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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

+ 7TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C

Re **Compassionate** as heavenly father your compassionate. Lk 6:36.

It would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. Loving one's enemies is asking a lot. Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take tack what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands. However, before we give up in despair, and decide that this type of Christianity is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about him every time we meet him (he would not let us anyway!). It means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of him, and try to see the good that is in him. Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbour the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our iails, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later on. "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21:23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbour for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbour must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading:**1Sam 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23;**2nd Readg:**1Cor. 15:45-49;** Gospel:**Lk. 6:27-38** Psalm: **Ps 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13:** *The Lord is compassion and love.*.

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia! Acts 16:14.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

ST PETER'S			
Sun., 20 th Feb, 2022.	+ 7 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C Divine Office, Wk 3	9.00am	Mary Maron's Intention
		11.00am	Thomas Kiely and Deceased fam
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 21st Feb.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	9.30am	
Wed., 23rd Feb.	St Polycarp	9.30am	Marshal K. RIP
Thur., 24th Feb.	Feria	7:00pm	
Fri., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Patrick & Sarah Brennan. Anniv.
Sat., 26 th Feb.	Feria	10.30am	Miroslaw Rakiec's Intention
Sun., 27 th Feb, 2022.	+ 8 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C Divine Office, Wk 4	9.00am	
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travellers
		6.00pm	Francis Loh. Birthday Tksgiving

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 19th Feb.	+ 7 TH SUNDAY IN	6.00pm	
Sun., 20 th Feb, 2022.	ORDINARY TIME- YR C Divine Office, Wk 3	9.30am (STM) 11.00am	Minna's Intention
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Wed., 23rd Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 24th Feb.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 26th Feb.	+ 8 TH SUNDAY IN	6.00pm	Lynette & Derek Belch. RIP
Sun., 27 th Feb, 2022.	ORDINARY TIME- YR C	9.30am (STM)	
2022.	Divine Office, Wk 4	11.00am	Francis Xavier & Stanley Lawrenc RIP

<u>SICK OR HOUSEBOUND</u>: Please pray for Mary Marron, Lily Clark, Pat Martin, Theresa Chatfield, Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

SPECIAL NOTICE: The parish will be ordering new boxes of offeroty envelopes this coming month. A number of parishioners are already using them, and together with completing a gift aid form, this can boost the value of offerings by 25% if one pays UK income tax. So far, the chancellor has not meddled with the scheme. In order to benefit from gift aid, the parish must keep a record of what parishioners give and this record is kept confidential. The recording is done in one of two ways: 1. By completing a bankers order form in favour of St Peters Parish Hatfiled, or 2. By using numbered offertory envelops each Sunday.

Please, this does NOT involve people giving more than they do already. The extra money comes from the Inland Revenue as it supports all charitable organizations through the gift aid scheme.

In the last "normal year" (2019), gift aid raised an extra £7,000 for the parish. If you are interested, see PAT in the back porch after mass where you can obtain gift aid declaration/bankers order forms.

As you can imagine, after almost 2 years of lockdowns and other restrictions, it has been a very difficult time for the parish. As we return to a 'new normal' it is vital it has the resources to attend to all the work now requiring attention. Thank you for your attention.

Now Accepting Contactless Donations:

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations simple are to administer, secure and convenient.

YOUTH CLUB - AGE 12-16:

Friday 25th February, 6:30pm, we wish to welcome our older children in secondary school

whose ages are 12-16, for an evening filled with interactive games & a pizza night!

Entry Fee £2 with a tuck shop available.

Looking forward to welcoming all the young ones within our parish.

CAFOD Fast Day Friday 11 March.

We are encouraging everyone to eat simply and give what they save so more children can grow up big and strong because no child should go hungry.

There will be a short talk after masses on 5/6 March and a second collection on 12/13 March. To be able to cover all masses and dates we are looking for some help.

If you are able to help, please contact Mary Crummev 07546421954

or marycrummey@hotmail.co.uk.

ST PHILIP HOWARD: NURSERY APPLICATION FOR 2022. If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they can now start nursery in September. Application forms are available on the website under 'Admissions' or directly from school. The deadline for September application is 28 February. The nursery sessions are as follows: 15 Hour Nursery: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12 Noon. 30 Hour Nursery: Monday to Friday; 9am to 3pm. The school also provides wrap around care: Breakfast club: 7.30am to 9am (for thos attending 15 hour nursery). Lunch Club: 3pm to 5.30pm (for those attending 30 hour nursery). For more enquiries, contact school om 01707 263969

'COME AND CELEBRATE the FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION 25 MARCH on a Pilgrimage to WALSINGHAM by coach from St Albans. Holy Mass in Walsingham at 12noon will be celebrated by the Bishop of East Anglia, Alan Hopes, followed by a visit to the Slipper Chapel and a walk along the Holy Mile to the Priory, the original site of the holy house requested by Our Lady in 1061. The cost is £25 and £5 for children. To book or for further info please contact Rosemary Roscoe 07723 546642 rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com or Margaret Leahy:

margleahy@gmail.com 01727 763832.

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: 14 Feb - !9 Feb. Mavis, Evangeline, Augustine **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 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

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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