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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

+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11.25)

During the week a friend of mine in Ireland sent me a copy of these words of comfort of Pope Francis: "Tonight, before falling asleep, think about when we will return to the streets, when we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talks, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will be all a memory, but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage. See you soon!" Some people may be looking only at the dark side of this monumental historical event that is unfolding before our eyes – the fear and anxiety it is causing, the curtailment of our freedoms, the loss of income and the inability to pay the bills, the social isolations, the infections, sickness, and often deaths, the massive economic downturn that will result, and the accompanying hardship. The Pope has chosen rather to be optimistic and look for light at the end of the tunnel, knowing that there will be light after the dark. We can join with and see the positive side of this event – the sacrifices many are making, the eagerness of many to help others, the realisation of our limitations and of our dependence on God. From the depth of those limitations, of our fears and anxiety, we can cry out with the psalmist at today's Mass to Him who raised Lazarus from death and has the power to save us from these our present ills: "Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my supplications" (Ps 130.1-2).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Ezek. 37.12-14**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 8.8-11**; Gospel: **John 11.1-45**.

Psalm: **Ps 129(130): With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Gospel Acclamation: ***I Am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in Me will never die.***

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 29th Mar.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 31 st Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 1 st Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Ishanka Fernndo, Birthday
Thur., 2 nd Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 3 rd Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30pm	Pauline Hayes's Intention
Sat. 4 th Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 5th Apr.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	10.00am	Zora Davidson, Anniversary

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sun., 29th Mar.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	10.00am	Maurice (RIP) and Marlene Scally
Mon., 30 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mary O'Donnell, RIP
Tue., 31 st Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Sr Connie, RIP
Wed., 1 st Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Winifred Hannon, RIP
Thur., 2 nd Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 3 rd Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sat. 4 th Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Parishioners
Sun., 5th Apr.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	10.00am	Beverley Atkinbs, RIP, and Family

N.B.: *These Masses are celebrated by the priest alone, without the congregation, in line with the guidelines from our archbishop.*

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.

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