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MASS TIMES

St Peter's

Sunday Mass:

9.15am, 11am, & 6pm

Weekday Mass:

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),
& 11 am

Weekday Mass:

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.:
9.30am; Wed.: 7.30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 10.30am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

**“My house shall be
called a house of prayer.”**

*Before Mass - Talk to God
During Mass - Listen to God
After Mass - Talk to each
other.*



+ 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“Today’s Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God’s law. Jesus’ quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honour God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they’ve turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions. The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today’s First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus’ Gospel, which shows us the law’s true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord’s presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life. Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today’s Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have a new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we’ve received, we’re to be examples of God’s wisdom to those around us, the “first fruits” of a new humanity. This means we must be “doers” of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today’s Psalm and hear again in today’s Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour. “Hear me,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. Today, we’re called to examine our relationship to God’s law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service? For us to be on the right and fast-track path on our religion’s journey. We must ask ourselves sincerely and honestly questions: how much time do I spend on listening and reading the word of God or with the Holy Eucharist. Let us not forget that anyone who fails to have a good knowledge of the ~~trip~~ he or she is making gets lost on the way.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; **2nd Reading:** Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; **Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Psalm: Ps 14: 2-5 r.1; **R/:** *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 2nd Sept.	+ 22nd SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Denis Bruton, Anniv.
		11.00am	Martin Worley, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 3 rd Sept.	St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 4 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 5 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 6 th Sept.	Feria	7.00pm	O'Donnell Family, RIP
Fri., 7 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Byrne Family Intention
Sat., 8 th Sept.	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 9th Sept.	+ 23rd SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	John & Mary Davin, Intention
		11.00am	Don Coakley, Intention
		6.00pm	Parishioners

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 1 st Sept.	+ 22nd SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 2nd Sept		9.30am (STM)	Thanksgiving to our Lady
		11.00am	Mrs Catherine Aladi, RIP
Mon., 3 rd Sept.	St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Tue., 4 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Wed., 5 th Sept.	Feria	7.30pm	Joyce Davies
Thur., 6 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Canon Michael Roberts, RIP
Fri., 7 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Doris Townsend, RIP
Sat., 8 th Sept.	+ 23rd SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 9th Sept		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Joyce Davies

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

Altar Servers Day Out: Our altar servers will have a day out on **Saturday, September the 22nd**, in appreciation of their service in the parish.

Application forms for the **First Holy Communion programme** are available in the porch. Parents/carers interested in their child to participate in the programme should complete the form and return it to the Parish Secretary by Friday, 28th September. A meeting for parents will take place on **Sunday, 30th September at St. Peter's Church Hall at 3 p.m.**

CONFIRMATION 2019 - there will be a Confirmation programme for young year 8 and above beginning this autumn. There are enrolment forms at the back of the church. Please complete the form in full and return to the presbytery.

Parish Retreat: Saturday, October the 27th 2018. Please see poster at back of the church.

Hatfield Parishes Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 29th September, coach leaving St Peter's at 7am (subject to change) £16 per seat which is payable as soon as booking. Itinerary to follow. Please contact Lynda O'Reilly on 07958721336 or email lyndadawn2003@yahoo.com

Send-Forth ceremony for Fr Pius, on October the 7th, starting with the 11.00 am Mass at St Peter's.

Fr William Etim: We thank Fr William for helping out in the parishes over the last two months. Fr William returns to Rome this weekend.

Kerala Floods: An SVP Appeal: As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there in helping the victims of the flood in local communities. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

FAMILY ROSARY Since the beginning of year the statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been visiting parishioners homes to promote the family rosary. Each Sunday the new family visit the existing home to say the rosary together and collect the statue. If you would like to have the statue in you home for one week between September and December please contact Lucia by email : mountcarmel@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07933436387

SVP - Mass for the Sick: - There will be a Mass for the Sick at **2.00pm** on Saturday, 15th September at St Peter's followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. All are welcome. If anyone would like transport on the day please contact John Beckett on 07960 785673. If any parishioners can help with transport please contact John Beckett or SVP members. Thank you.

Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School Sixth Form: Come and join Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School Sixth Form. There are still courses available for you to join the NBS community which is considered in the top 10% of sixth forms in the country. Contact Mr Laing (Head of Sixth Form) on laingc@nbs.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01727860079.

Family Bingo: - The next Family Bingo evening will be on Saturday 8th Sept. All are welcome to come along for an enjoyable evening. Doors open **7pm** with eyes down at 7.45pm-
October Bingo date has changed to 6th October

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;
Email: hatfieldsouthsg@safegu
ardrcdow.org.uk;

MC/STM: Mary Stephenson,
01707 883653

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;
MC/STM: Gillian Sutton,
01707269693

Lead Catechist: Linda
Graham, 07768777768

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:
SP: Parish Secretary;
MC/STM: Parish Secretary

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation is 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 at **6pm**

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

Weekly Rota:
Cleaning: 2nd Sept-8th Sept.
Violet & Annah

Flowers, 9 Sept./16 Sept.
Elsie

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,
01438 285518

**Proclaim Our Lady of
Fatima Family Rosary:**
Contact: Lucia Federici,
07933 436387; Email:
luciafederici@mountcarmelki
ndergarten.co.uk

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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

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