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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 EASTER

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14.6)

The response to the Psalm this Sunday invites us to ask the Lord to let His steadfast love be upon us, even as we hope in Him (Ps 33.22). Those consoling words could not have come at a better time than our present difficult circumstances when we are learning to live our daily life with the devastating effects of the pandemic, and with uncertainty about the future. These circumstances may be strange to us, but they are not strange to the Lord Who knows all things and is Himself the Lord of history. He knows how they will all end and is there to support with His steadfast love all who hope in Him. So we cannot afford to stop calling on Him, that He might visit us in love in our present difficulties and see us through. St Peter reminds us in the Second Reading (1 Pt 2.4-9) of our special place in God's scheme of things. God has chosen us and consecrated us for this purpose, namely, that, as a royal priesthood whom He has called out of darkness into His marvellous light, we might declare the wonderful deeds He does for us. We make that declaration in our present situation when, by persevering in the hope we have in His love, we stand firm and show that He is true to His word and will save us from the evil that threatens us. How we do that has been shown us by Our Lord Who in today's gospel declares Himself to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14.6). He is the life we all desire to have, and which He offers us abundantly (Jn 10.10). He is the truth we want to know, the truth that sets us free (Jn 8.32). He too is the way that leads to truth and life; all who faithfully follow Him need not fear of ever stumbling or missing the way, for He is also the Light (Jn 8.12) that lights up our way.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Acts 6.1-7**; 2nd Reading: **1 Peter 2.4-9**; Gospel: **John 14.1-12**.

Psalm: **Ps 33(32): May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 10th May	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 1</i>	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 11 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Tue., 12 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Wed., 13 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Thur., 14 th May	St Matthias	8.00am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 15 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Sat. 16 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Sun., 17th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sun., 10th May	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 1</i>	10.00am	Julia Holloway, RIP
Mon., 11 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, & Family
Tue., 12 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 13 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Thur., 14 th May	St Matthias	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 15 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 16 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Parishioners
Sun., 17th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Doris Thomas, RIP

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.

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:
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MC/STM: Angela Madden
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Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

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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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