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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

+ 24TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.” (Mt 18.35)

Today's gospel concludes Our Lord's teaching on Church communion, and sums up our pathway to the peace and joy of salvation. It teaches that for us to access God's mercy and forgiveness for ourselves, we must forgive one another with all our heart (Mk 11.25; Mt 6.12, 14-15; 5.23-24; Lk 11.4). We are, as it were, all in the same boat. We may not be guilty of the heinous sins of serial murders, multiple rapes, frauds, child molestation, and so on. Yet, we all sin (cf. 1 Jn 1.8, 10), and we all fall short of God's glory (Rom. 3.23). In various ways, at various times, we offend God and one another. Were God to mark our guilt, none of us could stand (Ps 130 [129].3). So, we all need to be treated with mercy, and to be forgiven. In Our Lord, God has in fact already forgiven us all (Col. 1.14; Eph. 1.7; 4.32). Yet, the mercy and forgiveness He superabundantly poured out in Christ will not personally benefit a soul that has rendered itself impervious to grace by its hard-hearted refusal to forgive others (CCC, 2840). We have been invited to take part in the Lord's act of mercy and forgiveness by having in us the heart and mind in Him (cf. Phil. 2.5) that readily forgave everyone, including those who put Him through hell in His Passion, and sadistically rejoiced to see Him suffer and die most painfully on the Cross. With Him, we are to turn the hurt we suffer into an intercession for those who hurt us (Mt 5. 44; CCC, 2842). Forgiveness, as the hallmark of our Christian service, is the means by which we bear powerful witness to the fact that love is stronger than might, and its fire fiercer than the fire of vengeance. We owe it as a sacred duty to all who offend us (CCC, 2844).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Eccl. 27.30-28.7**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 14.7-9**; Gospel: **Mt 18.21-35**.

Psalm: **Ps 103(102).1-4,9-12: *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun., 13th Sept. | + 24TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i> | 9.00am | Stefano Federici & Family |
| | | 11.00am | Campbell Nwachukwu, B.D. |
| | | 2.00pm | Parishioners |
| | | 6.00pm | Samuel Nwachukwu, B.D. |
| Mon., 14 th Sept. | Exaltation of the Cross | 9.30am | |
| Tue., 15 th Sept. | Our Lady of Sorrows | 9.30am | |
| Wed., 16 th Sept. | St Cornelius | 9.30am | |
| Thur., 17 th Sept. | Feria | 7.00pm | |
| Fri., 18 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | |
| Sat., 19 th Sept. | Feria | 10.30am | |
| Sun., 20th Sept. | + 25TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.00am | |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |
| | | 2.00pm | Travellers |
| | | 6.00pm | |

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

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| Sat., 12th Sept. | + 24TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i> | 6.00pm | Canon Eddie Matthews, RIP |
| Sun., 13th Sept. | | 9.30am | Thanksgiving to Our Lady |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |
| Mon., 14 th Sept. | Exaltation of the Cross | 9.30am | |
| Tue., 15 th Sept. | Our Lady of Sorrows | 9.30am | The Watson Family |
| Wed., 16 th Sept. | St Cornelius | 7.30pm | |
| Thur., 17 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | |
| Fri., 18 th Sept. | Feria | 9.30am | Special Intention |
| Sat., 19 th Sept. | + 25TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 6.00pm | |
| Sun., 20th Sept. | | 9.30am | Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman |
| | | 11.00am | Beverley Atkins, RIP, & Family |

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

Holy Land Collection: Today's second collection is in support of the Holy Land. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is the greatest and most efficacious prayer we can offer. It is Our Lord's perfect prayer to the Father. We can unite ourselves and our intentions with Him in offering this prayer to God, in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you want a Holy Mass offered for any intention of yours, 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 cash handling, 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.

Reception: Our RCIA candidate, **Josh Carson**, will be received into full communion in the Church on Saturday the 9th. Please keep him in your prayer.

First Holy Communion: Our children will have their First Holy Communion on **Saturday, October the 4th, @ 11am & 2pm**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Public Health:

- **More Stewards are needed for Mass on Sunday. To volunteer, please sign up through this link: <https://signup.com/go/WxMtFPa>;**
- **Wearing of mask at Mass is now obligatory.** Please cooperate;
- 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 Social Distancing rules, and the hygiene protocols;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you leave the church at the end of 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.

Fundraising for Isabel Hospice - Isabel's STEptember Challenge: Pauline Hayes our parish secretary is taking on the 300,000 step challenge for Isabel Hospice. Isabel Hospice nurses have been on their feet even more so over the last few months going above and beyond to care for patients during these extraordinary times, caring for the most vulnerable of patients in our community. Donations to help raise funds for the hospice can be done via the just giving page: [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pauline-hayes1). Any donation is very much appreciated. (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pauline-hayes1>). Thank you.

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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01707275214.

Planned Giving: SP:
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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