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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 – 11.30am

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

+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" JN 21:17. Peter's rehabilitation is here witnessed and his primacy restored. Peter had met with Jesus two times before the encounter in today's gospel. They have not spoken about his triple denial. Peter must have been very apprehensive as to where he stood with his master. Jesus puts him out of his misery in this encounter. Not only was he forgiven, his denial has been forgotten. Peter had already reproached himself for failing so bad, Jesus did not need to repeat that. a lesson on how God treats penitents and as should we. Instead of telling Peter how bad he has fallen, Jesus confirmed him to the position he had earlier on appointed him (Matt. 16:18). He gave Peter chance to counter his triple denial (Jn. 18:17, 25,27) with a triple confession of Love for Jesus.

That Peter's position of authority was recognized by his fellow Apostles and by the first Christians, is evident in almost every page of the Acts—the book which describes the infant Church. It was Peter who presided at the election of Matthias, who succeeded Judas in the apostolic college (Acts 1:15-26): he gave the first Christian sermon after the descent of the Holy Spirit (2: 14-40); he worked the first recorded miracle wrought by any Apostle (3:1-11); he pronounced sentence on Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11); it was he who received the first Gentile convert into the Church (11:1-18) and it was he who defended Paul's action at the Council of Jerusalem (15:6-11).

Having learned his lessons, Peter who was found asleep three times at his post admonishes three times in his letters: Prepare your minds for action (1Pt 1:13), Be self-controlled and alert (1Pt. 5:8), Be on your guard (2Pt. 3:17). This summarizes the disposition of the apostles when they faced persecution as evident in the first reading (Acts:5). May we too be accorded the grace to stand firm in the face of trials and to rise whenever we fall. Amen.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading:Acts 5:27-32,42-41;2nd Reading:Apocalypse 5:11-14 ;Gospel:John 21:1-19. Psalm: Ps 29(30):2,4-6,11-13: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.* Alleluia! Alleluia!! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.' Alleluia! Lk 24:32.

| ST PETER'S | MASS DURING THE WEEK | | | | |
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| Sun., 1 st MAY, 2022. | + 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Office, Wk 3 | 9.00am | John Davin. RIP | | |
| | | 11.00am | Andrew Penman. RIP | | |
| | | 2.00pm | Casey & Delaney fam. Living & D | | |
| | | 6.00pm | | | |
| Mon.,2 nd May. | Feria | No Mass | No Mass | | |
| Tue.,3 rd May. | Ss Philip & James | 11.00am | Marylyn Cason.RIP (Memorial Mass) | | |
| Wed.,4th May. | English Martyrs | 9.30am | Arnolfo & Eduardo Rentuma. RIP | | |
| Thur.,5 th May. | Feria | 7:00pm | Nick Rudoe's Int | | |
| Fri., 6 th May. | Feria | 9.30am | John Davin. RIP | | |
| Sat.,7 th May. | Feria | 10.30am | Flordeliza Rentuma Uargo. RIP | | |
| Sun., 8 th MAY, 2022. | + 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Office, Wk 4 | 9.00am | John Davin. RIP | | |
| | | 11.00am | Melena & Tia Fernando's Ints. | | |
| | | 2.00pm | Michael Delaney. RIP | | |
| | | 6.00pm | | | |

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

| Sat., 30 th April. | + 3RD SUNDAY OF | 6.00pm | John Kelly. RIP | |
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| Sun. 1 st MAY, | EASTER Divine Office, Wk 3 | 9.30am (STM) | Stm Parishioners | |
| 2022. | | 11.00am | Rachel Brooke. Peace of mind | |
| Mon., 2 nd May. | Feria | 7:00pm | Fr Stuart Gullan-Steel's intention | |
| Tue.,3 rd May. | Ss Philip & James | 9.30am | Raynah Watson. RIP | |
| Wed., 4 th May. | English Martyrs | 9.30am | Ruth Emery | |
| Thur.,5 th May. | Feria | No Mass | | |
| Fri., 6 th May. | Feria | 9.30am | | |
| Sat., 7 th May. | ATH CUNDAN OF | 6.00pm | | |
| Sun., 8 th MAY, 2022. | Divine Office, Wk 4 | 9.30am (STM) | Stm Parishioners | |
| | | 11.00am | Willy Prendergast. RIP | |

<u>SICK OR HOUSEBOUND</u>: Please pray for Pat Martin, Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH:

- DIRECT DEBIT: We encourage you to use direct debit. It is very easy, fast and secure. Here is our Account Details: Sort Code – 40-05-20. Account Number – 81094602
- 2. Normal plate Collection: Cash or Cheque.
- 3. Free-Will Giving or Legacy in memory of loved ones.
- 4. **CONTACTLESS:** Church gone Hi-Tech! Please make use of our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make vour donation. 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% extra 25p for every £1 received if you are a UK taxpayer. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

THE NEW OFFERTORY BOXES: Envelopes are available for collection from (3rd April) in the back porch. If you are a UK tax payer, you may wish to gift aid your offerings, if you haven't already done so. Gift Aid Declarations will also be available. The Envelopes are dated from 10th April 2022, the first Sunday of the new tax year.

BEARD SPONSORSHIP FOR FENCE: Cllected so far is £502.2 in cash.

Thank you all so sincerely.

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be visiting our parish on the 8th of May for a mission appeal. Their priest will say the masses and speak to us about their missionary works. They will be needing our generous financial support for their works all over the world.

MAY DEVOTION: The month of May is specially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. To Observe the May Devotion, there

will be rosary after mass daily through the month.

UKRAINE: WHAT WE CAN DO: The shocking news from Ukraine continues to distress and cause anxiety. Although we are 1500 miles from Kyiv and may feel hopeless, we can still help. Here are ideas for <u>us</u> from our Diocese's Justice & Peace network:

- Pray every day for peace and all those affected: at home, at school, on the bus and of course at Mass
- Donate: CAFOD and Caritas are grateful for all contributions and particularly welcome money rather than goods because it can be targeted at key needs, it doesn't need sorting or transport and can be Gift Aided <u>https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergenciesnews/Ukraine-crisis</u>
- Write to our MP to ask the Government to support people fleeing from Ukraine: Rt Hon Grant Shapps, House of Commons, London SW1 0AA or email <u>shappsg@parliament.uk</u>
- Pope Francis says our hearts must not be closed to refugees. We can support those already in Hertfordshire who have fled perils in other countries: Herts Welcomes Refugees has volunteer opportunities here <u>https://www.hwsf.org.uk/</u>
- So far, St Peter's has collected £455.74 in Cash in aid of <u>UKRAINE</u>

WE ARE AT THE END of a tax year 2021/2022. If you no longer pay income tax, please let us know. If we could claim the tax you paid while earning the offertoryyou have given to the church, pleaseask for a Gift Aid Declarationform to be sent to you.

SYNODAL PATHWAY: The Diocesan report has been published on the website. You can view it via this link: https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocesebishops-synod-report/.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: The 2020/2021 parish financial report is out. There is a copy on the notice board and copies to take home and have a look. Thank you for your generosity towards the parish. Fr Agbor.

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| Parish Office: SP: Tue., | Sacred Heart Novena: SP: | "My house shall be | | |
| Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm; | Suspended for now; | called a house of prayer." | | |
| MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.: | MC/STM: Thurday after | Defense Mass Talk to Cod | | |
| 8.30am-1.30pm | 9:30 am mass. | Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God | | |
| ···· ····· ···· ···· | <u>Rosary</u>: SP/MC: Monday | After Mass - Talk to each | | |
| Safeguarding Officers: | after 9:30 am mass. | other. | | |
| SP: Nonso Ijezie, and Eric | Novena to Our Lady of | | | |
| Chiejina; Ph: 07402030680; Email: | Perpetual Succour: | Catholic Chaplaincy Lister | | |
| hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr | Suspended for now. | Hospital: John O'Neil, | | |
| cdow.org.uk | | 01438 285518 | | |
| | Christian Meditation: MC: | | | |
| MC/STM: Volunteer needed | Suspended for now. | Suggestion/Comment | | |
| .Ph. 01707262439 Email: hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.or | Hatfield SVP: 07960785673 | Box: | | |
| g.uk. | | Please use the box on the | | |
| <u>Planned Giving</u>: SP: | St Pio Prayer Group: SP: | table at the back of Church, | | |
| Pat Malsher: 01707 265530; | Suspended for now. | if you wish to express a | | |
| MC/STM: Gillian Sutton; | Proclaim Our Lady of | suggestion or comment on | | |
| Parish Secretary: 01707262439 | Fatima Family Rosary: | | | |
| Lead Catechist: Linda | Contact: Lucia Federici, | Monthly Offertory Collection | | |
| Graham, 07768777768 | 07933 436387; Email: | | | |
| | lucia.federici@mountcarmel | | | |
| Hall Booking: Enquiries to: | kindergarten.co.uk | | | |
| SP: Parish Secretary; MC/STM: Parish Secretary | | Thank you. | | |
| WIC/STWI. I arish Secretary | Tea & Coffee: After 11am | Text: ParishHATSO to 70800 | | |
| Bontigme Soo Dorigh Driggt | Mass in both parishes. | to donate £5 through your | | |
| <u>Baptism</u>: See Parish Priest. Preparation is obligatory | Please, join us. | mobile phone. | | |
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| Confessions: SP: Saturdays, | ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH | | | |
| 11am to 12pm & on request. | | | | |
| MC/STM: Saturdays 5:30 to | Bishop's Rise, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9HN | | | |
| 5:50 and on request. | Phone: 01707 262121 | | | |
| 1 | Email: hatfieldsouth@rcdow.org.uk | | | |
| Marriage: See Parish Priest; 6 | Websites: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hatfieldsouth/ | | | |
| months' notice required; | | | | |
| Preparation is obligatory | Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes | | | |
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| Weekly Rotas: | PARISH OF MARYCHURCH, HATFIELD | | | |
| Cleaning: 2 MAY – 7MAY. | with ST THOMAS MORE, WELHAM GREEN | | | |
| Check the Notice | 26 Salisbury Square, Hatfield. AL9 5JD | | | |
| Board | Phone: 01707 262439; Email: hatfield@rcdow.org.uk | | | |
| Flowers: | Website: http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hatfield/ | | | |
| <u>110wc15.</u> | Parish Secretary: Yvette Rawle | | | |
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