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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

## + 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A

**“If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” (Mt 16.26)**

The Cross is the single most important and powerful symbol of Christianity. To the Cross, Our Lord was nailed, together with both all of us believers (Gal. 2.19) and the bonds of our sins (Col. 2.14). On the Cross, He died (Phil. 2.8), to take away our sins. By the blood of the Cross, He made peace (Col. 1.20), reconciling us to God in one body, and bringing the hostility to an end (Eph. 2.16). And for the sake of the joy that was set before Him, He endured the Cross, despising the shame (Heb. 12.2). Thus the Cross is the symbol of salvation. It represents all the trials a Christian must, like the Lord, patiently endure in order to enter into glory (cf. Lk 24.26). Thus the Cross is part and parcel of our Christian life and identity. While it is not something we should wish for ourselves or for others, we should not be ashamed of it, or run away from it, or walk as Its enemies (Phil. 3.18). Nor should we be like those who are perishing for whom the Cross is folly (1 Cor. 1.18). Rather, we should glory in the Cross (Gal. 6.14). Accepting it in faith when it comes our way, and enduring it patiently in hope in union with the Lord, we should seek to complete in our flesh “what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church” (Col. 1.24). We may not be like the apostles who rejoiced to be counted worthy to suffer for the sake of Our Lord (Acts 5.41), or St Paul who also rejoiced (Rom. 5.3) and was content with his many sufferings (2 Cor. 12.10). Yet, we can imitate Simon of Cyrene and carry the Cross behind Our Lord (Mt 27.32), or Virgin Mary and the ladies and stand by Our Lord at the place of the crucifixion (Jn 19.21).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ezek. 33.7-9**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Rom. 13.8-10**; Gospel: **Mt 18.15-20**.

Psalm: **Ps 95(94).1-2,6-9**: *O that today you would listen to His voice! 'Harden not your heart.'*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is true, O Lord; consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>	<b>+ 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Jim Chatfield, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	St Gregory the Great	7.00pm	
Fri., 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Feria	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>+ 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Mary Davin, RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

<b>Sat., 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>	<b>+ 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	Agnes Stewart, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	St Gregory the Great	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Fri., 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>+ 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Canon Eddie Matthews, RIP
<b>Sun., 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
		<b>11.00am</b>	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, Edwin Levy, and Maureen Kennedy.

# NOTICES

**Booking of Mass:** The Holy Mass is the greatest and most efficacious prayer we can offer. It is the perfect prayer Our Lord offers to the Father, and is itself Our Lord Himself. We can unite ourselves and our personal intentions with the Lord in offering this prayer to God, in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you want a Holy Mass offered for your specific bodily or spiritual needs, or for those of someone you love, for the peaceful repose of a person you know, or for any other intention, please contact the parish office or complete the **Mass Intention envelope** at the back of the church and give it to the priest. The diocese encourages us to make a voluntary offering of £10 for each Mass intention.

**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.

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

## **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.

**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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Danny Brendan Horan** who died on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**Proclaim Our Lady of  
Fatima Family Rosary:**  
Contact: Lucia Federici,  
07933 436387; Email:  
[lucia.federici@mountcarme.lkindergarten.co.uk](mailto: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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Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes

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