, the Cardinal has launched a new programme to alleviate food poverty, which affects people in every part of the Diocese. Your gift could help open up schools during the holidays – a time of hunger for many children who depend on

the free meals they get at school. At the new school holiday activity clubs, children can have fun, help make a healthy meal to share, and families take home food to help them through this difficult time. You can support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020 by donating, volunteering and remembering the work in your prayers. Please visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

Coronavirus: let's not forget the vulnerable: In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well-stocked. However, we must not forget that this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products, as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk, etc. Foodbanks also welcome donations of money - please give what you can. Please also consider if you could spare some time to volunteer – perhaps by driving to collect food for a foodbank – or simply by looking out for your neighbours. Contact: cfc@rcdow.org.uk, or call 020 7931 6077 to add your name to a list of those willing to help respond. Thanks for your support,

SVP Annual National Raffle will be held on March the 27th. SVP members will 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.

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.

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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 15 Mar.
Roshan

Flowers:.
None during Lent

**“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.

February Offertory Collection

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

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