

**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:

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

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: As Announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00 am – 11.30 am

Marychurch/STM

Sunday Mass:

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

Weekday Mass:

Tue., Wed., Fri.: 9.30am;
Mon.: 7.00pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: As Announced.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 10.30am

+ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C

“Prepare a way for the Lord”. The second and third Sundays of Advent centre on John the Baptist; the precursor, preparing the way for Jesus. John came to prepare a community of repentance who would be ready for the Messiah. This was to be a community not of those who went around moping about their sinfulness, but a community of those who had changed their ways and their whole system of values and priorities. The Hebrew concept (metanoia) which he proclaimed was a matter of turning round and going in the opposite direction. To be ready for the Messiah meant – and still means – such a radical change of attitude. John himself had prepared by going out into the desert, for the Messiah was to come striding across the desert, as did Israel at the exodus (Bar. 5:1-9). John’s clothing and his whole way of life showed his rejection of current materialism and his single-minded dedication. It is not primarily a negative point of view, for his quotation of Baruch (as in today’s first reading) or of Isaiah (40:3-8) shows that the flattening of the hills and the filling of the valleys is a preparation for the Kingdom of Peace and Justice. Pope Benedict XVI says it this way, “Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The ‘voice’ of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” Let us therefore “turn ourselves from all our transgressions that iniquity shall not be our ruin” (Eze. 18:30), and we be in such a frame and temper as that Christ might be welcome to us and we to him.
Amen.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**; 2nd Reading: **Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**; Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6**.

Psalm: **Ps 125 (126):** *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! Lk 3:4,6.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 5TH DEC.	+ 2NDSUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	James Luis Barron, RIP
		11.00am	Eugene Barn
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Charlie Ward RIP
Mon., 6 th Dec.	Feria	No Mass	NO MASS
Tue., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Benita Ledama, RIP
Wed., 8 th Dec.	Immaculate Conception	9.30am	Kiran Pereicatt. Birthday Tkssgiving
Thur., 9 th Dec.	Feria	12.30pm	Funeral Mass
Fri., 10 th Dec.	Feria	7:00pm	Holy Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving
Sat., 11 th Dec.	Feria	10.30am	Elizabeth Griffin, RIP
Sun., 12TH DEC.	+ 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 4 th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	Clara Sakala. God's healing grace
Sun., 5TH DEC.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Sis Dorothy Brown, RIP
Mon., 6 th Dec.	Feria	7:00pm	Clara Sakala. Gods Healing grace
Tue., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9:30am	
Wed., 8 th Ddc.	Imaculate Conception	7:00pm	
Thur., 9 th Dec.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 10 th Dec.	Feria	7:00pm	Induction Mass at St Peters
Sat., 11 th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 12th DEC.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	

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

NOTICES

NEW PARISH PRIEST INDUCTION: The Induction ceremony of Fr Agbor as our new parish priest will take place on Dec the 10th. Bishop Paul has agreed to officiate a 7pm mass at St Peters Church to mark this very important canonical event. Put the date and time in your diary.

GIFT AID: The pandemic brought the world to it's knees. Recovery is a long way off, but we keep trusting God. In the spirit of this trust, prayerfully think about the parish finances and see if/how you can assist. You can *Gift Aid* your offering. If you pay UK income tax, this would increase the value of your giving by 25%. Gift Aid forms and offertory envelopes are available as you enter/exit the church. You could fill in a Banker's Order form instead for online giving. Gillian Sutton can explain further. Thank you.

This Sunday, 5th December there will be a children's mass at the 11 a.m. mass – we very much welcome all the children for this advent service.

Please take a few minutes to visit the Repository Shop. New items have been ordered, we have traditional advent calendars, nativity sets, candles and beautiful Christmas cards – please support your shop. If there is anything that you would like that is not available please let us know and we will try and get it in for you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: For the solemnity, there shall be a 9:30 am mass at St Peters and 7 pm mass at Marychurch.

Funeral: Dorothy HALL

Funeral to be held on Monday, 13 December 2021 at 11 am.

All are welcome to join the family at the Bowls Club in College Lane, Hatfield at 12.30

Evening of Recollection for women: Spiritual refreshment to prepare for Christmas! WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER, 7-9 pm. Meditations, Benediction, Confessions- Father Nicholas Morrish For more info contact Teresa: 07599 075 367.

CHURCH KEY UPDATE: We would like to update the list of who has what key to the various facilities in the Parish. If you have key(s) therefore, please inform the secretary as to which key you have before the 10th of December. (Do not presume she knows please).

Synodal Pathway: The synodal pathway proposed by Pope Francis has since started its preliminary consultations. Our Parishes need at least two volunteers to represent us at the diocesan level. If you think you can do this, have a chat with the priests asap.

As you leave please return the hymn book to the shelf. Thanks.

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

*Account Name – WRC DT 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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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: 6 DEC – 11 DEC.

Victoria & Anthonia

Flowers:

Sacred Heart Novena: SP:

Suspended for now;
MC/STM: Thursday after
9:30 am mass.

Rosary: SP/MC: Monday
after 9:30 am mass.

**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 11 am
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.

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