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+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

9.15 am, 11.00 am, &
 6.00 pm

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

Easter Collection

£615.98

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

“You are witnesses to this.” (Lk 24.48)

A witness is someone who is present at an event and can testify honestly and accurately of what actually happened. The person does not depend on another’s testimony or hearsay, but must have seen with their own eyes, heard with their own ears, and directly experienced the event as it occurred. After Jesus ascended into heaven, St Peter laid out the criteria for choosing the person to replace Judas: that person must have “accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us”, from the very start until He was taken up to heaven – only that person qualified to be a witness to Jesus’ resurrection (Acts 1.21-22). The teachings of the apostles that followed were based on the fact that the apostles personally saw, touched, and heard the mystery of life that was made manifest in Christ (1 Jn 1.1-3). Christ Himself came into the world to bear witness to the truth (Jn 18.37) and to what He had seen (Jn 3.11) and heard (Jn 3.32) with God in heaven. So, Christians have it as their sacred duty to witness to God and to Christ, to the faith, to the gospel, and to Christian life, even though none of us was present when the gospel was first proclaimed by Christ. This assumes that in every age, Christians can directly experience God and the gospel. This is true for two reasons: (a) the word of God which the gospel expresses is not dead letters, but living and active (Heb. 4.12) and speaks directly to everyone in every age; (b) that word of God is, in fact, Christ Himself (Jn 1.14) who, though died on the cross, is alive for ever. Each person who comes into this world can meet with Him, see Him, touch Him, hear Him speak, and, so, have a direct and personal experience of Him. For that reason, we can and, indeed, are required, to witness to Him and to His truth in the world, to genuinely express who He is and what He is about, by both our words and our lives (cf. Mt 10.32-33).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts. 3:13-15, 17-19; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5; **Gospel:** Lk. 24: 35-48.

Psalm: Ps 31; R/ v. 7: *Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia, alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 15th April.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Week 3</i>	9.15 am	Private Intention
		11.00 am	Bridie Sullivan, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners
Mon., 16 th April.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Tue., 17 th April.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Catherine Devlin, RIP
Wed., 18 th April.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Chinenye & Frank Chukwunyerenwa, Thanksgiving
Thur., 19 th April.	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Fri., 20 th April.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Devlin Family's Intention
Sat., 21 st April.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sun., 22nd April	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Week 4</i>	9.15 am	Pat & Olive Malsher, Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
		11.00 am	Chinenye & Frank Chukwunyerenwa, Thanksgiving
		6.00 pm	Parishioners

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine Coulson, Mary Mullhall, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Peter Flowers, 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>

We warmly welcome into our Catholic family our little sister, **Esta Hope Federici**, and our little brother, **Fabio Vincenzo Federici**, who were baptised on Saturday the 14th. We also welcome our little brother, **Nathaniel Ben Albert Ofori**, to be baptised today at the

9.15am Mass.

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 join the rota or help, please contact the parish office.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE is holding a meeting after the 11.00am Mass today, Sunday 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.

SVP Coffee Morning: The SVP are holding a coffee morning in the hall on Sunday, the 29th, after the 11.00am Mass. All are welcome to join us. If you would like to make a cake, please contact the parish secretary or add your name to the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

April the 14th & 15th – Priests Training Fund: Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priests Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese; and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

In the box below 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. An initial decision on it will be taken next Sunday.

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:
Chioma Imoh, Tawa Akhame,
George and Jade E. Ubiawhe

Shop:
9.15am – Maureen Irving
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

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

Email: luciafederici@mou
ntcarmelkindergarten.co.uk.

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

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Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes*