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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

+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you." (John 14.18)

It is a little over eight weeks now since we ceased to gather as a parish community, and no one knows for sure when our parish life will return to normal. Within this period, a lot has happened. On the positive side, the lockdown has given some people a great opportunity to pray more, to study and reflect on the Scripture, to give more attention to their interior life through a fruitful introspection, and to grow in intimacy with the Lord. I have myself been spending my time reflecting on the mystery and beauty of our relationship with God, an exercise, I hope, will be of immense benefit to me personally, and to anyone who would want to benefit from it. Families have stayed together as they never had before. Hopefully, the stress that came with that has not undermined the beauty of the family members getting to enjoy being with each other, and to know each other better. On the negative side, people have also suffered spiritually, emotionally, economically, and socially, especially due to the uncertainty of the situation, and the isolation that has kept some of them away from their friends and loved ones. In the challenges of these times, it is vital we hear these words Our Lord speaks to us in the gospel today: "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you." Times like these offer believers an opportunity to discover God anew, and to look at life from a different perspective. Perhaps, we will discover how fragile our life really is, and how totally we depend on God's graciousness. Perhaps, we will realise how much we need each other and the community. The critical question, then, is whether or not we emerge from this experience stronger, and better persons.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8,14-17; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18; Gospel: John 14.15-21.

Psalm: Ps 65(66).1-7,16,20: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him.' Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 17th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 18 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Tue., 19 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Wed., 20 th May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Thur., 21 st May	ASCENSION	8.00am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 22 nd May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Private Intention
Sat. 23 rd May	Easter Feria	8.00am	Parishioners
Sun., 24th May	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 3</i>	10.00am	Bob Langlois, Anniversary

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sun., 17th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Julia Holloway, RIP
Mon., 18 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Brian Hopkins, RIP
Tue., 19 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Cindy's Friend
Wed., 20 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 21 st May	ASCENSION	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 22 nd May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 23 rd May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Bridei & John Slean; Kay O'Brien, RIP
Sun., 24th May	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 3</i>	10.00am	Parishioners

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.

Matrimonial Thanksgiving Mass scheduled for Saturday the 30th of this month has been cancelled.

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 ones are as follows: **21 May:** Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral; and **28 May:** Bishop Terence Drainey, Middlesbrough Cathedral.

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
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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