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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

+ EASTER SUNDAY

“He must rise from the dead.” (John 20.9)

On Friday, we marked with great distress the most shameful execution of “the Lord of glory” (1 Cor. 2.8). Our shared distress was greatly aggravated by our being prevented by the prevailing circumstances from coming together as a parish community to mark the occasion. I was alone in the church, firstly, to journey with the Lord to Calvary in Stations of the Cross, later to mark His passion and death in the afternoon ceremonies, and also to pray for our beloved parishioners and the world at this difficult time. There has never been a Holy Week like this. Many people may be wondering why the pandemic at this time, and where God is in all this. He could have mitigated or totally prevented the outbreak if He wanted, just as He could have prevented the suffering and execution of Our Lord; but for His kind and mysterious purposes, He did not. That day, while hanging on the cross, stripped, badly beaten, bruised, and bleeding, His body aching with pain, Our Lord in His humanity also wondered aloud why God had forsaken Him (Mk 15.34). At the time, He got no apparent answer; there was absolute silence, and total darkness both literally and metaphorically. Suffer and die, He did; and with Him, all things. It was not until three days later that the answer came in the most extraordinary and astonishing way. In His glorious resurrection, the Father gave His answer to all that happened to Our Lord – His betrayal, His abandonment, His passion, His crucifixion, His shameful death. God raised Him to life, and, with Him, our fallen, troubled humanity. Where death reigned, God gave life; where darkness, light; where fear and despondency, freedom and hope. With that, we can be confident that this outbreak does not have the final word.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 10.34,37-43; 2nd Reading: Col. 3.1-4; Gospel: John 20.1-9.

Psalm: Ps 117(118).1-2,16-17,22-23: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, in the Lord. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 12th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Octave</i>	10.00am	Mick Ryan, Anniversary
Mon., 13 th Apr.	Easter Monday	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 14 th Apr.	Easter Tuesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 15 th Apr.	Easter Wednesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Apr.	Easter Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Apr.	Easter Friday	9.30pm	Bridie Sullivan, Anniversary
Sat. 18 th Apr.	Easter Saturday	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 19th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Maureen Kelly, Anniversary; Jerry Kelly

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sun., 12th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Octave</i>	10.00am	Patricia Dee's Intention
Mon., 13 th Apr.	Easter Monday	10.00am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 th Apr.	Easter Tuesday	9.30am	Parishioners
Wed., 15 th Apr.	Easter Wednesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Apr.	Easter Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Apr.	Easter Friday	9.30pm	Private Intention
Sat. 18 th Apr.	Easter Saturday	9.30am	Parishioners
Sun., 19th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Cheryl & Graham Williams

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.

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.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of these recently deceased priests of the diocese: **Canon Eddie Matthews** (83 years); **Mgr Frederick Miles** (95 years); **Fr John William Helm** (84 years); **Fr John O'Halloran** (96 years), **Fr Austin Garvey** (94 years), and **Fr Bryan Jones** (75 years)

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;
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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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

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

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