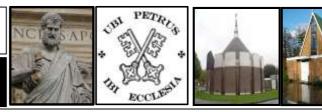
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



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

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C

Today is the third of the Antiphons, O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse). Christ the King, the Lord! Divine Wisdom, Adonai, the powerful God, is at the same time man with flesh and blood of the house of Jesse, the father of King David. Truly, the right of kingship has now passed from the house of David. The glory that once clothed the royal family has faded and withered, leaving only a blighted and withered root. But from this root is to spring a glorious blossom, the King of the world. "He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Before Him the Ethiopians shall fall down and His enemies shall lick the ground. The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents: the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall serve Him" (Ps. 71:8-11). To Him God has said, "Thou art My Son. . . . I will give Thee the Gentiles for Thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession" (Ps. 2:7 f.). In the words of Fr. Phil Bloom, I enjoin us: "This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honour of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindliest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar".

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Micah 5:1-4**; 2nd Reading: **Heb 10:5-10**; Gospel: **Luke 1:39-45**. Psalm: **79(80):2-19**: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: lety what you have said be done to me.. Alleluia! Lk 1:38.

Sun., 19 TH DEC.	+ 4 TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C Divine Office, Wk 4	9.00am	Margaret Bernard. Anniversary.
		11.00am	Arthen Tafline Mahendrin. Btday
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Giulio & Sara Pipe. Gods grace
Mon., 20 th Dec.	Feria	No Mass	
Tue., 21 st Dec.	Feria	9.30am	Seena Vandassar & Fanily
Wed., 22 nd Dec.	Feria	9.30am	Noreen Savage Intention
Thur., 23 rd Dec.	Feria	7:00pm	Joseph Perekatt. RIP
Fri., 24 th Dec.	Feria	8pm/10pm	8:Audery Palmer.
Sat., 25 th Dec.	Christmas Day	9&11am	9:TonyCasey.RIP. 11:Roshan &Gami
Sun., 26 TH DEC.	+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY Divine Office, Wk 1	9.00am	Cath Hogan. Anniversary.
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	No Mass
		6.00pm	

MASS DURING THE WEEK

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 18 th Dec.	+ 4 TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C	6.00pm	
Sun., 19 TH		9.30am	Maurice Ashwell. RIP
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Dir} $	Divine Office, Wk 4	(STM) 11.00am	
Mon., 20 th Dec.		7:00pm	Family & Friends of Josie Ashwell
Tue., 21 st Dec.		9:30am	Nora Ding
Wed., 22 nd Ddc.	Feria	9:30am	Barry & Anne Holloway. RIP
Thur., 23 rd Dec.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 24 th Dec.	Feria	5:00pm	Kathleen O'Brien, RIP
Sat., 25 th Dec.	+ SUNDAY OF THE	11.00am	Stm: Bill/Raynah Watson. MC: Ron Thomas
Sun., 26 th DEC.	HOLY FAMILY Divine Office, Wk 1	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

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME: St Peters.

Christmas Eve, 24th: 8pm & 10pm (Carols and Mass). Christmas Day: 9am & 11am.Feast of St Stephen Sunday 26th: 9am, 11am and 6pm. No further Masses until New Year's Eve 10pm St Peters. New

Year's Day 11am St Peters. Sunday 2nd January 9am 11am and 6pm. ********

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Christmas Eve, 24th: 5pm. Christmas Day 11am Marychurch. Feast of St Stephen Sunday 26th: 11am. No further Masses until New Year's Eve 5pm Marychurch. New Year's Day 10 am. Sunday 2nd January 11am.

St Thomas More. Christmas Eve: 9:30pm (Carols and Mass). Christmas Day, 9:30am. 26th St Stephen, 9:30am. Sunday 2nd Jan 2022, 9:30am.

VOLUNTEER

LIST

COLLATION: The list of volunteers that were given out are now being collated. If you haven't returned yours, please do so before Christmas. We hope to organize them and be ready start up processes for the new year. There is an online version of this list. If you prefer to fill out an online one, let us know.

APPRECIATION: Leading up to the Induction, it was discovered that the fridgefreezer 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 him. Amen.

GIFT AID: The pendamic brought the world to it's kneels. Recovery is a long way off, but we keep trusting God. In the spirit of this trust, praverfully 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.

APPRECIATION: The Christmas trees were donated to the parish from the Dutch Nursery. The Parish Priest and the entire parish community wish to say a massive thank you to the Hen's for this generosity.

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.

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

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 - WRCDT ST PETER'S HATFIELD SOUTH Bank – HSBC Sort Code - 40-05-20 Account Number - 81094602

Thank you.

Sacred Heart Novena: SP: Parish Office: SP: Tue., "My house shall be Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm; called a house of prayer." Suspended for now; MC/STM: Thurday after MC/STM: Wed. - Fri.: Before Mass - Talk to God 9:30 am mass. 8.30am-1.30pm During Mass - Listen to God Rosary: SP/MC: Monday After Mass - Talk to each after 9:30 am mass. **Safeguarding Officers:** other. SP: Seena Vadassery, Nonso Novena to Our Lady of Ijezie, and Eric Chiejina; Ph: Catholic Chaplaincy Lister **Perpetual Succour:** 07402030680: Email: Hospital: John O'Neil, Suspended for now. hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr cdow.org.uk 01438 285518 **Christian Meditation: MC:** MC/STM: Angela Madden Suspended for now. Suggestion/Comment 01707275214. Email: Hatfield SVP: 07960785673 Box: Please use the box on the **Planned Giving: SP:** St Pio Prayer Group: SP: table at the back of Church. Pat Malsher: 01707 265530; Suspended for now. if you wish to express a MC/STM: Gillian Sutton; suggestion or comment on **Proclaim Our Lady of** Parish Secretary: 01707262439 **Fatima Family Rosary: Monthly Offertory Collection** Lead Catechist: Linda Contact: Lucia Federici. Graham, 07768777768 07933 436387; Email: lucia.federici@mountcarmel Hall Booking: Enquiries to: kindergarten.co.uk SP: Parish Secretary; Thank you. MC/STM: Parish Secretary Tea & Coffee: After 11am Text: ParishHATSO to 70800 Mass in both parishes. to donate £5 through your Baptism: See Parish Priest. Please, join us. mobile phone. Preparation is obligatory Confessions: SP: Saturdays, **ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** 11am to 12pm & on request. Bishop's Rise, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9HN MC/STM: Saturdays 5:30 to 5:50 and on request. Phone: 01707 262121 Email: hatfieldsouth@rcdow.org.uk Marriage: See Parish Priest; 6 Websites: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hatfieldsouth/ months' notice required; Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes Preparation is obligatory Weekly Rotas: **PARISH OF MARYCHURCH. HATFIELD** Cleaning: 20 - 24 DEC. with ST THOMAS MORE, WELHAM GREEN Violet & Annah

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Flowers: