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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

+ 15TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“A sower went out to sow.” (Matthew 13.3)

My friend's earliest recollection of hearing the gospel read at Mass happened when he was about three years old. He had been taken for Mass to a primary school that also served as a Mass centre. Till this day, he still remembers hearing the priest read at that Mass of seed falling on the ground. At that age, he neither understood the reading nor what he felt about it. But he always looks back to that moment as the very first time he became conscious of his vocation to serve the cause of the gospel. It appears that the gospel he heard the priest read that Sunday fell like the seed of faith and found rich soil in his heart. As years pass by, he grew in the consciousness of that vocation and went on to become a sower of the seed of faith in people's hearts. His experience makes us to look at the parable of the sower from a different perspective. We have always looked at this parable from the viewpoint of the way we receive the Word of God we hear at every Mass. We don't normally look at it from the viewpoint of us being sowers of the seed. Actually, we are called to be sowers of the seed of faith in the young, in unbelievers, in society. We answer this call when we get the children baptised, when we take them to Mass, gather them around us for prayer, tell them about God, or share our faith with our neighbour. We are also called to sow the seed of authentic human values in society, the seed of love, of truth, of peace, of solidarity, of the virtues. In various ways, we try to do this by witnessing to the values in our own lives and in our families. So, just as we should be the good soil that receives the seed and bears its fruit, we should also be good sowers of the seed.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 55.10-11**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 8.18-23**; Gospel: **Mt 13.1-23**.

Psalm: **Ps 65(64).10-14**: *Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 11 th Jul.		6.00pm	Private Intention
Sun., 12th Jul.	+ 14TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Traveller Community
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 13 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 14 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 15 th Jul.	St Bonaventure	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 18 th Jul.	Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 19th Jul.	+ 16TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Private Intention
		9.00am	Juana Tamesis, RIP
		11.00am	Michael Johnson, RIP
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 11 th Jul.	+ 15 TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sun., 12 th Jul.		9.30am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, & Family
Mon., 13 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 15 th Jul.	St Bonaventure	9.30am	George Rhine, RIP
Thur., 16 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 18 th Jul.	+ 16 TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 19 th Jul.		9.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Raynah Watson, RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Mike Kavanagh, Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Pat Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Theresa Chatfield, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Adele Pym, and Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH:

Our church is now open for public Mass for the second week, and things have been running smoothly. To keep them going that way, please note the following:

- **The government requires that the church keeps a record of those of those who attend each Mass, to make it possible to trace and test in the event of an infection occurring in the church. For that reason, you can visit the parish's microsite to sign up for the Mass you wish to attend. Alternatively, cards will be available at the church for you to put down your name and phone number as you enter the church. Please cooperate to help us observe the guideline;**
- Please observe the Social Distancing rule;
- The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. Everyone 70 years old or above, and all vulnerable people are advised not to attend Mass;
- All are requested to observe all the hygiene protocols, and to follow the one-way direction;
- Communion will be only on the palm stretched out to the priest full length;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you leave the church at the end of Mass;
- There will be no singing during Mass;
- More volunteers are needed to help clean the pews and the church after each Mass. Please, give a helping hand at the end of Mass;
- During weekdays and Sunday, the church will be open for private prayer

30 minutes before Mass each day and will be locked immediately after Mass.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals can now take place in the church. Please contact the Parish Clergy if you wish to arrange any.

Confessions: The priest are available for confessions. Please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Planned Giving: We thank God that our beloved church is now open for individual prayer and Mass, . 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.

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;
Parish Secretary: 01707262439

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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