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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

+ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming: *'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'* The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives. As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Jer 33:14-16**; 2nd Reading: **1 Thess 3:12-4:12**; Gospel: **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**. Psalm: **Ps 24(25):4-5, 8-9,10,14**: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*
Alleluia, alleluia!*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*
Alleluia! Ps 84:8.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 28TH NOV.	+ 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Monica Koziara's intention
		11.00am	Deceased membs of Rentuma fam
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 29 th Nov.	Feria	No Mass	NO MASS
Tue., 30 th Nov.	St Andrew	9.30am	James Durkin RIP
Wed., 1 st DEC.	Feria	9.30am	Mary Nevin, RIP
Thur., 2 nd DEC.	Feria	7.00pm	Paulin Hayes Intention
Fri., 3 rd DEC.	St Francis Xavier	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 4 th DEC.	Feria	10.30am	Patricia Watson, RIP
Sun., 5TH DEC.	+ 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Eugen Barn
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Charlie Ward, RIP

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 27 th Oct.	+ FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Geraldine De Laubenque, RIP
Sun., 28th NOV.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Emily & George Waterman, RIP
Mon., 29 th Nov.	Feria	7:00pm	John & Monica Ndi, RIP
Tue., 30 th Nov.	St Andrew	9:30am	Private intention
Wed., 1 st DEC.	Feria	9:30m	Isaiah Khan Ndi, RIP
Thur., 2 nd DEC.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 3 rd DEC.	St Francis Xavier	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Sat., 4 th DEC.	+ 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 5th DEC.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Sis Dorothy Brown, RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Mary Marron, Lily Clark, Dorothy Hall, 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. We need volunteers to donate soft drinks for the evening. Contact Fr Francis asap if you wish to help.

ADVENT: PENITENTIAL

SERVICE/CONFESSION: This will take place at Maychurch on **3rd Dec at 6:30pm** and St Peters on **Dec 4th from 10:30am to 12pm.**

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.

Next 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

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.

APPRECIATION: Pauline, our Parish secretary would like to thank all those who donated to her Just Giving page for Mary's Meals and also for the cash donations. A total of £260 was raised . The overall total raised in 2021 has now reached £1,876 which is an amazing achievement despite the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Mary's Meals team sincerely express their appreciation for your amazing support in these challenging times. Please see the notice board for full details and forthcoming event.

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).

House keys found in church. Please contact the parish secretary if you have recently lost keys.

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:
[cdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr
cdow.org.uk)

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: 29 NOV – DEC 4.

MAVIS

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:

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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
to donate £5 through your
mobile phone.

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