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+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – YEAR B

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Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

9.15 am, 11.00 am, & 6.00 am

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am
 Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

Holy Days of

Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10 am

Easter Collections

Thank you.

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

“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” (Mt 9.13)

Mercy is compassion or forbearance shown by a person in a stronger to another in a weaker position. It is a fruit of charity and transcends the bounds of justice. Justice demands, for instances, that every offence be atoned for in a measure matching the guilt. To follow its demand to the full, everyone will be perpetually in debt, for we are all weak and regularly offend God and one another. The psalmist asks: “If You, O Lord, should mark our guilt, who could stand? (Ps 130.3) Thankfully, being true to His name, God is “merciful and gracious, slow to anger” (Exod. 34.6; Ps 103.8), and rich in mercy (Eph. 2.4). He is mercy itself; “He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults” (Ps 103.10). He wants no one to perish, but everyone to turn away from sin (2 Pt 3.9). He reveals His infinite power in forgiving offences (CCC, 270), and His mercy prevails over all our sins (CCC, 2040). Indeed, the entire gospel is a revelation in Christ of His mercy to sinners (Mt 1.27). For this, St Augustine says that God’s justification of the wicked and the sinner is His most excellent work of merciful love. God’s mercy has no limit, except the one imposed by those who refuse to repent, or who reject forgiveness (CCC, 1864). To avail of God’s limitless mercy: (a) we must admit and confess our faults, for “if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1.8); (b) God desires mercy, not sacrifice (Mt 9.13; 12.7; Hos. 6.6), He has commanded us to be merciful, as He is merciful (Lk 6.36), and calls ‘Blessed’ those who show mercy (Mt 5.7). Refusing to show mercy is to close one’s heart and make it impervious to God’s merciful love (CCC, 2840). But to show mercy, by doing the seven corporal and seven spiritual works of mercy, is to enter more deeply into the mystery of God’s merciful love.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31.
Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; **R/:** v. 1: *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia, alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 8th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office Week 2</i>	9.15 am	Vernal Beaumont, Ann.
		11.00 am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners
Mon., 9 th Apr.	ANNOUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30 am	Private Intention
Tue., 10 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Chinenye & Frank Chukwunyerenwa, Thanksgiving
Wed., 11 th Apr.	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	9.30 am	Robert Parrott, Anniversary
Thur., 12 th Apr.	Easter Feria	7.00 am	Private Intention
Fri., 13 th Apr.	Easter Feria	10.00 am	Funeral Mass of John Gerald Kissane
Sat., 14 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sun., 15th Apr	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office Week 3</i>	9.15 am	Private Intention
		11.00 am	Bridie Sullivan, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for 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, William Naughton, and Nora O'Sullivan.

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>

Applications are now open for St Philip Howard Catholic School Nursery, for all children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. Application forms are available from the school or the school's website: www.sphoward.herts. Please contact the school on 01707 263969.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available at all Masses today Sunday. The diocese has decided that they must be issued to coincide with the new tax year (**April 6th**). Thus, the envelopes you still have from **Sunday April 8th** till the end of **May** will be redundant and replaced by the new **blue envelopes**.

CHURCH CLEANING: A new cleaning rota is available at the back of the church for church cleaners. Please collect a copy. Thank you for all your help. If anyone would like to be included in the rota or to help, please contact the parish office.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE is holding a meeting after 11.00 am Mass next Sunday April the 15th. We will be discussing the events we would like to undertake over the next few months and would be very grateful for new ideas and help. We are also desperate for new faces on our committee; so if you are able, please join us in the meeting room at the back of the hall.

Fr Pius will be on break from Monday the 9th till Friday the 13th.

We thank all our volunteers – the cleaners, altar servers, choirs, cantors, flower arrangers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, offertory collectors, counters and bankers, welcomers, sacristan, those who did the laundry, and everyone who helped to organise one thing or the other - for all your wonderful services during the Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies. May the good Lord bless you abundantly.

There will be the funeral Mass of **John Gerald Kissane at 10.00 am**, and the funeral service of **Iris Helen Whittaker at 1.00pm on Friday the 13th**. Please pray for their peaceful repose.

Below in the box is the proposed **MISSION STATEMENT** for the parish. We will greatly appreciate any comment or observation on it that you may send in to the parish clergy or to the Proclaim Team.

St Peter's is a welcoming missionary parish that is 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.

Thank you for returning the hymn books/Mass cards to the shelves at the end of Mass.

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., 11 am – 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@safeguardrcdow.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:**
1st Thurs monthly: **6pm**

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

Weekly Rotas
Flowers: Roshan & Harshani

Church Cleaning:
Violet Dumba and Annah
Mhishi

Shop:
9.15am – Fran Shumba
11am – Heather Coakley
6pm – 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*

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

**Proclaim Our Lady of
Fatima Family Rosary**
Contact: Lucia Federici:
07933 436387

Email: luciafederici@mou
ntcarmelkindergarten.co.u
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**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.

**Parish Bingo comes up
on the 14th of April.
Doors open 7 p.m.
Eyes down 7.45**

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