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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

+ 8TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C

"There is not a sound tree that produces rotten fruit". Lk. 6:41. Once again, the first reading (Sirach 27:5-8) compliments greatly the message of the gospel reading. The sage of Jerusalem put together many pithy sayings some of which are severely challenging in the practical sense. Four images of testing a person by their speech is here presented. The easiest way to tell what and who people are is by their action. How people discharge their social obligations speaks louder than whatever good thing they have to say. The statements of Christ spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews of Palestine in the Gospel are as true and as crystal clear today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbour's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own. While we ourselves are blind to, or wanting in, many necessary virtues, yet we can spot this lack in our brother Christian and have the audacity to offer to lead him on the right road. We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbour's Christian behaviour whilst our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal. In other words, most if not all of us, to some degree pretend to be what we are not, but should be. We pretend to be producing good fruit: figs and grapes, whereas we are only thorn bushes and brambles which produce nothing but harmful thorns which sting and poison ourselves and our neighbours. How many times in the past week have I criticized my fellow men without knowing all, or any perhaps, of the true facts. How seldom have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Eccl. 27:5-8**; 2nd Reading: **1Cor. 15:54-58**; Gospel: **Lk. 6:39-45**

Psalm: **Ps 91(92):2-3, 13-16**: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

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., 27th Feb, 2022.	+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	For Peace in Ukraine
		11.00am	Mary Maron RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Francis Loh. Birthday Tks giving
Mon., 28 th Feb.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 1 st March.	St David. Feast	9.30am	
Wed., 2 nd March.	Ash Wednesday	9.30am	
Thur., 3 rd March.	Feria	7:00pm	
Fri., 4 th March.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 5 th March.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 6th March, 2022.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	P.D. Anthony
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 26 th Feb.	+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	Lynette & Derek Belch. RIP
Sun., 27th Feb, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Francis Xavier &Stan Law. RIP
Mon., 28 th Feb.		Feria	7:00pm
Tue., 1 ST March.	St David. Feast	9.30am	
Wed., 2 nd March.	Ash Wednesday	10.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson. RIP
Thur., 3 rd March.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 4 th March.	Feria	9.30am	Maurice Ashwell. RIP
Sat., 5 th March.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	Special Intention
Sun., 6th March, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Winifred Hannon.
		11.00am	Fr GeoffreyWeb. RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Pat Martin, Theresa Chatfield, Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

SPECIAL NOTICE: The parish will be ordering new boxes of offertory 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 Hatfield, or 2. By using numbered offertory envelopes 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 are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3 pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all

couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, and email (or telephone number, if no email).

ASH WEDNESDAY: The 2nd of March is the beginning of Lent. Pope Francis has appealed that we make Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and prayer for world peace, that the Queen of Peace may preserve the world from the madness of war. Mass times will be as follows: St Peters: 9:30am and 7:00pm. Marychurch: 10:00am. St Philip Howard Primary School: 1:45pm (Ash Wednesday Service).

LENTEN HEALING SERVICE: Join us as we undertake a Lenten retreat and prayer to prepare to commemorate the Lord's Passion and the celebration of His victory over death at Easter. We shall gather in the Church every Friday for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Talk on relevant Lenten topics and Benediction. The programme will last for an hour every Friday (6:30 – 7:30). Submit your prayer intentions to be prayed for during this time. Our hope is that this retreat will help us to intentionally work on our prayer lives.

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 those attending 15 hour nursery). Lunch Club: 3pm to 5.30pm (for those attending 30 hour nursery). For more enquiries, contact school on 01707 263969.

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:
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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.

**Victoria & Anthonia
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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