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+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

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 Collection

Priests Training Fund

Thank you.

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

“I am the true vine . . .” (John 15.1)

Vine is a generic name used for several types of plants that creep on the ground and need support to climb by twinning. One of them that is an economically important commodity is grapevine. This commodity which is of great interest to us produces clusters of grapefruits from which grape juice and various wines are made. At the Last Supper Jesus spoke of the ‘fruit of the vine’ (Mt 26.29) and used it to institute the Eucharist. Probably it was the same ‘fruit of the vine’ that He converted water into during the wedding at Cana (Jn 2.7-10). This product ‘gladdens the heart’ (Ps 104.15), as the psalmist says. St Paul advised St Timothy to use a little of it for his digestion and frequent bouts of illness (1 Tim. 5.23). Our Lord is ‘the true vine’ (Jn 15.1), the source of the true grapefruit that inebriates us and from which we derive our spiritual health and joy. This fruit is absolutely necessary for a valid and lawful consecration at the Eucharist. Some people may split hairs over whether what Jesus referred to and used to institute the Eucharist was non-alcoholic grape juice or alcoholic grape wine that has resulted from the process of fermentation. Some may infer from St Paul that at his time, wine was being used for the Eucharist, with some people were getting drunk by consuming too much of it (1 Cor. 11.21). Today, the Church uses only the wine processed from the fruit of the vine, and requires that the fruit is pure grapefruit, that its purity is certified by the relevant ecclesiastical authority, that it is naturally and properly fermented, that it is not adulterated in any way, and that its alcohol content is between 5 and 18 percent. It is therefore essential that every altar wine used for the sacrifice of the Mass is purchased only from the Church-approved agents.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts. 9.26-31; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3.18-24; **Gospel:** John 15.1- 8.

Psalm: Ps 21.26-28, 30-32; **R/:** v. 26: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in Me, as I make Mine in you. Whoever remains in Me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 29th April.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15 am	Private Intention
		11.00 am	Pat Bousing, RIP
		6.00 pm	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Tue., 1 st May	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Wed., 2 nd May	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	9.30 am	Private intention
Thur., 3 rd May	Ss PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles	7.00 am	Theresa Clements's Intention
Fri., 4 th May	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	9.30 am	John Brennan, Anniversary
Sat., 5 th May	Easter Feria	10.30 am	Private Intention
Sun., 6th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15 am	Private Intention
		11.00 am	Andrew Penman, Anniversary
		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, Nora O'Sullivan, Don Coakley, and William Naughton.

Mission Statement: The Parish Council has now approved the following as the parish's Mission Statement; we thank all who contributed to its formulation:

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.

Parish Retreat: Please have in your diary this date for our parish retreat this year – Saturday, 27 October 2018.

The next children's Mass will be at Marychurch on Sunday 6th May at 11.00am.

This year's Confirmation takes place today at Marychurch at 3.00pm. We congratulate all the 12 candidates – 2 from our parish – and also welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan who will perform the ceremonies.

We now have a Maintenance Committee to help us to inspect our premises and properties, identify any work to be done, and arrange to get it done. The members are Don Coakley, Olive Malsher, and Fr Pius Duke msp. If you notice anything that needs attention, please let any member of the committee know.

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Request for Help: Fr Pius is requesting for Volunteers to help establish a Parish Youth Club. The primary objective of the club is to organise young people and assist them to grow in their faith in a changing world. There will be one for school years 6-8 (10-13 year-olds) and a second group for the post-Confirmation age, Years 9+ (14-18 year-olds). If you care about the future of the youth in the parish, then be part of the team. Parents are requested to encourage their children to sign-up. For more details, please contact Fr Pius at piusduke@rcdow.org.uk or 01707 262121, or sign your details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Youths Mass: Beginning from next month, Fr Pius will be having a Youth Mass every last Friday of the month for School Years 6-8 (10-13 year-olds) and post-Confirmation age, Years 9+ (14-18 year-olds). The Youth Mass for the month of May will take place at St Peter's. Please, parents should encourage and assist their young wards to attend. The Readings, Bidding Prayers, and Singing would be done by the young people.

SVP Coffee Morning Today: You are welcome to join us in the hall for a cuppa a cake today after the 11.00am Mass. It is also a great opportunity to find out more about SVP activities and meet members of the society. All are welcome.

Lourdes 2018: If you are over 18, your help would be very much appreciated as a St Frai Helper. The role of a St Frai helper is to support the nurses and provide the sort of care for which you don't need a medical qualification. If you're interested in helping in the St Frai in Lourdes, please email chief helper Nick Leonard and team at westminsterstfrai@gmail.com

Thank you for returning the hymn books/Mass cards to the shelves after 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., 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@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: Elsie Judge

Church Cleaning:
Henry and Janet Cornelius

Shop:
9.15am – Fran Shumba
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@mountcarmelkindergarten.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.

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Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes