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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:**

9.15am, 11am, 2pm &  
6pm

#### **Weekday Mass:**

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am  
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

#### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

#### **Morning Prayer:**

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10 am

### **Marychurch/STM**

#### **Sunday Mass:**

6pm (Sat.), 9.30am (STM),  
& 11am

#### **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

#### **Divine Office:**

20 minutes before Mass

## **+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR B**

**“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.” (Mark 1.9)**

When he was approached for baptism by Our Lord, St John, fully aware that Our Lord did not need baptism, and that he, St John, was the one who needed to be baptised by Our Lord, strongly protested (Mt 3.14). He had earlier borne witness that Our Lord is the true Baptiser Who baptises with the Holy Spirit (Mt 3.11; Lk 3.16; Jn 1.33). Our Lord agreed, but nonetheless insisted on being baptised by St John. He was subsequently baptised. Knowing what baptism does, it is easy to see why Our Lord did not need baptism, while every other human being does, and why He, nevertheless, sought it and was baptised. From what God has revealed, baptism does two things, namely, it cleanses us of sin, including Original Sin, and makes us children of God and of grace, members of Christ and the Church, and citizens of heaven. Our Lord Who was conceived holy (Lk 1.34) and utterly without sin (Heb. 4.15) had to assume our sinful nature in order that in Him we who sin and fall short of God's grace (Rom. 3.23) might, by being born anew of water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3.3,5), become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5.21). Secondly, Our Lord is by nature God's beloved Son, the fact attested to twice by the Father Himself, one at Our Lord's baptism (Mt 3.17), and the other at His transfiguration (Mt 17.5). By baptising us with water and the Holy Spirit, He unites us to Himself, makes us share in His divine nature, and enables us to become children of God (Jn 1.12) by adoption in Him (Gal. 4.4-5). In Him, then, we become a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17), having been born not of blood or of the will of the flesh or the will of man, but of God (Jn 1.13).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Is 55.1-11**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Jn 5.1-9**; Gospel: **Mark 1.7-11**.

Psalm: **Ps 147.12-15,19.20**: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Mon., 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria, <i>Office Week 1</i>	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Tue., 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Wed., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Thur., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.30am	Rajeev Johnson, Birthday T/Giving
<b>Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Christy A. Torrens
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Simon Doherty, God's Protection

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00am	Bridie & John Slean + Kay O’Brien, RIP
Sun., 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Maurice Scally, RIP
Mon., 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria, <i>Office Week 1</i>	9.30am	Bridie & John Slean, RIP
Tue., 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Jimmy Hopper, RIP
Wed., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	+ 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Kathleen O’Brien, RIP
Sun., 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Special Intention

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Pat and Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Theresa Chatfield, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Adele Pym, Edwin Levy.

## NOTICES

**2021 Confirmations:** The forms for the 2021 confirmations are now out. Intending candidates are requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office before the end of the year.

**2021 RCIA Programme:** The programme is for any adult – baptised or unbaptised – who wants to become a Catholic, and for Catholics who are no longer young children, but are yet to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. All interested candidates are requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office before the end of the year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2020/2021:** The completed forms ought to have been returned on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020. If anyone has not done so and would like their children to participate in the 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion programme, they can contact **Linda Graham on 07768 777768**.

**More Stewards and Cleaners** continue to be needed. Please, let the priests know if you would like to help.

**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.

**New National Lockdown:** Communal worship (including Mass, prayer, baptism, funeral, etc.) continues to be allowed in the current lockdown. While attending the event, please observe these guidelines:

- Face covering must be worn at all times while inside the church, unless you are exempt;
- Maintain social distancing at all times;
- Sanitise your hands while entering and leaving the church;
- Follow the instructions of stewards;
- Do not mingle with anyone outside your household or support bubble;
- Mass may be attended by the number of people up to the church's capacity, allowing for social distancing;
- There should be no congregational singing;
- No more than six people should attend baptisms outside of Mass;
- Weddings planned for the next 6 weeks should be postponed;
- Classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation should be online;
- The church should be cleaned after use.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Maurice Charles Ashwell (94)** of Welham Green who died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2021. His funeral will take place St Thomas More, Welham Green, on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm.

**Parish Office: SP:** Tue.,  
Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm;

**MC/STM:** Wed. – Fri.:  
8.30am-1.30pm

**Safeguarding Officer: SP:**  
Sue McLellen; Email:  
[hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk), 07710978770.  
**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: 12 – 16 Dec.**

**Roshan, Gami, Audrey**

**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:**

Please use the box on the  
table at the back of Church,  
if you wish to express a  
suggestion or comment on

**Monthly Offertory Collection**

**Thank you.**

**Text:** ParishHATSO to 70800 to  
donate £5 through your mobile  
phone.

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[www.stpetershatfield.org](http://www.stpetershatfield.org)

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