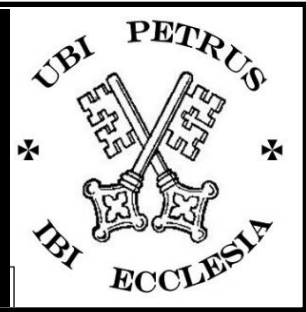




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Mass Times:

SUNDAY MASSES

9.15 am, 11.00 am, &
6.00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am
Thurs: 7.00 pm
Sat: 10.30 am

Holy Days of Obligation

Mass: 9.30 am & 7.00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer

Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.10 am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

After Mass on Tuesday

Rosary

After Mass on Wednesday

Confessions

Sat., 11.00 am – 12 noon,
5.00-5.30 pm

Or by request

Baptism – See Parish

Priest –

Preparation obligatory

Marriage – See Parish Priest

6 months' notice

Preparation obligatory

Last week's collection
£ 606.10

Thank you

Text: ParishHATSO to
70800 to donate £5 through
your mobile phone.

Notices for the newsletter by
Wednesday via the parish
email. Thank you.
A copy of Marychurch
Newsletter is on the parish
notice board

Parish clergy

Fr John Eze msp; E-mail: johneze@rcdow.org.uk

Fr Livie Onyebuchi msp

Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The parish clergy: The parable of the weeds among wheat originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. John the Baptist also shared this opinion of the Pharisees concerning sinners. In his discussion about the coming of the Messiah he said, "His winnowing fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat (saints) into his ban; but the chaff (sinners) he will burn in a fire that will never go out (Mt 3:12) But in this parable Jesus shows that the destruction of sinners is never the plan of God. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil.

This parable was later applied to the problem of sinners in the church. Like the kingdom, the church is also a mixed bag. However, it is not the duty of the church to separate sinners from the saints. The definitive separation must be left until the last judgement. In the meantime, the church must be patient: it must preach repentance and practice leniency. Mercy and Leniency is the attitude of God towards sinners as we learn from the first reading, and rather than being a sign of weakness, it shows the power of God towards his people. The church can do no better than imitate its founder. It has to be big enough and loving enough to hold sinners in the fold. If it does not do so, it would not be the church of Christ.

Day For Life : Presentation by Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on Friday, 8th September 2017, Feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary at St Hilda's Church, Hydean Way, Shephall, Stevenage SG2 9SQ. See poster for full details at the back of the church.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Today at 4.30pm in the hall.

Open Evening - The John Henry Newman School

The John Henry Newman School will have its Open Evening on Thursday, 28th September. Tours start at 5.30pm and the Headteacher's address is at 7.30pm. The last tour of the school on the Open Evening will be at 7.00 pm.

Fatima Pilgrimage: There are still places on the Parish Pilgrimage, 21st to 26th October. Please contact Linda O'Reilly at lyndadawn2003@yahoo.com/07958721336 for further info.

Homeless Hats Christmas Presents: If you would like to knit hats to include in Christmas presents for the homeless in London, please contact Pauline in the parish office.

Supply Priest. A warm welcome to Fr Timothy Esenamhe, our supply priest while Fr Livinus is away on holiday. We wish him a happy stay in Hatfield

Sea Sunday: There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea next **Sunday, 30th July.** The Apostleship of the sea provides spiritual and welfare support for seafarers visiting Great Britain.

Flower Rota: If you would like to join the flower rota please contact James Windle on 01707 269036

Parish Office

Tues 2.30pm – 5.30pm;
Weds & Fridays: 10am-1pm

St Philip Howard

Primary: 01707 263969
Pre-School: 07950 624815

Nicholas Breakspear Senior
Mixed – 01727 860079

Loreto College, St Albans
01727 856206

St Pius (Padre Pio) Prayer Group

1st Thurs monthly : 6pm

Safeguarding Officer

Sue McLellen: 01707 646383
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned giving envelopes

Pat Malsher: 01707 265530

Hall Bookings

Parishioners only
Enquiries to Parish Secretary

Hatfield SVP

07960 785673



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**Catholic Chaplaincy
Lister Hospital**

Rev. Anthony Curran
(Deacon)

Direct Line: 01438 285518

Via text message:
07876 526935

24/7 urgent need:
01438 314333

'If you are admitted to hospital.....In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that you are a Roman Catholic and that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

Weekly Rotas:

Flowers: Christine & Maria

Church Cleaning:

Roshan Senanayake

Shop:

9.15 – Fran Shumba

11.00 – Mary O'Donnell

6.00 - Felicity Crabtree

"My house shall be called a house of prayer"



Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass.

Before Mass-Talk to God

During Mass-Listen to God

After Mass-Talk to each other

Readings at Sunday Mass

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Psalms 85 Response: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Mass Intentions for Week 23 July - 30 July 2017

Sunday 23 rd	+ 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Ps Week 4</i>	9.15 am:	Private int
		11.00 am:	Peter & Anthony Marron, RIP
		6.00 pm:	Parishioners
Monday 24 th	Feria	9.30am:	Patrick Fagan, RIP
Tuesday 25 th	St. James, Apostle	9.30am	Andrew Fernandes, int
Wednesday 26 th	Sts Joachim & Ann, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am:	Martin Doherty
Thursday 27 th	Feria	7.00pm:	Private int
Friday 28 th	Feria	9.30am:	Rentuma Family, anniv
Saturday 29 th	St. Martha	10.30am:	Private int
Sunday 30 th	+ 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Ps Week 1</i>	9.15 am:	Parishioners
		11.00 am:	Michael Duffy, RIP
		6.00pm:	Private int

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Dorothy Hall, Margaret Lovatt Dugan, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward and William Naughton.

RCIA: Do you want to become a Catholic? Are you a baptised adult who would like confirmation? We have a programme in the parish called RCIA to help you. Whatever your background, if you want to find out more please give your details to Fr John or Father Livie, email the parish hatfieldsouth@rcdow.org.uk. or teresacrabtree@hotmail.co.uk

New Foundation Degree for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains. Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017

Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! To book goto:- To book: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017> For updates goto:- <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>. For more details goto:- <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Prices start from £18.50.

Vinne Packs: On Sunday, 30th July 2017 John Beckett, the President of the SVP Conference in Hatfield will be taking part in the Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100. This is a 100 mile cycling event from the Olympic Park, London to the Surrey hills with the finish in the Mall. John is riding to raise funds for the SVP to purchase cold weather clothing to go into its Vinnie Packs for the homeless in England & Wales. If you would like to sponsor John, please donate via: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Beckett or you can send your donation to Vinnie Packs, PO. Box 72264, London, SW1P 9EZ. Cheques should be made payable to SVP. Thank you for your support. See poster at back of the church.