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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:

9.10am, Mon.-Fri.

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 mins before Mass

+ 21ST SUNDAY – YEAR B

This is a hard saying; who can listen to it? And they drew back and no longer went about with Him. (Jn 6.60,66)

The gospel is typically uncompromising in its message and in the truth it teaches. It does not bend to suit anyone's wishes or interests or circumstances; of course, it is not meant to. It rather provides the stable and reliable standard for true life. Take it or leave it is the way it usually presents itself. To some people, at least some (if not most) of its prescripts are very problematic, some are unreasonable in their demands, and yet some make no sense at all especially to those who are wise in their own eyes. For instance, to the wise Greek, to speak of a 'crucified Lord' was not only self-contradictory, but also mere folly, and to the pious Jew, it was a stumbling block (1 Cor. 1.23). Similarly, the Lord's teaching that we offer no resistance to the evil person but to turn the other cheek when we are struck on one (Mt 5.39-41) seems to go against our natural instinct to defend ourselves in self-preservation. When we consider the fact that human beings are short-sighted, that they hardly see the bigger picture and usually gravitate to what they perceive to have the potential to enhance their immediate wellbeing, it becomes easy to understand why people would find many aspects of the gospel unattractive, or even unreasonable. The call of faith, however, takes us to where neither our reason nor our natural instincts can reach. It helps us to look beyond our immediate environment and benefits and see the ultimate purpose of our lives and conduct. No one is capable of attaining that height of understanding on their own unless they are enlightened by the Spirit and drawn by the Father (Jn 6.44,69). Faith is thus wholly a free gift of God.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Josh. 24.1-2,15-18**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 5.21-32**; Gospel: **John 6.60-69**.

Psalm: **Ps 33(34).2-3,16-23**: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 22nd Aug.	+ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	A. J. John, 13 th Anniversary
		11.00am	Don Thomas Jayakody & Mary Mendes, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 23 rd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Private Family Intentions
Tue., 24 th Aug.	St Bartholomew	9.30am	Perry Burke's Intentions
Wed., 25 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 26 th Aug.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 27 th Aug.	St Monica	9.30am	Rosary Mary, Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat., 28 th Aug.	St Augustine	10.30am	
Sun., 29th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Mercedes Albano, Anniversary
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 21 st Aug.	+ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 22nd Aug.		9.30am (STM)	Elias & Noemi Gonsalves, RIP
		11.00am	Victor Power, RIP
Mon., 23 rd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Peter & Arthur Dorman, RIP
Tue., 24 th Aug.	St Bartholomew	9.30am	Michael & Hugh Dorman, RIP
Wed., 25 th Aug.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 26 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Gertie & Charlie O’Kane, RIP
Fri., 27 th Aug.	St Monica	9.30am	Francesca Diana
Sat., 28 th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 29th Aug.		9.30am (STM)	John & Alice Beckett, RIP
		11.00am	Sr Jo snd

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Mary Marron, Lily Clark, Dorothy Hall, Pat Martin, Theresa Chatfield, Cathy Ryan, Adele Pym, Jack Cook, and Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

Anyone with **a house for short-term let** (or if you know of one), please let Pat O'Brien know on 07817132606 – Many thanks

Our sincere thanks to **Fr Julius Otoaye msp** for helping out these six weeks. He will be returning to Nigeria this Sunday to continue his ministry there. We wish him all the best.

Fr Livie will be away on his biannual holiday from the 24th till October the 7th. MSP priests in Oxford will provide cover.

Our sincere thanks to **Fr Julius Otoaye msp** for helping out all these weeks. He will be going back next Sunday. We wish him all the best in his ministry in Nigeria. And we welcome back Fr Francis who will be returning during the week.

Youth Ministry: The Youth Club is now live in the hall ever Friday at 5 p.m. in St Peter's Church Hall. It is open for children aged 8-12. Craft activities, life-saving skills, cookery, and games will be offered. For more information please contact Caroline on hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk, or phone 07557 819858

The Youth Group would like to ask from the parish community for donations of fabric and wool for our arts and craft (also knitting and crochet needles if you have any) and games e.g. Dominoes, Uno, Guess Who, Puzzles or any other suitable games for children aged 8 and above. Please only donate if in full working order and/or complete set.

As you leave the church please remember to return to the shelf the hymn book you used. Thank you.

YOU CAN NOW MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH ACCOUNT USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

***Account Name – WRCDT ST PETER'S HATFIELD SOUTH
Bank – HSBC***

Sort Code – 40-05-20

Account Number – 81094602

THANK YOU

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

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officers:

SP: Seena Vadassery, Nonso
Ijezie, and Eric Chiejina; Ph:
07402030680; Email:
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MC/STM: Angela Madden
01707275214. Email:

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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: 23 – 28 August

Roshan, Gami, Audrey

Flowers:

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

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@mountcarmel
kindergarten.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
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