



# ST PETER'S CHURCH

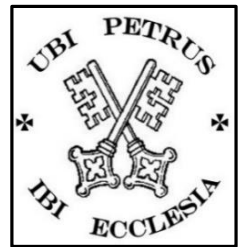
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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

### Mass Times

#### Sunday Masses:

9.15 am, 11.00 am, 6pm

#### Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am

Thurs: 7pm; Sat: 10.30 am

#### Holy Days of

#### Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7 pm

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 11.00 am – 12 noon

#### Morning Prayer:

Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.10 am

### Last Week's Collection

£684.60

#### Thank you

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

*“Remember that you are dust . . .”* (Gen. 3.19)

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – a day of abstinence and fast and the beginning of Lent. It is expected that on this day we all receive ashes on our foreheads, even if we do not attend Mass. The ashes come from burning the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year and will be used to trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The symbolism is great: (a) *The ashes signify our mortality* (cf. Gen. 18.27), reminding us that we were fashioned out of the dust of the earth (Gen. 2.7), and that to that dust we must, after our death, return (Gen. 3.19; Jer. 31.40). For that reason, we hear as we receive the ashes: *Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return* (Gen.3.19). For the same reason, every human body, upon death, should be committed to the earth from where it came, to complete its cycle in its final dissolution. The Pope has recently directed that even when the body is cremated, the ashes should be buried in the earth – and not scattered on water or elsewhere – to await its resurrection on the last day. Doing so is a very important aspect of our belief in the resurrection of the body; (b) *The ashes also signify our repentance*. In ancient times, people either sat in or sprinkled themselves with ashes to show their sorrow and penitence (cf. 2 Sam. 13.19; Esther 4.1; Job 42.6; Dan. 9.3; Mt 11.21). That is why we may hear as we receive the ashes: *Turn away from sin, and believe the gospel* (Mk 1,15); (c) Finally, the sign of the cross traced on our foreheads with the ashes reminds us of Christ's death on the cross on account of our sins. Death is the consequence of sin (Ezek, 18.4, 20; Rom. 5.12; 6.23). So, those who wish to possess life must reject and die to sin and repent of the ones they have committed. Then, ashes joined to fast, prayer, self-control, and almsgiving particularly urged on us during Lent, can lead them to a new life of grace in Christ.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Cor. 10:31–11:1; **Gospel:** Mk 1:40-45.  
**Psalm:** Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11; **R/:** *You are my refuge, O Lord; You fill me with the joy of salvation.*  
**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!*

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15 am	James Cooney, RIP
		11.00 am	Natale Garli, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners
Mon., 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30 am	Sunanda Senanayake, RIP
Tue., 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Pat Desmond, RIP
Wed., 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Private Intention
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	Private Intention
Thur., 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Fri., 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30 am	Faustina Rentuma, RIP
Sat., 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	10.30 am	Private Intention
Sun., 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>+ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15 am	Benita Ledama, RIP
		11.00 am	Kitty & Paddy Coakley, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine, Mary Mullhall, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Peter Flower, and William Naughton.

**Today is the Day for the Unemployed and World Day for the Sick.** Let us remember all those seeking employment, the sick, and the home-bound in our prayers.

**ASH WEDNESDAY comes up on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>.** There will be Mass at **9:30am and 7:00pm with the imposition of ashes.** As part of our Lenten observance, we are encouraged to fast and give alms to those in need. The Cardinal's Lenten collection will be taken during Lent to help fund outreach programmes in evangelisation of youth, marriage and family life, and the Church's social outreach within civil society.

**In preparation for the Youth Synod in October in Rome,** Bishop Paul McAleenan will meet with our young adults, aged 18 to 35, hopefully, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. There will be a reflection and an opportunity for discussion.

**Applications are now open for St Philip Howard Catholic School Nursery** for all children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. The school has both 15-hour and 30-hour nursery provisions, with wrap around care available from 7.30am to 5.30pm. You are warmly invited to our Open Morning on Friday March the 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Application forms are available from the school or its website: [www.sphoward.herts](http://www.sphoward.herts). Please contact the school on 01707 263969 to book your visit.

**ADOREMUS: The National Eucharistic Congress** takes place in **Liverpool** from 7 - 9 September 2018. If you wish to attend as a delegate from St Peter's parish, please indicate by registering with the Parish Secretary. More information about the event at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>.

### **FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and confirmed as follows:

1. As of 31 December 2017, the parish had a total income of £172,404.79 (including a loan of £70,000.00), an expenditure of £82,198.78, and an outstanding balance of £62,000.00 on its loan. That left us a surplus of £28,206.01. Our account at the end of the year was no longer in deficit, and stood at £53,396.19. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generous support during the year.
2. We will send letters of appreciation to all who used Direct Debit or Standing Order to contribute to the parish last year.
3. The parish will spend a lump sum of £30,000.00 on its loan repayment.
4. The committee approved our Annual Financial Return which has now been filed with the archdiocese.
5. The committee did not consider the 2018 budget and appeals to everyone who has anything to do with the parish funds to, please, send a budget to Sue McLellan as soon as possible.
6. The Welcome Pack is now in the final stages of its production and will be ready before Easter.
7. The parish was described by Precision as one of the best in the archdiocese for its compliance with safety standards. We thank Gemma Evans for her work for the parish in the area of Health and Safety.
8. A Works Committee is being constituted. Once in place, it will take care of all works that will need to be done in the parish.
9. The committee approved the replacement of the tables and chairs in the hall. Quotations are being sought in this regard.
10. A fixed projector will be installed in the hall. Tony Dodd has been authorised to start fundraising for the project. We solicit your generous support.
11. The parish will host a meeting of the priests of Stevenage Deanery on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sacred Heart Novena:**

After Mass every Friday

**Rosary:**

After Mass on Wednesday

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:**

After Mass on Tuesday

**Baptism:**

See Parish Priest –  
Preparation obligatory

**Confessions:**

Sat., 11am – 12 noon; 5-  
5.30 pm; or by request

**Marriage:**

See Parish Priest  
6 months' notice.  
Preparation obligatory

**Parish Office:**

Tues, Weds & Fridays:  
10am-1pm

**Safeguarding Officer:**

Sue McLellen:  
01707 646383  
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@sa-  
feguardrcdow.org.uk

**Planned Giving envelopes:**

Pat Malsher: 01707  
265530

**Hall Bookings:**

Parishioners only  
Enquiries to Parish  
Secretary

**Lead Catechist:**

Linda Graham:  
07768777768

**Hatfield SVP:**

**07960 785673**

**St Pius (Padre Pio)****Prayer Group:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs monthly: **6pm**

**Prayer & Bible Study****Group:**

Prayer & Praise: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays, **4:30 - 5:45pm;**  
Bible Study & Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
& 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: **7:30 -**  
**8:45pm.**

**Weekly Rotas**

**Flowers:** Roshan &  
Harshani

**Church Cleaning:**

Roshan Senanayake

**Shop:**

9.15am – Pauline O'Toole  
11am – Mary O'Donnell  
6pm – John Nwachukwu

**“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**

**St Philip Howard:**

Primary: 01707 263969

**Nicholas Breakspear:**

Senior Mixed – 01727  
860079

**Loreto College, St****Albans:**

01727 856206

**Catholic Chaplaincy****Lister Hospital:**

John O'Neil

**Suggestions &****Comments Box:**

There is a box on the  
table in the side porch  
entrance, if you wish to  
express any suggestions  
or comments in relation to  
the parish.

**Children's Mass.**

St. Peter's on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>  
March

*Parish clergy: Fr Livie Onyebuchi msp; Email: livinusonyebuchi@rcdow.org.uk*

*Fr Pius Duke msp; Email: piusduke@rcdow.org.uk*

*Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes*