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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

“... the gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God.” (Mk 1.1)

St Mark begins his gospel with the words: *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God.* By the word, ‘gospel’, he sums up everything about the mystery of Christ – His person, identity, life, mission, teaching, and deeds. That word, formed from two old English words – ‘god’ (‘good’) and ‘spell’ (‘to tell’) – is the equivalent of the Greek word, *euangelion*, used by St Mark and translated as *evangelium* in Latin. It can be understood in two ways. In a broad sense, it means ‘the good news about the kingdom’ (Mt 4.23; Mk 1.15) – the ‘good tidings’ of salvation (cf. Is. 52.7-10) announced, not only to the Israelites, but to the whole world – the news that in and by Christ, we have been saved from sin and death and given eternal life. That Good News is primarily Our Lord Himself. It is the essence and entirety of our redemption that unfolded, and was accomplished, in and by Our Lord (Mt 9.35; 14.14; Mk 1.14; 13.10; 16.15; Acts 20.24; Rom. 1.1, 9, 16; 10.16). In this sense, there is only one gospel, because there is only one Christ, and one message of salvation. In a derived sense, the word ‘gospel’ means an account – written or unwritten – of the mystery of Christ given by a particular person. In this sense, there can be many ‘gospels’. In fact, in the early Church, about 50 gospels circulated, some of them attributed to the apostles. Of all these, only those of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were considered inspired by God, following a very lengthy and rigorous process of discernment led by the Spirit, and, so, were included in the Bible as Scripture. That discernment process also involved the early Church Fathers, including St Clement, St Justin, Tertullian, Tatian, St Irenaeus, St Augustine, and St Hippolytus of Antioch.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 40.1-5,9-11**; 2nd Reading: **2 Peter 3.8-14**; Gospel: **Mk 1.1-8**.

Psalm: **Ps 85(84).9-14**: *Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 6th Dec.	+ 2ND 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
Mon., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Kiran Perekatt, 8 th Birthday T/giving
Tue., 8 th Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 9 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Sun., 13th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 5 th Dec.	+ 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	Emily & George Waterman, RIP
Sun., 6 th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Mary Heylen, RIP
		11.00am	Norberto Santano Cardozo, RIP
Mon., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 8 th Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 9 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Sr Anthony Devlin
Thur., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Margaret Miles, RIP
Fri., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Josie and Maurice Ashwell
Sat., 12 th Dec.	+ 3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 13 th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and 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

REOPENING OF CHURCH:

Following the government's guideline, our church has now reopened for public worship. We warmly welcome you back to the church and look forward to having a fruitful Advent and a good Christmas celebration together.

1st Holy Communion 2020/2021: Any parents who would like their children to make their Holy Communion in 2021 should please complete an application form which is available at the back of the church. Closing date for applications has now been extended to Friday the 18th of Dec. Please return the forms to the parish office. Details of when the course will start will be confirmed in the New Year. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the programme, please contact **Linda Graham on 07768 777768.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We need your support for Christmas flowers, and will be taking a second collection for it on Sunday the 20th. Please keep this in your diary.

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.

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: 7 – 12 Dec.

Victoria and Anthonia

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>

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