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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:

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

+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C

"Rejoice: The Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. John the Baptist in the Gospel summons each person to prepare a suitable passage way for the coming Son of God. For as he journeyed to Bethlehem to be born physically, now to the end of time, he comes to the human soul, the spiritual Bethlehem, there to be reborn again and again. But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices. This is the reason the Baptist like Isaiah compares the journey of Christ to our souls with rough, crooked and seemingly impassable pathways. Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Zeph. 3:14-18**; 2nd Reading: **Phil. 4:4-7**; Gospel: **Luke 3:10-18** .

Psalm: **Isaiah 12: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.** *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.. Alleluia! Is. 61:1 (Lk. 4:18).*

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 12TH DEC.	+ 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	11:00am	Funeral Mass. Dorothy Hall
Tue., 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Dorothy Hall. RIP
Wed., 15 th Dec.	Feria	9.30am	Van
Thur., 16 th Dec.	Feria	7:00pm	Dorothy Hall. RIP
Fri., 17 th Dec.	Feria	9:30am	Deceaseds membs of Rentuma family
Sat., 18 th Dec.	Feria	10.30am	Maja Eliasik. RIP
Sun., 19TH DEC.	+ 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	Margaret Bernard, RIP
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

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	Parishioners
Mon., 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	7:00pm	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	12:30am	Funeral of Sheilla & Edward Bailly
Wed., 15 th Ddc.	Feria	9:30am	
Thur., 16 th Dec.	Feria	9:30am	Induction Mass
Fri., 17 th Dec.	Feria	9:30am	
Sat., 18 th Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 19th DEC.		9.30am (STM)	Maurice Ashwell. RIP
		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

APPRECIATION: The induction ceremony was a huge success. Thanks to all the kind parishioners who volunteered to plan it, those who donated drinks, those who cooked and made cakes and sweets. The community spirit was evident. Covid will not break us any further (Even as we continue to be careful and conscious of each other's safety). Thank you sounds inadequate, but for want of better words, we say THANK YOU ALL.

APPRECIATION: Leading up to the Induction, it was discovered that the fridge-freezer in the Kitchen was faulty. A very generous parishioner, Mr Ciprian Mocanu got a hint of this and decided to donate a new one to the parish. This has since been delivered and the old one taken away. We thank Mr Ciprian and pray that God rewards you.

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.

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.

Funeral: Dorothy HALL

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

Due to the new Covid variant causing new concerns, the family has decided to not go ahead with the planned wake at the Hatfield Bowling club.

INDUCTION MASS: Our Area Bishop, Bishop Paul McAleenan has agreed to squeeze into his busy schedule, a mass of induction for our new parish priest at Marychurch. This will take place on Thursday the 16th of December at 9:30am. We know its working hours, but please, attend if you can, and those who cannot, we shall be thinking of you. There will be a brief tea and coffee session after mass.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWER: We are taking donations for Christmas flowers. A retiring collection today and next Sunday for this purpose. Your generosity is always appreciated.

FUNERAL: The late Edward and Sheila Bailly will be laid to rest on the 14th of December. Their funeral mass will hold at Marychurch at 12.30pm. Burial at Lawn cemetery afterwards.

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
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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: Saturdays,
11am to 12pm & on request.
MC/STM: Saturdays 5:30 to
5:50 and on request.

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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: 13 DEC – 18 DEC.
Roshan-Gami-Audery

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
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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.

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