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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.

+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In His name, repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached to all nations. (Luke 24. 47)

Last weekend we reflected on the necessity of the Sacrament of Penance that God in His graciousness had given us in the Lord. The Church that was given the sacrament administers it through its ordained ministers. At the confessional, the priest listens to penitents with the heart of the Lord, not to blame or condemn them for their sins (cf. Jn 8.3-11), but to lead them to an experience of the compassion the Father has for His 'prodigal' children (cf. Lk 15.11-24). Humbling and painful though it is, Confession is an experience of the love and mercy God has for sinners, an experience of the sinner's rehabilitation in love. God goes to great lengths to bring sinners back into His love (cf. Lk 15.1-7, 8-10). Naturally, He alone can forgive sin (Mk 2.7; Lk 5.21), not only because He is ultimately offended by every sin, but also because He alone can reach the conscience and cleanse it of guilt and the stain of sin; no human being or institution, no matter how richly endowed, naturally can. Yet, God has given to the Church that power to reach the conscience and cleanse it that He alone possesses (cf. Jn 20.21-23). It is in His name and by His power that the Church forgives sins through its priest. The priest is not interested in the person of the penitent kneeling or sitting or standing before him, or in what is being confessed. Besides, the sacrament is absolutely sacrosanct; that is, the priest is bound by 'Confessional Secrecy' and is forbidden, even at the cost of his own life, from disclosing to any one what transpired at the confessional, or using that information for any purpose outside that context. Everything that happens at the confessional ends in the confessional.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Acts 3.13-15,17-19**; 2nd Reading: **1 John 2.1-5**; Gospel: **Luke 24.35-48**.

Psalm: **Ps 4.2,4,7,9**: *Lift up the light of Your face on us, O Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 18th Apr.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 3</i>	9.00am	Intentions of Seena & Family
		11.00am	Mr Jinadasa, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 19 th Apr.	St Alphege	9.30am	
Tue., 20 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 21 st Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 22 nd Apr..	Easter Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 23 rd Apr.	St George	9.30am	
Sat., 24 th Apr.	Ss Erkenwald & Mellitus	10.30am	Tia and Melena Fernando, Birthday
Sun., 25th Apr.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 4</i>	9.00am	Thomas Flynn, RIP
		11.00am	Maureen, Jerry & Tom Kelly, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 17 th Apr.	+ 3 RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 3</i>	6.00am	Parishioners
Sun., 18 th Apr.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP
Mon., 19 th Apr.		St Alphege	9.30am
Tue., 20 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 21 st Apr.	Easter Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 22 nd Apr..	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 23 rd Apr.	St George	9.30am	
Sat., 24 th Apr.	+ 4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 4</i>	6.00pm	John Kelly, RIP
Sun., 25 th Apr.		9.30am (STM)	Cheryl & Graham Williams
		11.00am	Maria Nicola

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, and Jack Cook.

NOTICES

Priest Training Fund: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15 May 2021 at 3.00pm: The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of

Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

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.

Youth Ministry plans to start the youth programme online with post-Communion children. The initial programme will involve games. An Apha programme for teenagers will follow later.

Online Live Streaming: 11am Sunday Mass: Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcqVz9i7ILtGAeoYrvur1zw>

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Michael Doherty**, the brother of our sister Mary O'Donnell. He died in Ireland a week ago. Pray also for Mary, and for all the loved ones Michael left behind.

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

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: SP: Fr
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Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

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

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

**“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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: Apr. 19 – 24

Mavis & Nneka

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