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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

+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”
(Jn 10.10)

This Sunday is traditionally called ‘Good Shepherd Sunday.’ It is a day that specially affords us the opportunity to focus our contemplation of Our Lord on His role as that ‘Good Shepherd’ Who loved us so much that He laid down His life for us (Jn 10.11), exactly as He taught (Jn 13.1). This day we think of and pray for good leadership, both in the Church and in civil society, that it may be patterned after that of Our Lord. We ask the Lord in particular to provide for His people, especially through vocation to the priesthood, leaders who are after His own heart, who tend the flock in their charge and feed them with knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3.15), who give them courage and hope, especially at challenging times, like the one we are passing through. The Church all over the world is blessed with many priests; yet, the harvest remains plentiful, and the labourers few; so, we continue to need to pray for more labourers in the Lord’s vineyard (Mt 9.35-38; Lk 10.2). We are also gently requested to support this vocation in these ways: spiritually, with our prayers, that those whom God is calling to service in the Church may recognise the call and respond to it with a generous heart; morally, by encouraging our bishops, priests, and deacons in their ministries, and also our young men, including those of our households, to consider embracing this vocation; financially, by contributing towards offsetting the cost of training future priests, especially in our diocese. This year, due to the prevailing circumstances, we are able to have the Priests Training Fund collection meant for this purpose; but we can still give our support by donating to the fund online. We ask the Good Shepherd to continue to look after us, by protecting us from the virus that threatens us and prevents us from participating in our normal parish life.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 2.14,36-41; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20-25; Gospel: John 10.1-10.

Psalm: Ps 22(23): *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and My own know Me. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 3rd May	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 4</i>	10.00am	Andrew Penman, Anniversary
Mon., 4 th May	English Martyrs	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 5 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 6 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 7 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 8 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 9 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 10th May	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 1</i>	10.00am	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

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N.B.: *These Masses are celebrated by the priest alone, without the congregation, in line with the guideline 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.

Priests Training Fund: The fund's support collection due this weekend has been cancelled. We are however invited to pray for our seminarians and encourage other young men to consider answering the call to the priesthood. **Donations to the Priests' Training Fund** are always gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the donation page of the diocesan Communications office. Thank you.

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: **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 Drainey, 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.

Parish Office: SP: Tue.,
Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm;

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: SP:
Roshan Senanayake; Email:
hatfieldsouths@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:

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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