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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

## **+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C**

The Book of Nehemiah focuses on the re-establishment of the Hebrew people after their return from Babylonian exile. During the 70 years of exile, they had developed a life style based on the law and guided by the Sabbath, circumcision and ritual food. This marked their difference, not only from the Babylonians but also from the remnants in Judea after captivity happened. When Babylon was defeated by the king of Persia and Israel was allowed to return home, only those passionate for the Lord in this form returned. Others stayed back in the more comfortable life in exile. Ironical, it might sound, but God's people chose comfort than to return and undertake the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Those who returned however, were given the enablement of God's spirit to undertake the rebuilding. In the Gospel today, this same spirit is enabling Christ to bring the good news to the poor. This spirit was gifted to the early Christian communities as evident in the Acts of the Apostles which enabled them to keep the light of the Kingdom aflame. St Paul in the second reading enumerates what God does in the lives and among his chosen people through the spirit enablement. To guard against any individual member being led astray by pride due to their giftedness, St Paul likens the spiritual reality to the human body where no part is more important than another, as no one can function fully without the other. In this body of Christ, the Church, every member is entrusted with a unique gift, role, and no one's role is more or less important than another's. Those disciples who were entrusted with talents (Mtt 25:14-15), were not given more or less amount as they were given peculiar talents. What have you been given to work with? This could be in the form of material blessings, circumstances, natural talents, or extraordinary graces.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Cor 12:12-30**; Gospel: **Lk. 1:1-4;4:14-21**.

Psalm: **Ps 18(19):8-10, 15**: *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia! Lk 4:18.*

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## MASS DURING THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> JAN, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Pat & Olive Malsher's Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Tom & Patrick Ward. God's Healn
		<b>2.00pm</b>	All Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Students of UH
Mon., 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Francis de Sales</b>	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	9.30am	Ishanka Fernando's intention
Wed., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	9.30am	Marion Miller. RIP
Thur., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	7:00pm	Cynthis Payne. RIP
Fri., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	9.30am	Timothy Wilkinson. RIP
Sat., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 22.	<b>Feria</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> JAN, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Terry & Richard McKee. RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	All Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	.
		<b>11.00am</b>	Paul Odumegwu Nduka. RIP
Mon., 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Francis de Sales</b>	7:00pm	Fergal Nolan
Tue., 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	9.30am	Deidre Creighton. RIP
Wed., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	9.30am	Nora Ding. Gods Healing
Thur., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	9.30am	Russell Holloway
Sat., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sylvia Banister. RIP
<b>Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Les James Flaherty

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

# NOTICES

**TEA AND COFFEE:** Everyone is invited to come for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after the 11 am mass. It is an opportunity to build up the sense of community again after we have not been able to meet up with each other for such a long time.

**CHILDRENS MASS:** The next Childrens mass will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the 11am mass. Seating will be reserved at the front of the church for all children.

**REPOSITORY:** New stock has arrived for the Repository shop at the back of the church, including missals, crucifixes, communion items and key rings. Please pop in and see and if there is something that you want that isn't there, just let us know and we will try and get it in.

**YOUTH GROUP:** The Youth Group in St Peters is back up and running every Friday from 5 to 6pm for children aged 8 to 12 years old. Games, crafts and drama to suit all children. For more inquiries, please contact Caroline on 07557819858.

**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.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** If you have a family member, neighbour, or know any parishioner who is sick and housebound and the name is not included in the list on the newsletter, inform the secretary or the priest asap. It has come to our notice that some people are missed in the communion visits and we would want this handled immediately.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** We are preparing a new rota for weekly church cleaning. Just wondering if any new members would like join the cleaning group and let us know your availability so as to know where to fix your name. Also, for those who have been doing the cleaning, if something is not working well in your group, could you let us know asap so we address that before publishing the rota.

**COLLATION: OF VOLUNTEER FORMS.** This is an appeal to all who collected the volunteer appeal forms to please return them or just give us information about your intention on volunteering. We wish to put these together at this beginning of the year.

**STEWARDS:** We need new stewards to join those who have been helping since the start of the pandemic. We are not over the worst of the pandemic unfortunately. Thus, we need stewards who would ensure social distancing is maintained at all masses, ensure people wear masks before entering the church and while in church, except those who are exempt.

***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:  
**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: 17Jan – 22 Jan.

**MAVIS/EVANGELIN  
E & AUGUSTINE**

**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**

**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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