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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

## **+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD-YR C**

### ***THE MEANING OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.***

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The Holy Spirit comes down upon him like a dove, the same Spirit that hovered over the formless reality in Gen 1:12 during the first creation and the voice of the Father is heard. Thus, the event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. The Eastern Churches call today's feast Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. Joseph Ratzinger wrote: *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'.*

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isa. 40:1-5, 9-11**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**; Gospel: **Lk. 3:15-22**.

Psalm: **28(29)1-4, 9-10: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

***Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia! Lk. 3:16.***

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## MASS DURING THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 9<sup>th</sup> JAN, 2022.</b>	<b>+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	9.15am	
Wed., 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	9.15am	
Thur., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	7:00pm	
Fri., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.15am	
Sat., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 22.	<b>Feria</b>	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 16<sup>th</sup> JAN, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Special Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

## MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	
<b>Sun., 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners.
		<b>11.00am</b>	Nora Ding
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		<b>11.00am</b>	

**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. Please pop in if only for 10 minutes as it is good to have a chance to say hello to each other. 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.

**RECOLLECTION:** There will be a recollection for women at St Peters Church on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. It starts at 7pm.

**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 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 – 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.

**YOUTH CLUB:** The Friday evening youth club programme is back on after the Christmas season. Presently, it is open to all children with the ages 8 to 12. Bring your kid and experience what is happening. You will be delighted you did. It starts 5pm and ends 6pm.

**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:  
[cdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr<br/>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: 10Jan – 15 Jan.

**Roshan, Gami &  
Audrey**

**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<br/>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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