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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

+ 29TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s”. (Matt. 22:21). The malicious ulterior motive of the Pharisees in putting their question to Jesus notwithstanding, they did us all a good turn by getting his answer. That answer is forceful and final. It lays down a norm which solves for all time the questions that can arise from our dual citizenship on this earth as Christians. Knowing their evil intent, Jesus said, “why are you testing me hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax”, and they handed him the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar. The answer our Lord gives to his challengers explicitly restates the fundamental norm of the divine natural law. God intended for his people to live in a society which is governed by a temporal power; responsible for the common good, material welfare of the people. However, as our ultimate end, humanity has its spiritual welfare. “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s;” implies that state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the people, provided always their spiritual welfare is not impeded by the rulers’ demands. Both St Peter (1 Pt 2:13-14) and St Paul (Rom. 13:1-7), emphasized the obligation on the early Christians of being exemplary loyal citizens of the state. Meanwhile, a human person is a partly spiritual being and as such destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has a duty and the possibility of preparing for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a much more important nature and higher value, a person’s primary goal in life must be to reach that kingdom. He must, in other words, find out and fulfil his duties towards God; one must “give to God what is God’s”. No wonder the Holy word says in (Matt 6:33), “Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need”. Stay Blessed

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 45:1.4-6**; 2nd Reading: **1Thess. 1:1-5**; Gospel: **Mt. 22:15-21**.

Psalm: **Ps 95(96): Give the Lord glory and power.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. (Jn 17:17) Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 18th Oct.	+ 29TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Mrs Elizabeth Davin, Ann.
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Don Batholomew Jaykody, 5 th A
Mon., 19 th Oct.	Sts John de Breboeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests	9.30am	Josephine A. RIP
Tue., 20 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 21 st Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Alphonsus & Emmanuel RIP
Thur., 22 nd Oct.	St John Paul II, OM	7.00pm	
Fri., 23 rd Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Ray and Audery, RIP
Sat., 24 th Oct.	St Anthony M Claret. B	10.30am	
Sun., 25th Oct.	+ 30TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Kelly McGrath
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Student's welfare

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 17th Oct.	+ 29TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving
Sun., 18th Oct.		9.30am	STM Parishioners
		11.00am	Luiza Maria Cardozo RIP
Mon., 19 th Oct.	Sts John de Breboeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests & M	9.30am	
Tue., 20 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Luiza Maria Cardozo RIP
Wed., 21 st Oct.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 22 nd Oct.	St John Paul II, OM	9.30am	
Fri., 23 rd Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 24 th Oct.	+ 30TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 25th Oct.		9.30am	Mavice & Josie Ashwell, 70 th A
		11.00am	Peter Dobie

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

NOVEMBER/ALL SOULS:

We are putting out the envelopes for your list of relatives and loved ones who have passed and your mass offering for prayers during the All souls mass and the month of November. You will find the envelopes at the entrance to the Church.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021:

Over 25 children made their First Holy Communion at St Peter's and Marychurch at the weekend and it was a most joyous occasion. We are now inviting applications for children in year 3 upwards who wish to make their First Communion next year. Application forms to register your interest will be available at both churches.

I am pleased to say that as a result of the church having adopted a number of safety guidelines, in order to keep our parishioners Covid-safe, we have seen a steady rise in the number of parishioners attending. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you we continue to be very vigilant, maintaining social distancing and other measures to keep the churches a safe place for all. For the safety of all of our church families, face coverings are to be worn while the Covid guidelines remain in force. We very much look forward to seeing you in the church.

St Peter's and Marychurch Catechists

October Devotion: Due to the pandemic we are not able to meet and observe this devotion this year. We are encouraged to observe it privately by saying the Rosary in our homes every day. Please offer this prayer for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is Our Lord's perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If

you wish to have 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 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.

WELCOME:

We welcome Fr Vincent Omorokpakpo MSP, who has come to provide cover for Fr Livie who's on holiday. We are glad to have you father.

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.

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@mountcarme.lkindergarten.co.uk

Tea & Coffee: After 11am
Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Weekly Rotas:
Cleaning: Oct. 19 – 24

Roshan & Gami

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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www.stpetershatfield.org; <https://parish>
Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes

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