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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

+ 21ST SUNDAY – YEAR A

“But who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16.15)

We all have our worlds we live. Sometimes, those worlds are either partially or fully closed to others; unless we open them up, no one may know what we really have in them. Getting to know someone, especially being let into the person's inner, and perhaps secret, world is a great privilege that can also be challenging, as it is exciting. And being allowed to share in that person's world is even a greater privilege undeserved, something that should always be appreciated and treasured. Just as we owe the utmost respect for everything we know about a person from sharing in their world, we equally owe it as a duty to know them for who they truly are, and not to impose our prejudiced perception on them. To be able to do that, we need to contemplate and pay close attention to them, and let our perception of them be shaped by the truth of who they are. It appears that most of the people who encountered Our Lord during His earthly life all misunderstood Him for Who He was. They regarded Him as a blasphemer and an imposter (Jn. 10.33), a lawbreaker (Jn 9.16; 5.16,18), a sinner (Jn 9.24), a perverter of the nation (Lk 23.2), and an evildoer (Jn 18.30) Who deserved nothing but a shameful execution. Thankfully, there were some people (including St Peter, the first disciple) who recognised Him – though dimly – for Who He is, but not by their own insight. It was revealed to them by the Father through the Holy Spirit (Mt 16.17), for “no one knows the Son except the Father” (Mt 11.27), and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12.3). Those who received that gift of the Father are thus able to profess Him to be the Christ, the Son of the living God (Mt 16.16), as well as our Lord and our God (Jn 20.28).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 22.19-23**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 11.33-36**; Gospel: **Mt 16.13-20**.

Psalms: **Ps 138(137).1-3,6,8**: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal; discard not the work of Your hands.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, and He has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 23rd Aug.	+ 21ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Jim Chatfield, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Caroline Wargo-Saduwe, Anni.
Mon., 24 th Aug.	St Bartholomew	9.30am	
Tue., 25 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 26 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 27 th Aug.	St Monica	7.00pm	Francesca Diana, RIP
Fri., 28 th Aug.	St Augustine	9.30am	
Sat., 29 th Aug.	St John the Baptist	10.30am	
Sun., 30th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Jim Chatfield, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 22 nd Aug.	+ 21 ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 23 rd Aug.		9.30am	Elias & Noemi Gonsalves, RIP
		11.00am	William Prendergast, RIP
Mon., 24 th Aug.	St Bartholomew	9.30am	
Tue., 25 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Lawrence Chitemere, RIP
Wed., 26 th Aug.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 27 th Aug.	St Monica	9.30am	Dr Charles Andi, Sick
Fri., 28 th Aug.	St Augustine	9.30am	
Sat., 29 th Aug.	+ 22 ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 30 th Aug.		9.30am	Agnes Stewart, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners

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

NOTICES

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>;**
- **The wearing of face mask in the church is now obligatory;** please ensure you come to Mass in one. Readers can remove theirs while reading at the lectern, but should put them back the moment they finish;
- 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.

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:
hatfieldsouthsg@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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