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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: 9.30am
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

**Holy Days of
Obligation:**

Mass: 9.30am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10am

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

+ 18TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“He who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money.” (Isaiah 55.)

In today's gospel, the Lord feeds over 5,000 people with only the 5 loaves and two fish the disciples could provide (Mt 14.17). By taking and blessing what was offered, He turned it into the great abundance that fed and completely satisfied the large crowd. Those who ate the loaves and fish did not have to pay for it. It was also no fault of theirs that they were hungry, or that they could not fend for themselves at that time. Yet, as the dignity they shared as human beings required, they deserved to have their basic need attended to, the responsibility resting on those who possessed the means. Today, the statistics on world hunger remains startling and embarrassingly high. With the global figures of about 690 million undernourished people and 144 million children stunted by malnutrition, the world has still got a lot to worry about. More shocking, perhaps, is the fact that the small rural farmers who produce about 70% of the global food supply are themselves the ones who suffer food insecurity more than others. Incontrovertibly, the world has enough to feed all its people. What, then, is responsible for world hunger? A lot of people are hungry, not because they are lazy and do not work; many of them work very hard every day to earn their living, but are constrained in their efforts by many factors beyond their control, including poverty, war and conflict, food shortages, climate change, poor nutrition, food waste, bad economy, poor public policies, gender inequality, and forced migration. World hunger will be drastically reduced if only world resources are better managed and more generously shared.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading **Is 55.1-3**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 8.35,37-39**; Gospel: **Mt 14.13-21**.

Psalm: **Ps 145(144).8-9,15-18**: *You open wide Your hand, O Lord; You grant our desires.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, ad glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 2nd Aug.	+ 18TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Maria Fernandes, Birthday
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	
Mon., 3 rd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 4 th Aug.	St John Vianney	9.30am	
Wed., 5 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 6 th Aug.	Transfiguration of the Lord	11.00am	Mary Davin: Memorial Mass
		7.00pm	
Fri., 7 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 8 th Aug.	St Dominic	10.30am	
Sun., 9th Aug.	+ 19TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 1st Aug.	+ 18TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 2nd Aug.		9.30am	Alice Beckett, RIP
		11.00am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, and Family
Mon., 3 rd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Tue., 4 th Aug.	St John Vianney	9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Wed., 5 th Aug.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 6 th Aug.	Transfiguration	9.30am	
Fri., 7 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 8 th Aug.	+ 19TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Bridie & John Slean, RIP; Kay O'Brien
Sun., 9th Aug.		9.30am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Keith Thomas

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

The feast of the Transfiguration will be on **Thursday the 6th**. Mass will be at 7pm.

Gift Aid Form: If you are a UK taxpayer, the church can claim from the government 25% of your contribution to it at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid Form. Also, due to the risks involved in handling cash, please consider making your contribution to the parish by Standing Order. To do so, also complete the section in the Gift Aid Form and return it to the parish office. The form is on the tables in the entrance and the exit porches.

RCIA & First Holy Communion can now take place. Those concerned are requested to contact their catechists.

Public Health:

- **More Stewards are still needed for Sunday Mass. Please consider volunteering, and sign up through this link: <https://signup.com/go/WxMtFPa>;**
- **As the wearing of face mask in shops and other closed spaces is now obligatory, please consider coming to Mass in one from now on;**
- Each time you attend Mass, please complete the attendance card on the table in the side porch as you enter the church, in keeping with the government's Test and Trace guideline;

- Please observe the rule on Social Distancing and limit your interaction with non-members of your family;
- Please observe all the hygiene protocols, and 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 church is 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.

Mary Davin: There will be a memorial Mass for the late Mary Davin on **Thur. the 6th at 11am**. Please join us to pray with our brother John and to bid our sister Mary our final farewell.

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.

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.

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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@mountcarme.lkindergarten.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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