

Mass Times
St Peter's:

Sunday Masses:

9.15am, 11am, & 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am

Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10 am

Marychurch/STM:

Sunday Mass:

6pm (Sat.), 9.30am (STM),
& 11am

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.:

9.30am; Wed.: 7.30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 1030am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

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+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

**“So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven,
and sat down at the right hand of God.” (Mk 16.19)**

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ we celebrated on Thursday completed the mystery of Christ that began with His Incarnation. In His Incarnation, He came from God and into the world to perform all those acts that were necessary for our salvation. In His Ascension, and having completed those acts, He left the world and returned to the Father (Jn 16.28; Eph. 4.10) at whose right hand He sits in Majesty and glory (Mk 16.19; Acts 2.33; 7.56). That definitively ended His appearance on earth, with His visible presence passing into the order of the sacraments by which He continues to touch and nourish the lives of all who believe in Him. In the Ascension also, our human nature He took in the womb of Virgin Mary irreversibly entered into divine glory (CCC, 659). It was not as if Jesus completely put off His humanity and put on His divinity when He returned to the glory of the Father. Without ever having ceased to enjoy the full splendour of the Father, He returned to the divine glory in that human nature He had assumed that was not destroyed by sin and death, so that “He could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf” (Heb. 9.24) truly as our brother (Heb. 2.11), to intercede continually for all who go to God through Him (Heb. 7.25). So we can boast of having a real Brother at God’s right hand who understands us and our situations, who is eager to advance our cause and has opened for us the gate to eternal life. It all means that we can live our lives every day in the hope of eternal life in heaven and should have nothing to fear, neither the ills of this life, since He has overcome the world (Jn 16.33), nor our judgement in the world to come, since Christ who will be our Judge is the same Jesus who died for us, “who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us” (Rom. 8.33-34). That being the case, we ought to “seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” (Col. 3.1)

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 20-26; **2nd Reading:** 1 Jn 4.11-16; **Gospel:** John 17.11-19
Psalm: Ps 102(103); **R/: v. 19:** *The Lord has set His sway in heaven.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!*

MASS FOR THE WEEK

ST PETER'S			
Sun., 13th May	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Cosmas Fernandes, Ann.
		11.00am	Rajeev Johnson and Tessa George, Thanksgiving
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 14 th May	St Matthias, Apostle	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 15 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 16 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Kathleen Bennet
Thur., 17 th May	Easter Feria	7.00pm	Graham Clements' Intention
Fri., 18 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 19th May	Easter Feria	11.00am	First Holy Communion
		5.00pm	First Holy Communion
Sun., 20th May	+ PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/STM			
Sat., 12 th May	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 13th May		9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman (STM)
		11.00am	First Holy Communion
Mon., 14 th May	St Matthias, Apostle	9.30am	Yvonne Stephens
Tue., 15 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Raynah Watson, RIP
Wed., 16 th May	Easter Feria	7.30pm	Sylvia & Clement Hill, RIP
Thur., 17 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Fri., 18 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Brian Hopkins, RIP
Sat., 19 st May	+ PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.00pm	John & Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 20th May		9.30am	Patrick Gallagher (STM)
		11.00am	Parishioners

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for: **SP:** 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, Margaret Coleman, Anne Owens, and William Naughton; **MC/STM**: Kathleen Rhine, **Yvonne Stephens**, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Josie & Maurice Ashwell, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Frank Cafferty, Patricia Dee, Louise Duncan, Linda Pullen, Joyce Davies, and Sylvie Green.

MARYCHURCH/STM: We congratulate the **22 children** who make their **First Holy Communion today** and their families. We thank their catechists who prepared them.

ST PETER'S: We congratulate the **30 children** who will make their **First Holy Communion on Saturday, the 19th**. Masses will be at 11.00am and 5.00pm.

The **Second Collection today** is for the Catholic Communications Network, the Holy See. Thank you for supporting the Pope in his communications efforts.

A Training Session for those who volunteered newly in both parishes to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place at St Peter's on Saturday the 26th at 10.00am. Venue: Meeting Room. Other interested persons are welcome.

MARYCHURCH: Monday the 21st is the **feast of Mary, Mother of the Church**, which is our Parish Feast Day. We will celebrate it together with our annual **International Mass** on Pentecost Sunday the 20th, followed by our **International Meal** in the hall.. Please join us and Bring and Share. You are welcome to dress up in your national attire.

YOUTH MINISTER

Y: Volunteers are needed to help establish a Parish Youth Club to organise the young people of the school years 6-8 (10 to 13 -year olds) and Years 9+ (14 to 18-year olds). Parents are requested to encourage their children to sign-up. For more details, please contact Fr Pius: piusduke@rcdow.org.uk; 01707 262121; or sign up in the sheet at the back of the Church.

YOUTH'S MASS 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 please encourage and assist their young wards to attend.

Irish Referendum on 25/5/2018: You are requested to **please pray for the Irish voters to choose life** so that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed, and respected in the country.

The Sistine Chapel Choir – the Pope's personal choir – will perform for free at Westminster Cathedral on 26/5/18 at 8pm. All are welcome.

Please support **Christian Aid Week**, May the 13th -19th - to feed those in dire need.

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

Parish Office: (SP): Tue., Wed., Fri.: 9.30am-1.30pm; **(MC/STM):** Wed. – Fri.: 8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: (SP): Sue McLellen, 01707 646383
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01707 883653

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Pat Malsher: 01707 265530
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01707269693

Lead Catechist: Linda
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Hall Booking: Enquiries to:
SP: Parish Secretary
MC/STM: Parish Secretary

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions: (SP): Sat., 11am
– 12 noon; 5-5.30 pm;
(MC/STM): Sat., 5-5.45pm;
or by request

Marriage: See Parish Priest; 6
months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Sacred Heart Novena: (SP):
Fri. after Mass; **(MC/STM):**
Thur. after Mass

Rosary: (SP): Wed. after
Mass; **MC:** Mon. after Mass;
STM: Mon. 9.30am

**Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour:** Tuesday
after Mass in both parishes

Christian Meditation:
(MC): Wed. 8.00pm in
term time

Hatfield SVP:
07960785673

St Pio Prayer Group (SP):
1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

**Prayer & Bible Study
Group: (SP):** Prayer &
Praise: 1st & 3rd Sun., 4:30 -
5:45pm; Bible Study &
Prayer: 2nd & 4th Thur.:
7:30-8:45pm.

Tea & Coffee: After 11am
Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Suggestion/Comment Box:
There is a box on the table in
the porch, if you wish to
express any suggestions or
comments in relation to either
parish.

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:
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