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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

7.30pm

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Fri.: 10am-10.30am

#### **Divine Office:**

20 minutes before Mass

#### + PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A

"He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2.8)

Today begins the most hallowed week of our Christian calendar. It is with mixed emotions that we are entering this Holy Week. On the one hand, with joy and gratitude to God, we are looking forward to the Easter peace, and to the defeat of evil and triumph of grace in the death and resurrection of Our Lord. On the other, many of us are understandably sad and disappointed that we will be marking the most important mysteries of our faith in the most unusual manner, with the faithful not being able to take part in the liturgical celebrations. This is a situation no one ever anticipated or wished for, but which we must now adapt to and make the best of. We may be separated because of the restrictions, but we are united spiritually by our common faith, our shared hope, and our bond of charity. What we cannot express physically as a result of the separation, we can experience spiritually as a result of grace. In His teaching on the Eucharist, Our Lord assures us that the spirit is what gives life; not the flesh (Jn 6.63). Elsewhere, He asks us to worship as true worshippers of God in spirit and truth (Jn 4.24). Relying on the assurance, and exercising the authority given it by the Lord (Mt 16.19; 18.18), the Church now calls on us all to deepen our worship of God by transcending the constraints of our physical existence. Our communal celebration of the Holy Week may be greatly mitigated by our present difficult circumstances; but the efficacy and the benefits to us of the Paschal mysteries will not in the least be diminished. We will be united in prayer and service, wherever we will be. The decision to cancel our community celebrations was not taken lightly; but it is for the greater good of all, as individuals and as the human race.

#### **READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS**

Mt 21.1-1; 1st Reading: Is 50.4-7; 2nd Reading: Phil. 2.6-11; Gospel: Mt 26.14-27.66.
Psalm: Ps 21(22).8-9,17-20,23-24: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?.
Gospel Acclamation: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised Him high, and gave Him the name which is above all names.

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	+ PALM SUNDAY	10.00am	Zora Davidson, Anniversary
	Office, Week 2		
Mon., 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Mon. of Holy Week	9.30am	Terry McKee, Anniversary
Tue., 7th Apr.	Tue. of Holy Week	9.30am	Richard McKee, Anniversary
Wed., 8th Apr.	Wed. of Holy Week	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 9th Apr.	HOLY THURSDAY	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	PASSION CEREMONIES
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	EASTER VIGIL	8.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 12th Apr.	+ EASTER	10.00am	Mick Ryan, Anniversary
	SUNDAY		·
	Office: Easter Octave		

#### MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sun., 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	+ PALM SUNDAY	10.00am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, and Family
	Office, Week 2		
Mon., 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Mon. of Holy Week	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 7th Apr.	Tue. of Holy Week	9.30am	Private Intention
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Sun., 12th Apr.	+ EASTER	10.00am	Patricia Dee's Intention
	SUNDAY		
	Office: Easter Octave		

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

<u>SICK OR HOUSEBOUND</u>: 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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