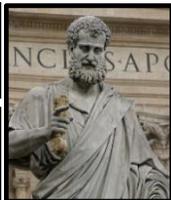


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



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 2ND SUNDAY – YEAR B

“Rabbi, it is well that we are here.” (mark 9.5)

On 13 July 1917, Francesco, Jacinta, and (Sr) Lucia, the three young visionaries of Fatima, had a very terrifying vision of hell shown them by Our Lady. Their kind of experience is rare, but a genuine spiritual experience. It could be of any spiritual reality – God Himself, heaven, the saints, purgatory, hell, or the devil who can appear as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11.14). It goes beyond what we can attain by the natural use of our senses. It is a gift God grants to anyone He chooses, not as a result of the visioner's desires, efforts, merits, or sanctity, but gratuitously. It takes various forms, its highest form being the mystical union in love of the visioner with the Triune God (cf. Jn 14.23); for God is love (1 Jn 4.8), and “he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him” (1 Jn 4.16). The experience is so deep and indescribable, but not unintelligible. It is an experience “that cannot be told, which man may not utter” (2 Cor. 12.4). It is unutterable, because its object is totally outside the range of our natural experience, so we have no common language for it. The Scripture describes the object as “what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived” (1 Cor. 2.9). The visioner, like St Peter at the Transfiguration, may also be so transfixed by the experience as to know not what to say concerning it (cf. Mk 9.6). To be distinguished from vision as a genuine and deep spiritual experience are things like ecstasy which may have natural causes, mysticism as an intellectual experience of a direct and immediate intuition of truth, spiritism that mediums practise, and evocation such as the type employed by King Saul to call up the spirit of Samuel from the dead (1 Kg 28).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen. 22.1-2,9-13,15-18**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 8.31-34**; Gospel: **Mk 9.2-10**.
 Psalm: **Ps 115(116).10,15-19**: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to You O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him. Glory . . .

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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
Mon., 1 st Mar.	St David	9.30am	
Tue., 2 nd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 3 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 4 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 5 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 6 th Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 7th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Harold Pym, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 27th Feb.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 28th Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Healing of Lynette
Mon., 1 st Mar.	St David	9.30am	
Tue., 2 nd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 3 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Raynah Watson, RIP
Thur., 4 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 5 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Intention of Roger's Friend
Sat., 6 th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	John & Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 7th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Barry Holloway, RIP

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. When completed, our public worships and youth programmes will be streamed online. The links will soon be provided.

Stations of the Cross takes place in the church every Friday at 7pm. All are welcome to join us.

Lenten Prayer/Reflection: A 30-minute session of prayer and reflection every **Teusday at 7.30 pm.** 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**

60th Anniversary Celebration: Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of the future, the Parish Council has postponed the 60th Anniversary celebration earlier scheduled for this year. The celebration will be rescheduled in future.

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.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021:

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever.

Marriage and Family Life: enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church; **Youth and Evangelisation:** helping young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith; **Caritas Westminster:** putting our faith into action by serving those in need; **Education Service:** supporting our schools. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Patricia Burford (known as Sam)** who died on the 24th. Sam was the mother of our Parish Council Secretary, Maria Luck. Please also keep Maria and the whole family in your prayers.

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

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: SP:
Sue McLellen; Email:
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MC/STM: Angela Madden
01707275214.

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Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton;
Parish Secretary: 01707262439

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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: Mar. 1 – 6

Victoria & Anthonia

**“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

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