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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

## **+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A**

**“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.” (Matthew 13.44)**

King Solomon (whose other name is Jedidiah) is known as the wisest person who ever lived, hence the English saying: As wise as Solomon. He was so renowned for his wisdom (and wealth) that royalties from all over the world, including the queen of Sheba – Ethiopia – who visited with large retinue (2 Chron. 9.1-12), all went to see him, and all were riveted by the encounter. It is important to remember that he was not born with that extraordinary wisdom; he received it as a gift, after he asked it of God (1 Kg 3.5-14; 2 Chron. 1.7-13). His prayer for wisdom was recalled and elaborately celebrated in the book of Wisdom and of Proverbs. In asking for it rather than for personal security, wealth, or any other such thing, he understood the preeminence of wisdom over temporal goods, as well as its importance in our lives. This exalted gift of Wisdom is one of the few things we are promised in the Scripture that we will receive when we pray for it (Jam. 1.5). It helps us to understand this life properly, to know the ways of God, and to order our lives aright. Usually it is followed by prosperity, happiness, peace, self-fulfillment, and other goods of this life, and also eternal redemption in the life to come. That gift of wisdom is in fact the Lord Himself Whom the Scripture calls “the power of God and the Wisdom of God” (1 Cor. 1.24). In Him “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2.3). Therefore, anyone who desires the true life that comes from wisdom alone should deploy the whole of their energy and resources in search of the true wisdom, Christ Our Lord, till they find Him.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading **1 Kg 3.5,7-12**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Rom. 8.28-30**; Gospel: **Mt 13.44-52**.

Psalm: **Ps 119(118).57,72,76-77,127-130: Lord, how I love Your law!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. Alleluia!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	<b>+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun., 26<sup>th</sup> Jul.</b>		<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	St Martha	9.30am	
Thur., 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul.	St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am	Moses Jesudasan, Anniversary
Sat., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	St Alphonsus Ligouri	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug.</b>	<b>+ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	+ 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul.		9.30am	Private Intentions
		11.00am	Carol Thomas
Mon., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Bill Watdson, RIP
Wed., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	St Martha	9.30am	
Thur., 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul.	St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am	
Sat., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	+ 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug.		9.30am	Alice Beckett, RIP
		11.00am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, and Family

**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

**First Holy Communion** can now take place. The parents of our candidates this year are requested to contact the catechists.

**RCIA**: The candidates this year can now conclude the programme.

**Finance Committee**: We thank **John Nwachukwu** who has agreed to join the Parish Finance Committee.

**Public Health**: Our church is now open for public Mass. In that regard, please note the following:

- **As the wearing of the face mask in shops will soon be obligatory, please consider coming to Mass in one from now on;**
- The government requires that the church keeps a record of those who attend each Mass, to make it possible for test and trace in the event of an infection occurring in the church. For that reason, please complete the attendance card on a table in the diseporch as you come into the church. Please cooperate to help us observe the guideline;
- Please observe the rule on Social Distancing and limit your interaction with non-members of your family;
- All are requested to observe all the hygiene protocols, and to follow the one-way direction;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you

leave the church at the end of Mass;

- Volunteers will continue to be needed to clean the church after each Mass. Many thanks to all who have helped;
- The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. Everyone 70 years old or above, and all vulnerable people are advised not to attend Mass;
- During weekdays and Sunday, the church will be open for private prayer 30 minutes before Mass each day and will be closed 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.

**2020 Chrism Mass**: The Cardinal will celebrate this year's postponed Chrism Mass in the cathedral on September the 14 with only the deans present. The Mass will be streamed live online. The time is yet to be announced.

**Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage** this year has been cancelled.

Please join the diocese in **Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage from July the 26<sup>th</sup> to August the 1<sup>st</sup>** on:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/pilgrimages/>.

**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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**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:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thur Monthly at 6pm

**Proclaim Our Lady of  
Fatima Family Rosary:**

Contact: Lucia Federici,  
07933 436387; Email:  
[lucia.federici@mountcarmelkindergarten.co.uk](mailto: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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