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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 EASTER

“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?” (Luke 24.26)

Our Lord's saving passion started in the evening of Holy Thursday, ending in His death on a cross on Good Friday. During that time, and throughout the following day, when Life was killed and remained in death, it was all doom and gloom, the kind the world has never seen, and the darkness that reigned over all was so great. Then the Easter Sunday morning dawned, and, with it, everything radically changed. In an instant, death was swallowed up in life, and night by day; light displaced darkness; gloom turned to hope; doom gave way to joy unparalleled, captivity to freedom, enmity to peace, failure to victory, and death to life; conquering, love arose triumphant. At the time of the passion, people witnessed to only the pain and the suffering; not even the apostles, the closest friends of the innocent Victim, could see through the pain, the shame, and the disaster of the passion. By hindsight, we are now able to see the necessity of the passion, that salvation and glory were designed to flow from it. And, so, the jubilant Church, exceedingly joyful in its experience of that outcome, proudly sings at Easter Vigil of the “truly necessary sin of Adam”, and of a “happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer.” At the moment, we see mostly the pain and misery of the coronavirus pandemic. We are not sure what will come out of it. But we do recognise with other people that, after the pandemic, the world will not be the same again. What the final outcome will be, we do not know; but we hope it will be positive, and that each one of us can learn from the pandemic and be able to shape the future of the world with an experience of love, solidarity, and faith in God.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 2.14,22-33; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21; Gospel: Luke 24.13-35.

Psalm: Ps 15(16).1-2,5,7-11: *Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 26th Apr.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 3</i>	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 27 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 28 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 29 th Apr.	St Catherine of Siena	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 30 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 1 st May	Easter Feria	9.30pm	Private Intention
Sat. 2 nd May	St Athanasius	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 3rd May	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 4</i>	10.00am	Andrew Penman, Anniversary

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sun., 26th Apr.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 3</i>	10.00am	Alphonsa George, RIP
Mon., 27 th Apr.	Easter Feria	10.00am	John Kelly, RIP
Tue., 28 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
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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.

NOTICES

Planned Giving: As we celebrate the most holy Feast in our Christian calendar, we sadly find our beloved church closed, even for individual prayer. Just prior to the lockdown, I was preparing to issue the new boxes of Offertory envelopes. Sadly, this cannot yet happen. Putting monies through the Presbytery letterbox is not advisable. It is a security risk, and also the money would need counting and banking, which is not possible at this time. An alternative for parishioners wishing to continue their financial support for St Peter's is to fill out a Standing Order form. Additionally, for those parishioners paying UK Income Tax, signing a Gift Aid Declaration form (if you have not already done so), will boost your offering by a very welcome 25%, at no cost to you, because of the Church's Charitable Status. If you contact Fr Livie or myself, I can mail you the required forms with instructions for either or both forms. Best wishes, Pat Malsher, Planned Giving and Gift Aid organiser: 01707 265530.

Mass for NHS & Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families:

Every Thursday evening, at 7pm, a bishop, in turn, will celebrate Mass in his cathedral, live streamed, for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families. The first one was celebrated by the Cardinal in the evening of April the 23rd in Westminster Cathedral. The dates, locations and live-streaming information (link in the name of the cathedral) for the next five are as follows:**30 April:** Bishop Richard Moth, Arundel Cathedral; **7 May:** Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds Cathedral; **14 May:** Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Newcastle Cathedral; **21 May:** Bishop Mark Davies,

Shrewsbury Cathedral; **28 May:** Bishop Terence Draine, Middlesbrough Cathedral.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020: This collection will take place after the lockdown is lifted. 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.

International Eucharistic Congress, 2020:

The plan for the archdiocese to travel to Budapest as a group to participate at the Congress in September has now been cancelled. Should the congress still go ahead, the individuals who wish to attend are still encouraged to do so.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Elifigios Tapfumanei**, the father our sister, Grace, for **Anastasius Karatai Kabute**, the father of our sister, Jane, for **Gabriel Alexis McDonald**, and for **Fr Anthony Francis Maxilliam Conlon** (71 years), a priest of the archdiocese. Both of them passed on within the past 10 days.

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@mountcarme.lkindergarten.co.uk

Tea & Coffee: After 11am
Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning:

Flowers:

**“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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