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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: 9.30 am
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00 am – 11.30 am

Morning Prayer:

Suspended for now.

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:

Suspended for now.

+ LENT 1ST SUNDAY – YEAR B

In the days of Noah, a few people were saved through water
(1 Peter 3.20)

When the world was overrun by wickedness, with the human heart continually filled with evil, regretting having created human beings (Gen. 6.5-6), God blotted out all life on the face of the earth by the waters of the great deluge (Gen. 7.17-23). From a group of eight persons who were left unscathed, He raised a new humanity purified of sin. During the Exodus, too, the foe who held God's people in bondage for over 400 years was drowned in the Red Sea (Exod. 14.26-29), and all those who were saved through the waters of the sea were baptised into Moses (1 Cor. 10.2). These two ancient events prefigured the final struggle in which the primeval foe would be eternally drowned, and in which would be purified from sin all those who, through the waters of baptism, would be saved (1 Pt 3.21) from a world once more sunk in vice. Thus, from ancient times, water has been a rich symbol of purification and regeneration. Now, through the waters of baptism, we rise from death to life (Rom. 6.4; Col. 2.12), and cross over from the slavery of sin to the glorious liberty of God's children (Rom. 8.21). To be valid, this baptism which incorporates us into the Lord (Gal. 3.27; Acts 19.5) has to be administered with the element of water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3.5; Acts 1.5), water symbolising the regeneration of the baptised in "an appeal to God for a clear conscience" (1 Pt 3.21), and the Spirit bringing about that regeneration by His divine power. Thus regenerated, not of flesh and blood, or of the will of the flesh or the will of man, but of the will of God, we truly become the children of God (Jn 1.12-13), a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17) called to live the new life of grace.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen. 9.8-15**; 2nd Reading: **1 Pt 3.18-22**; Gospel: **Mark 1.12-15**.

Psalm: **Ps 24(25).4-6,7-9**: *Your ways, O Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep Your covenant.*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to You O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise . . .

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 21st Feb.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Maria Brown, RIP
		11.00am	Thomas Kiely, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	9.30am	
Tue., 23 rd Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 24 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 25 th Feb.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 26 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	10.30am	Rosli Hafliker, RIP
Sun., 28th Feb.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Vladimir Kosecky, RIP
		11.00am	Somu Amala Das, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 20th Feb.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 21st Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine, RIP
Mon., 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	9.30am	
Tue., 23 rd Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 24 th Feb.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 25 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 26 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 27 th Feb.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 28th Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Healing of Lynette

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for 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, Michael Doherty, and Jack Cook.

NOTICES

Parish Online Streaming: Wi-Fi is being installed in the church and the hall. Once completed, our public worships and youth programmes will be streamed online. The next weekend's newsletter will carry the Facebook and YouTube links.

Stations of the Cross will as usual be in the church every Friday at 7pm and will in due course be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube. The links will be provided.

Lenten Prayer/Reflection: A 30-minute session of prayer and reflection every Teusday at 7pm. The session will be streamed live on this Zoom link: **<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88465953516?pwd=aWFIT1BPOEIGYjBGWTZuS0h4cVYyUT09>**; Meeting ID: 884 6595 3516; Passcode: EYQ6hc

Lenten Programmes:

- A diocesan programme titled "No Greater Love";
- Six Bible studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels every Wednesday, 7-8.30pm. Information and free registration are available at <https://comeandsee.org/lent>.

60th Anniversary Celebration: Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of the future, the Parish Council has decided to postpone the 60th Anniversary celebration scheduled for this year. The celebration will now take place next year if and when normalcy returns to our parish life.

Youth Ministry: The Youth Group plans to start the youth programme online with

the post-Communion children. The initial programme will involve games. An Apha programme for teenagers will follow later.

2021 Confirmations: Applications for this year's programme are still welcome. Intending candidates are requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office. The forms can also be downloaded online from the parish microsite.

Parish Outreach: We have have wanted to reach all our parishioners particularly at these difficult times. Unfortunately we do not have the contact of every one, and many of the contacts in our register are no longer current. For that reason, we have begun to update our parish register. We request that if you are not currently in our mailing list, or know someone in that position, kindly send us the relevant email address or phone number. Thank you for your assistance.

SPH Food Bank: SPH has decided to provide a Food Bank for families in need at school. Please feel free to refer anyone from the parish to the school, and they are welcome to help themselves to what they need. If they need more than the school can provide and are in serious need of help, the school can speak to the proper Food Bank and would be able to issue them a voucher to go there. **Any parishioner who wishes to donate to this foodbank is welcome to drop off the donation at the parish house and it will be delivered to St Philip Howard's. Thanks.**

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Rosli Hasliger** who died a few days ago.

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, 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: Only on
request for now.

MC/STM: Only on request
for now.

Marriage: See Parish Priest; 6
months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Sacred Heart Novena: SP:
Suspended for now;
MC/STM: Suspended for
now.

Rosary: SP/MC: Suspended
for now.

**Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour:**
Suspended for now.

Christian Meditation: MC:
Suspended for now.
Hatfield SVP: 07960785673

St Pio Prayer Group: SP:
Suspended for now.

**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: Feb. 22 – 27

Mavis & Nneka

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
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