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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

+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY-YR

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states: "The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. Happy Feast Day to all Families as we work hard to constantly imitate the Holy family of Nazareth. Amen.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **1Sam 1:20-22;24-28;** 2nd Reading: **1Jhn 3:1-2,21-24;** Gospel: **LK 2:41-52.** Psalm: **79(80):2-19:** *They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord..*

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

Acts 16:14.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 26 TH DEC.	+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY Divine Office, Wk 1	9.00am	Cath Hogan. RIP
		11.00am	Edwin and Prescilla. Wed. Anniv.
		2.00pm	No Mass
		6.00pm	All families. Grace and peace.
Mon., 27th Dec.	ST John the Evang.	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 28th Dec.	The Holy Innocents	9.30am	No Mass
Wed., 29th Dec.	St Thomas Becket	9.30am	No Mass
Thur., 30th Dec.	Feria	7:00pm	No Mass
Fri., 31st Dec.	Feria	10:00pm	Parishioners.
Sat., 1 st Jan, 22.	Mary Mother of God	11:00am	
Sun., 2 nd JAN, 2022.	+ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY Divine Office, Wk 2	9.00am	Special Intention
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	No Mass
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 25 th Dec.	+ SUNDAY OF THE	6.00pm	
	HOLY FAMILY	9.30am	Parishioners
Sun., 26 TH	Divine Office, Wk 1	(STM)	
DEC.	Divine Office, WK 1	11.00am	All Families. Grace and peace.
Mon., 27 th Dec.	St John the Evang	7:00pm	No Mass
Tue., 28th Dec.	The Holy Innocent	9:30am	No Mass
Wed., 29th Dec.	St Thomas Becket	9:30am	No Mass
Thur., 30 th Dec.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 31st Dec.	Feria	5:00pm	Michael Fennesseys
Sat., 1 st Jan, 22.	. 2ND CLINDAY	10.00am	Special Intention
	+ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY	9.30am	Special Intention
Sun., 2 nd Jan,		(STM)	
2022.	Divine Office, Wk 1	11.00am	

<u>SICK OR HOUSEBOUND</u>: 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.

Marychurch

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: The Parish priest and the entire parish community wish to appreciate in a special way all those who volunteered in one category or another in the church during the course of this year. Those who made time to clean the church week after week, the readers, servers, hospitality, health and safety, counters, stewards, sacristan, members of the parish council and finance committee. Without your help, things would

have worked out quite as they did. May God strengthen you to do even more in the coming year. 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, 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.

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.

APPRECIATION: This is to say a massive thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flower fund. Your help is much appreciated. We appreciate also in a special way those parishioners who made time to decorate the church for the festivities.

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.

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: 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: 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: 27 Dec – 1Jan, 22. Mavis

Flowers:

Sacred Heart Novena: SP: Suspended for now;

MC/STM: Thurday 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

Tea & Coffee: After 11am Mass in both parishes. Please, join us.

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"My house shall be called a house of prayer."

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to each

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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