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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

## **+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B**

**“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances.” (1 Thes. 5.16-18)**

Christians are a people of joy. We rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4.4), and also in our hope (Rom. 5.2). Our joy is not mitigated by the ills we suffer. We are patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer (Rom. 12.12). We may look sober when confronted by the ugliness of our sins, but deep in us, we are still full of joy. Our liturgy celebrates the day of “joy and rest” (*Catechism*, 1193); there we accept and transform – not deny or suppress – the reality of our present worries, in anticipation of the future glory that will be revealed to us (Rom. 8.18). Also, daily in our experiences, we rejoice in our freedom in the Lord Who redeems us (Is. 61.10; Lk 1. 47). We are thus the ones about whom Isaiah prophesied: “. . . the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Is. 35.10; 51.11). Therefore, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle whose pink colour is the symbol of joy. All the day’s readings invite us to exult with joy in the Lord. The joy we are invited to experience and express is not the false joy that leaves its subjects dry afterwards. It is the kind that issues from the Spirit as its only source (Gal. 5.22) and which alone allows us, in the Spirit of the Beatitudes, to rejoice in our hope and tribulations (cf. Mt 5.12; Lk 6.23; Acts 5.41; Rom. 5.3; 12.12; 2 Cor. 6.10; Col. 1.24; Heb. 10.34; 1 Pt 4.13). It is experienced only by those who seek the Lord (Ps 105.3) with a sincere heart, that is, those who, with full respect for their Creator, recognise their utter dependence on Him (*Catechism*, 301).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Is 61.1-2,10-11**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Thess. 5.16-24**; Gospel: **Jn 1.6-8, 19-28.**

Psalm: **Lk 1.46-50,53-54: *My soul rejoices in the Lord.***

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to Me. He has sent Me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!***

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Susan Parkes and Family
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Souls
Mon., 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Sun., 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Holy Souls
		<b>11.00am</b>	Joseph Perekatt, 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Holy Souls

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	+ 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00am	Parishioners
Sun., 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family
Mon., 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Smolka Family
Tue., 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Henn Family
Wed., 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Frances Richards, 81 <sup>st</sup> B/Day
Thur., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Beckett
Sat., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	+ 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Bridie & John Slean + Kay O'Brien, RIP
Sun., 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Sylvia Smith

**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

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We need your support for Christmas flowers, and will be taking a second collection for it **next Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>**. Your generous contribution will be highly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS 2020: Christmas Eve:** 6pm, 8pm, and 10pm. **Christmas Day:** 9am and 11am. **Boxing Day:** 10am. **Sunday Mass:** 9am, 11am, 2pm, and 6pm. *To reserve a space for yourself at Mass on Christmas Eve and Day, please collect a ticket in the church. The Stewards will be asking you for the ticket in order to offer you a seat in the church at the Mass you will book.*

**Christmas Carols:** The students of the university will be singing the carols on the 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9.30pm. Please join us.

**More Stewards and Cleaners** will be needed for the Christmas celebrations. Please, let Linda or the priests know if you would like to help. You can also sign up via: <https://signup.com/go/WxMtFPa>.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**2021 Confirmations:** Forms for the 2021 confirmations are now out. Intending

candidates should collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office or the priests by the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

**2021 RCIA Programme:** The programme is for baptised or unbaptised adult who want to become Catholics, and for not-so-young Catholics who want to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Those interested are requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

**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.

**More Safeguarding Officers:** If you would like to serve the parish community as a member of the safeguarding team, please contact the parish priest or Sue McLellen. A training course for intending officers is being organised by the diocese for the end of January 2021.

Due to health concerns, please, note that **No Christmas Cards** should be left anywhere in the church for their addressees to collect.

**Email Scam:** Please ignore any email that purport to come from Fr Francis offering gift cards; it is a scam.

**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@mountcarmelkindergarten.co.uk](mailto:lucia.federici@mountcarmelkindergarten.co.uk)

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

**Weekly Rotas:**

**Cleaning: 14 – 19 Dec.**

**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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