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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 – 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

+17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, C.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 11:1-13* in which we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer. Jesus enjoins us to approach our heavenly Father with our petitions with firm faith that He will grant our needs. But what is the right way to ask for favours from God? According to St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Francis de Sales and other great saints, sometimes the best way to ask is simply not to ask. Well, at least not in the conventional sense. For most of us, our common experience with prayer of petition is the same. In public prayer, we directly ask God for the things that we need, and privately we internalize this same form of vocal expression. We have a specific thing that we think would be best for us, and we ask God to deliver it. Perhaps some of us try to pray more often for the grace to do the will of God—not asking for specific things, but simply that His will be done. While the great spiritual writers tell us that this type of prayer is necessary and commendable in those who are seeking to grow spiritually, they also teach that it is not the highest form of petition. The highest form of petition requires that we maintain pure humility. How do we do this, one cannot but wonder? A few suggestions from the masters will be helpful. First, by the contemplation of God's great love for us in comparison to our own lack of worth and lack of deservedness. Second, by coming through this contemplation to a complete love for God and total lack of self-interest. The highest form of petition, therefore, consists not in a verbalized prayer for favours, but rather in the recognition of our lack of deservedness. Through the cultivation of humility and the redirection of our love towards God and away from ourselves, we become full of faith and hope. This is because we come to the realization that God grants his favours to whom He wills, when He wills, and in what manner He wills. Both physical needs and spiritual favours will be granted to us if only we do His will. What results is a clarity of mind that frees us from worry and helps us to endure trials, both physical and spiritual, with a sense of peace. Thy will be done oh Lord.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1stReading: **Genesis. 18:20-32**; 2ndReading: **Colosians2:12-14** Gospel: **Luke 11:1-13**.
 Psalm: **Ps 137(138):1-3,6-8**: *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord..*
Alleluia! Alleluia!! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia! . Jn 1:14,12.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

ST PETER'S

Sun., 24 JULY, 2022.	+ 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Fr Michael Harwood's intention
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & Dead
		6.00pm	
Mon., 25 th July.	St James. Apostle	No Mass	No Mass
Tue., 26 th July.	ss Joachim & Anne	9.30am	
Wed., 27 th July.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 28 th July.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 29 th July.	Ss Martha, Mary & Laz	9.30am	
Sat., 30 th July.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 31st JULY, 2022.	+ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travellers. Living & Dead
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 23 rd July.	+ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun. 24 JULY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	STM Parishioners
		11.00am	Michael McLoughlin. RIP. (1 st An
Mon., 25 th July.	St James	7:00pm	Peace in Ukraine
Tue., 26 th July.	Ss Joachim & Anne	9.30am	Carol Thomas' intention
Wed., 27 th July.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 28 th July.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 29 th July.	Ss Martha, Mary & Laz	9.30am	Bill Watson. RIP
Sat., 30 th July.	+ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 31st July, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	STM Parishioners
		11.00am	Murray-Bruce family Thanksgivn

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Pat Martin, Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy, Lenora Mashumba.

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.

INFORMATION: I wish to inform you dear parishioners that our Assistant Parish Priest, Fr Francis Agada MSP, after 2 and half years with us, will be leaving for another mission elsewhere by the end of September. Further details about his movement will be communicated soon. Let us keep him in our prayers for God to continue to lead and guide him in his ministry. *Fr Agbor. F Isek.*

REPOSITORY SHOP: New stock has arrived of statues, crosses, rosaries and Communion gifts – please pop in and pay a visit. You can now make payment with card for items purchased.

EXTRA ORDINARY COMMUNION

MINISTERS TRAINING: We have a number of persons who have indicated interest to become Extraordinary minister for Communion. We would like to hold a training session, after which a date will be set by the parish priest for induction. The training will hold on Friday, 29th July at 6.30pm at St Peters Church.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: We will have our next altar servers training on Tuesday, 26th July at 6.30pm. Venue is St Peter's Church.

MEETING WITH VOLUNTEER CLEANERS:

Fr Agbor would like to meet with all the volunteer cleaners in the parish on Friday 29th at 7pm. It promises too be a very brief but important meeting.

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/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

SEND FORTH: I wish to also announce to you all that our beloved Parish secretary of Marychurch, Yvette, will be leaving the parish for a new challenge by the end of August. The Parish will be hosting a farewell party in her honour on Sunday the 21st of August after the 11am mass. The organizers will be reaching out to us with further details. *Fr Agbor F. Isek.*

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: Recruitment
process.
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hatfieldsg@safeguardr
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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: 25JULY- 30JULY.

**Victoria, Anthonia &
Nneka**

Flowers:18 – 25/
Mary & Christine

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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