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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

+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“That they may be one” A Look at Christian Unity. Have you ever caught yourself or heard someone else ask a question such as this: With so many denominations in Christianity and people believing different things how are we supposed to know that being Catholic is the right choice? I have heard this question uncountable times and sadly, most of those who ask the question ended leaving the Church. Every time this passage (John 17:20-26) is read in Church, I cannot help but wonder whether this prayer of Jesus has been answered, was ignored by God or will still be answered. Or maybe I have a wrong understanding of the meaning of the prayers, or something more mysterious is at play here. Already, the 2nd and 3rd Letters of St John has shown that Christian unity from the outset was not without problems. The scandals of disunity in Christianity have become flagrant since the break between the Eastern and Western Christianity in 1054 and the total breakdown of Western Christianity into increasingly petty and unfortunately inimical fragments since 1517.

The unity of the disciples was to be the sign to all people that they were Gods children, a sign to make the world believe that Jesus was sent by God (Jn. 17:21). Jesus promised Peter, on this rock I shall build my ‘Church’ not churches, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18). There is no way known to honest Christians to look at the disunity that does not reveal absurdity and counter productivity in our mission to non-Christians. A continuous division and increasing animosity among Christian denominations is not the effective sign of divine Love Jesus spoke of in today’s gospel.

For us in the Catholic Church, the continuity from the time and words of Jesus through the apostles, down to the Church fathers and down to today’s magisterium (teaching authority of the Church) assures us we are in the right place. But the unity of Gods children remains a distant dream. God can however be glorified in the difference if we can focus our attention not on the disunity but on the unity of the one Holy Spirit working in all of us.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1stReading:Acts 7:55-60; 2ndReading: Apoc.22:12-14,16-17,20; Gospel:John 17:20-26.
 Psalm: Ps 96(97):1-2b,16-17,20: *The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*
Alleluia! Alleluia!! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your heart will be full of joy. Alleluia! Jn. 14:18.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

ST PETER'S

Sun., 29 MAY, 2022.	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & Dead
		6.00pm	
Mon., 30 May.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Tue.,31 st May.	Feria	9.30am	Eileen McManus. Months mind.
Wed., 1 st June.	St Justin De Martyr	9.30am	Rajeev & Tessa Johnson. Wedding A
Thur.,2 nd June.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 3 rd June.	St Charles Lwang & Co	9.30am	
Sat.,4 th June.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 5th JUNE, 2022.	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Rajeev Johnson Intention
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & dead
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat.,28 th May.	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun. 29 MAY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Anne Holloway. RIP
		Mon., 30 th May.	Feria
Tue.,31 st May.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 1 st June.	St Justin	9.30am	
Thur.,2 nd June.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 3 rd June.	St Charles and Co.	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson. RIP
Sat., 4 th June.	+7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	Ron & Doris Thomas. RIP
Sun., 5th JUNE, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Marychurch Parishioners

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:

Act Name: *WRCDT St Peter's Hatfield South*
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.

MSP REGIONAL RETREAT: Fr Agbor and Fr Francis wish to thank you immensely for your prayers during our retreat. We also prayed for you as we promised. Stay blessed.

REPOSITORY SHOP: New stock has arrived of statues, crosses, rosaries and Communion gifts – please pop in and pay a visit.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate our children who made their First Holy Communion on the 28th. We keep them, their teachers and families in our prayers. On the 5th June, they will have a thanksgiving party after the 11 a.m. mass in the hall. All parishioners are invited.

CHILDREN'S JUBILEE PARTY: On Friday, 3rd June the Youth Group Leaders will be hosting a Children's Jubilee Party starting at 5 p.m. Free entry, games, prizes and lots of lovely food for ages 8 to 11 and for the older youths (12 to 16 year olds) the session starts at 6.30 p.m.

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. Please join us.

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,
07402030680 and Eric
Chiejina, 07717578052 Ph.;
Email:
**hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr
cdow.org.uk**

MC/STM: Volunteer needed
.Ph. 01707262439 Email:
hatfieldsg@safeguardr
cdow.org.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: 30 MAY- 4 June.

**Victoria, Anthonia &
Nneka M.**

Flowers:
FHC

Sacred Heart Novena: SP:
Friday after mass;

MC/STM: Thursday after
9:30 am mass.

Rosary: SP: Wednesday
after 9.30 mass. MC:

Monday after 9:30 am mass.

Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour: Tuesday
after mass in both parishes.

Christian Meditation: MC:
Suspended for now.

Hatfield SVP: 07960785673

St Pio Prayer Group: SP:
1st Thursday monthly at 6pm

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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