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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

## **+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C**

*"leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."* (Lk. 13:9) "In the Christian life, faith has consequences, that to 'serve God' we must renounce 'Mammon,' that to be free for God we must break the hold that the world has on us. Faith demands a reconstruction of the inner life, a reforming that can be brought about only by overcoming". — *The Conversion of Augustine*. Jesus our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit (cf. Lk 8:11-15) in keeping with the graces we have received (cf. Lk 12:48). But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live (Ezek 33:11) and, as St Peter teaches, he is "forbearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace. *Jose Maria Escriva* puts it this way "There is one case that we should be especially sorry about — that of Christians who could do more and don't; Christians who could live all the consequences of their vocation as children of God, but refuse to do so through lack of generosity. We are partly to blame, for the grace of faith has not been given us to hide but to share with others (cf. Mt 5:151). We cannot forget that the happiness of these people, in this life and in the next, is at stake. The Christian life is a divine wonder with immediate promises of satisfaction and serenity — but on condition that we know how to recognize the gift of God (cf. Jn 4:10) and be generous, not counting the cost".

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8,13-15**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1Cor. 10:1-6,10-12**; Gospel:**Lk. 13:1-9**

Psalm: **Ps 102(103): *The Lord is compassion and Love.***

***Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you ... You are the Word of God. Mt 4:17.***

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Chinedu Joshua Onuchukwu. Bday
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 21 <sup>st</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Inga Lindgren. RIP
Wed., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Anthony Warnwright. RIP
Thur., 24 <sup>th</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	7:00pm	Isaiah Khan Ndi. RIP
Fri., 25 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>ANNUNCIATION</b>	9.30am	Winnie Grant. RIP
Sat., 26 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>Feria</b>	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anthony Crawley. RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

### MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 19 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Peace in Ukraine
<b>Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Nora Ding. RIP
Mon., 21 <sup>st</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	7:00pm	Patricia Dee. RIP
Tue., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Isaiah Khan Ndi
Wed., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Irene & James Collins. RIP
Thur., 24 <sup>th</sup> Mrch.	<b>Feria</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri., 25 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>Annunciation of the Ld</b>	9.30am	Michael Creighton & Mary Taykr.Rip
Sat., 26 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Sun., 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anne Holloway. RIP

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

## NOTICES

**APPEAL FOR UKRAINE:** Meeting in London, today, 4th March 2022, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland said:

In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals.

We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence. We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons.

We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Hugh Gilbert,

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Bishop John Keenan.

**The Parish appreciates you for your contribution last weekend for this purpose. Continue to pray for an end to violence and peace in Ukraine and in our world generally.**

**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.

**"EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN:** On Wednesday 23rd March from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. there will be an evening of recollection for men at Holy Family Church, 194 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7RQ. This will include meditations given by a priest plus an opportunity for confession. Call 07814 009039 for more details."

**THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS** of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

**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 PETER'S & MARYCHURCH** is offering the young people in our church a chance for them to get together and enjoy the company of similar age kids to enjoy fun activities, learn new skills and be part of a vibrant community. Youth Groups run every Friday at St. Peter's Church Hall – ages 8 to 11 at 5 to 6 p.m. and 12 to 16 years old from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Just £2 entry fee and tuck shop available.

YOU CAN NOW MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH DIRECTLY

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:**

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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: 7 March – 12 Mch.

**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](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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