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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),
& 11am

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.*



+ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

‘God does all Things Well’

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: “He has done all things well.” In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31). Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God would make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon*, or “speech impediment”); that is found only in one other place in the Bible – in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage where the prophet describes the “dumb” singing. The crowd recognized that Jesus was doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater – that – to use the words from today's First Reading – “Here is your God.” Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, that God has truly come in the flesh. What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1–5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together at the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle. He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosened our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us, then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, ‘Here is our God, He comes to save us.’ Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 35.4-7; **2nd Reading:** Jam. 2.1-5; **Gospel:** Mk 7.31-37

Psalm: Ps 145 (146).7-10; **R/:** *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 9th Sept.	+ 23rd SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	John & Mary Davin's Intention
		11.00am	Don Coakley's Intention
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 10 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Luis Claudino Pereira and Maria Drumond, RIP
Tue., 11 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Maria Pereira's Intention
Wed., 12 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 13 th Sept.	St John Chrysostom	7.00pm	Laura Byrne's Intention
Fri., 14 th Sept.	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 15 th Sept.	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.30am	Private Intention
		2.00 pm	SVP MASS FOR THE SICK
Sun., 16th Sept.	+ 24th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Mary Grace Zarb, RIP
		11.00am	Jacinto Rentuma, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioner

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 4 th Aug.	+ 23rd SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 5th Aug.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Joyce Davies
Mon., 10 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Volunteers in The Parish
Tue., 11 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Jo O'Connor and family
Wed., 12 th Sept.	Feria	7.30pm	John and Joan Charles, RIP
Thur., 13 th Sept.	St John Chrysostom	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Fri., 14 th Sept.	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30am	Specisl Intention
Sat., 15 th Sept.	+ 24th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	James Leonard
Sun., 16th Sept.		9.30am (STM)	John and Demaris Tomlin
		11.00am	Parishioners

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, Nora O'Sullivan, and William Naughton.

With great joy, we welcome to our Catholic family **Kristian Charles** who will be baptised on Saturday the 15th, and **Brandon Wei**, to be baptised after Mass on the 16th.

Application forms for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes are available at the back of Church. Parents/carers interested in their children participating in the programmes should complete the forms and return them to the Parish Secretary by Friday the 28th of September. A First Communion meeting for parents will take place on **Sunday, the 30th of September at St Peter's at 3.00 pm.**

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. Features of the day will include dinner, entertainments and games. Parents, please take note.

Please put down in your diary this very important date – **Saturday, October the 27th 2018.** It is the date for a **Parish Retreat** for the parishioners of both St Peter's and Marychurch, to be directed by the Franciscan Friars.

SVP MASS FOR THE SICK at 2.00 pm on Saturday the 15th of September, 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.

MARYCHURCH: HARVEST BRING & BUY on Saturday September the 15, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm. Any home produce, e.g. jams, marmalade, chutneys, pickles, vegetables, and cakes, will be most appreciated. Please come and support us (Hospitality Group)

The two parishes will hold a **Send-Forth ceremony for Fr Pius**, our former Assistant Priest, on **October the 7th**, starting with the 11.00 am Mass at St Peter's.

A **Music Workshop** is being organised in October for all who want to improve their singing skills or to join the choir. Be on the look-out for the notice.

Becoming a Catholic: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or in finding out more about the Church? Please talk to Father Julius or Father Livie at any time.

Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School Sixth Form. There are still courses available for you to join the NBS community considered in the top 10% of sixth forms in the country. The sixth form is welcoming and aspirational and our students benefit from small class sizes, a wide range of academic courses, as well as exceptional guidance and support. Contact Mr Laing (Head of Sixth Form) on laing@nbs.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01727 860079 for more information.

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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MC/STM: Mary Stephenson,
01707 883653

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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: 5 – 11 Aug.
Tawa, George

Jade

Flowers. 12 Aug./19 Aug.

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:
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ndergarten.co.uk

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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

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