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**+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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

**“My dear people, let us love one another . . .” (1 Jn 4.7)**

Love is a word everybody seems to be familiar with, uses, and likes to hear spoken to them. In truth, it means different things to different people. For some, it is equivalent to the good feelings they experience when they are shown care and affection, or the benevolence they show to others that makes them to feel good about themselves. Love in this sense draws people only to those they like or get some benefits from; but, it serves as a means of using others to satisfy one's own needs and can generate very bad feelings if it is frustrated. The love that puts us and our interests or wellbeing at the centre of our relationship hardly means love in its true sense. From the perspective of the life and teachings of Christ, love in its true sense puts other people and their interests and wellbeing at the centre of our relationship and may require even sacrifices of us. This is the love Our Lord means when He says that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for someone else (Jn 15.13). This is the love that is pure and true and comes from God whose very nature and life it is (1 Jn 4.16) and who reaches out impartially to us all (Acts 10.34), for our own sakes and wellbeing, most undeserving of this, though we are. This love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom God has given to us (Rom. 5.5). It gives meaning to our life and enables us to go out of ourselves, firstly, to God for His own sake, honour, and glory, and, secondarily, in selfless service to other human beings. It gives the first consideration to others and does not ask for anything – whether material or emotional – in return or for itself. It may be intensely emotional but, far from being an emotion itself, it is the outcome of our rational choice to make another person's wellbeing our chief concern. It may make a huge demand on us, cause us pain, or go against our feeling and desires. Yet, it is the one virtue that unites us to God and assures our lasting peace and happiness.

**Last Week's Collection**

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

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts. 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 John 4.7-10; **Gospel:** John. 15. 9-17.

**Psalm: Ps 97; R/: v. 2: *The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.***

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves Me he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him. Alleluia, Alleluia!'***

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15 am	Private Intention
		11.00 am	Andrew Penman, Anniversary
		6.00 pm	Parishioners
Mon., 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Tue., 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Terry Mahabir, RIP
Wed., 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private intention
<b>Thur., 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Private Intention
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	Theresa Clements
Fri., 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30 am	Private Intention
Sat., 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	10.30 am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15 am	Cosmo Fernandes, Ann.
		11.00 am	Rajeev Johnson & Tessa George, Thanksgiving
		6.00 pm	Parishioners

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Peter Flowers, Nora O’Sullivan, and William Naughton.

**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, 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>.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** comes up this **Thursday** and has been restored in England and Wales as a **Holy Day of Obligation**. It marks the beginning of ten days’ intensive spiritual preparation for Pentecost. For the third year running, we are invited to join with millions of Christians in a global wave of

prayer entitled *THY KINGDOM COME*. Please be part of this remarkable ecumenical venture by praying the Pentecost Novena (available at [www.cpo.org.uk](http://www.cpo.org.uk)) or at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)) with daily podcasts from our Bishops' Conference at [www.catholicnews.org.uk/pentecost-novena](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/pentecost-novena).

**There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Communications Network.** The contributions will go to the Holy See, Rome. Thank you for your support.

**JOINT NEWSLETTER:** The Joint Parish Council of St Peter's and Marychurch has agreed at its meeting last Tuesday to have a common newsletter for the two parishes, to inform their respective parishioners of the activities in both parishes. This will come into effect once the necessary things are in place.

**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 the young people and assist them to grow in their faith in a changing world. There will be one for school years 6-8 (10 to 13 -year olds) and the second group would be for post-Confirmation age, Years 9+ (14 to 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](mailto: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, there will be Youth Mass on every last Friday of the month for school Years 6-8 (10 to 13-year olds) and for post-Confirmation age, Years 9+ (14 to 18-year olds). Parents should encourage and assist their young wards to attend. The Readings, Bidding Prayers, and music will be taken by the youths.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Maureen Kelly, Timmy Matley, and Robbie Robinson** who have died. The funeral Mass of **Maureen Kelly** will be at **12.45 pm on Tuesday, May the 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**SVP** thanks all those who helped to organize or make cakes for the coffee morning last week. A total of £94.47 was realised. Thank you.

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

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**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.**

**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:**  
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: Olive Malsher**

**Church Cleaning:**  
Victoria Ayeh, Agnes  
Maunganidze, Winona  
McGlave

**Shop:**  
9.15am – Maureen Irving  
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 12<sup>th</sup> of May.  
Doors open 7 p.m.  
Eyes down 7.45**

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Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes*