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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

+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Returning to Mass at Pentecost. An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales. This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58). The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation." Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**; 2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 21:1-5**; Gospel: **John 13:31-33,34-35**.
 Psalm: **Ps 144(145):8-13a**: *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*
Alleluia! Alleluia!! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.' Alleluia! Jn. 13:34.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

ST PETER'S

Sun., 15th MAY, 2022.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Pat & Olive Malsher's Intentions
		11.00am	Leela Varma. RIP
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & Dead
		6.00pm	
Mon., 16 th May.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 17 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Deceased Membs of Rentuma fam
Wed., 18 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Noreen Savage intention
Thur., 19 th May.	Feria	7:00pm	
Fri., 20 th May.	Feria	9.30am	John Brennan. RIP
Sat., 21 st May.	Feria	10.30am	Mary Faithfull. Birthday Blessings
Sun., 22nd MAY, 2022.	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Robert John Langlois. Anniv.
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & dead
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 14 th May.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun. 15th MAY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Wilomena Cherry. RIP
		Mon., 16 th May.	Feria
Tue., 17 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas. RIP
Wed., 18 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Brian Hopkins. RIP
Thur., 19 th May.	Feria	No Mass	
Fri., 20 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Cindy Friend Intention
Sat., 21 st May.	+6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	Fr Stanislaus savage. RIP
Sun., 22nd MAY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	STM Parishioners
		11.00am	Canon Adrian ArrowSmith. RIP

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: 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

Normal plate Collection: Cash or Cheque.

Free-Will Giving or Legacy in memory of loved ones.

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: Collected so far is **£837.86 in cash.**

Thank you all so sincerely.

BAPTISM: There will be a baptism at the 11 am mass on the 22nd of May. The Candidate for the baptism will be received into the church on this Sunday the 15th.

MSP REGIONAL RETREAT: Frs Agbor and Francis will be attending a retreat for the priests of the Missionaries of St Paul in the UK from the 23 to the 27th of May. There will be no weekday masses during the week except for Thursday the 26th the Solemnity of Ascension.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday the 28th of May will be the day our children make their first Holy Communion. We keep them and their teachers and families in our prayers as they prepare for the day. On the 5th of July, they will have a thanksgiving party after the 11am mass in the hall. All parishioners are invited.

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be visiting our parish on the 29th 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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for your generous donation towards the training of our seminarians and priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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 us 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
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>
- 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 shappsg@parliament.uk
- 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 <https://www.hwsf.org.uk/>
- **So far, St Peter's has collected £455.74 in Cash in aid of UKRAINE**

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

Parish Office: SP: Tue.,
Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm;

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officers:

SP: Nonso Ijezie, and Eric
Chiejina; Ph: 07402030680;
Email:
**hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr
cdow.org.uk**

MC/STM: Volunteer needed
.Ph. 01707262439 Email:
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.or
g.uk.

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: 16MAY – 21MAY.

**Check the Notice
Board. Team 1
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@mountcarmelkindergarten.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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