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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

+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

“Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13.33)

Blessed be our great God and most loving Father Who has brought us safely to the beginning of yet another liturgical year, despite the troubles of the past one. Thanks to the right decisions and actions of the government, and to the cooperation of most citizens, we will be returning to our community worship during the week. It also appears that we will be celebrating the year's Christmas communally, unlike what happened at Easter. In hope and with great expectation, we look forward to this. As we start today to prepare to welcome with joy the grace, the peace, the regeneration, and the transformation, that came with the birth of Our Lord, and as we look forward to the completion of our salvation when He returns in glory, we ought to rejoice. But our rejoicing should be measured, for we do not yet possess the fullness of glory. At this time of the year, most trees are without foliage; they are bare and appear to be dead; yet they are alive, and they await the new life that comes with Spring. In a similar way, when we look at the current calendar year that is passing away, we see reflected in our collective experience what the Scripture has said concerning us: “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh” (2 Cor. 4.8-11). All the uncertainty and anxiety, the pain and distress, the barrenness of the times we live in, should point us to the glory that will be revealed in us if in all our troubles we stand with the Lord, firm in Him.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 63.16-17; 64.1,3-8**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 1.3-9**; Gospel: **Mk 13.33-37**.
 Psalm: **Ps 80(79).2-3,15-16,18-19: God of hosts, bring us back; let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved**
 Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help. Alleluia!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 29 th Nov.	+ 1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Nov.	St Andrew, Apostle	9.30am	Francis Thottungal, RIP
Tue., 1 st Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 2 nd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 3 rd Dec.	St Francis Xavier	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 5 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sun., 6 th Dec.	+ 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Janithi Aloka, Birthday T/giving
		11.00am	Tessa George, Birthday T/giving
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 28 th Nov	+ 1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>		
Sun., 29 th Nov.		10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Nov.	St Andrew, Apostle	10.00am	Thanksgiving to St Andrew
Tue., 1 st Dec..	Advent Feria	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wed., 2 nd Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00pm	Mulholland Family RIP
Thur., 3 rd Dec.	St Francis Xavier	10.00am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Fri., 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am	Darman Family RIP
Sat., 5 th Dec.	+ 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00Pm	Emily & George Waterman, RIP
Sun., 6 th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Mary Heylen, RIP
		11.00am	Norberto Santano Cardozo, RIP

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

REOPENING OF CHURCH: Following the government's guideline, our church will reopen for public worship on **Wednesday the 2nd of December**. Please see the second page of this newsletter for Mass times.

1st Holy Communion 2020/2021: Over 25 children made their First Holy Communion at St Peter's and Marychurch this year. We are now inviting applications for children in year 3 upwards who wish to make theirs next year. Application forms to register your interest are available at both churches.

We are pleased to say that as a result of the church having adopted a number of safety guidelines, in order to keep our parishioners Covid-19-safe, we have seen a steady rise in the number of parishioners attending. We 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 safe places 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

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.

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. You may also do so online;
- 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.

Learning from the Pandemic Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum on Saturday 5th Dec., 11am – 1.30pm. Zoom online event for all. A time of reflection on the experience of the pandemic so far and conversation about the journey that now lies ahead. Speakers helping to facilitate the Forum include Anna Gavurin, Fr Richard Nesbitt, and Dr Pat Jones. Chair: Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. Host: Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Bishop Paul McAleenan. To receive the Zoom, please register in advance at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/127452079601>.

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.kindergarten.co.uk

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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: Nov. 30 – Dec. 5

M. Osei

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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