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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.*



+ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly.”
(James 4.3)

While training to be a teacher in the 1940s, Tai Solarin fasted and prayed day and night, asking God to let him be posted not to a rural community after his qualification, but to a big city. When the posting came, however, he was sent to a rural school – the exact opposite of what he sought. The result? Tai severed all his relationship with God and became a die-hard atheist. He said: Why have anything to do with God who does not keep His word and answer prayers? He died in 1994, still the atheist he had become. In Matthew 7.7 the Lord tells us to “ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” This text, repeated verbatim in Luke (11.9) and with variations in Mark (11.24) and John (15.7; 16.23-24), is most likely the actual words of Jesus, and it is inconceivable that He did not mean exactly what they say. However, from experience we know that not everyone who asks always receives, or who seeks that always finds, or who knocks that always has the door opened to them. There are several reasons why our prayers may not be answered. It could be that we pray wrongly, or simply for the wrong object or purpose (Jam. 4.3). For our prayer to be granted: (a) we must pray both in the name (Jn 14.14; 16.23) and according to the holy will of Christ (1 Jn 5.14); (b) the Holy Spirit has to be the object of our prayer (Lk 11.13); (c) we must abide in Christ and His word must abide in us (Jn 15.7); (d) we must keep God’s commandments and do what pleases Him (1 Jn 3.22), keeping in mind that God does not listen to sinners (Jn 9.31); (e) we must pray with faith and confidence, believing that our prayer will be answered (Mk 11.24; Mt 21.21-22; 17.20-21; Lk 17.6). The mind of Christ may well be that our prayer will be answered, but not in the manner we want it or even in our lifetime; we must be open to that possibility and wait on God with patience and humility.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Wis. 2.12, 17-20; **2nd Reading:** Jam. 3.16-4.3; **Gospel:** Mk 9.30-37.

Psalm: Ps 53 (54).3-6,8; **R/:** *The Lord upholds my life.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I Am the Light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 23rd Sept.	+ 25th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Ian Gaboll, Thanksgiving/Int.
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 24 th Sept.	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 25 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 26 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Sheila & Pat Flanagan, RIP
Thur., 27 th Sept.	St Vincent de Paul	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 28 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 29 th Sept.	Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 30th Sept.	+ 26th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Cor Christi Sisters

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 22 nd Sept.	+ 25th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Patrick Flavin, RIP
Sun., 23rd Sept.		9.30am (STM)	Margaret and Tony Wilcock
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 24 th Sept.	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Fr Bernard Lang, RIP
Tue., 25 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP
Wed., 26 th Sept.	Feria	7.30pm	Mr and Mrs Harris
Thur., 27 th Sept.	St Vincent de Paul	9.30am	Katie Garrod and Family
Fri., 28 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Doris Townsend, RIP
		12.30pm	Funeral: John Scanlon
Sat., 29 th Sept.	+ 26th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 30th Sept.		9.30am (STM)	Patrick Gavin, RIP
		11.00am	Watson family

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, William Naughton, Sharon Childs, and Agnes Clarke.

First Holy Communion: A limited number of application forms for this programme are available at the back of the Church. Completed forms and payment should be returned to the Parish Secretary by **Friday, 28th September**, if you would like your child to take part in the programme. A meeting for parents/carers to talk about the programme will take place on **Sunday, the 30th of September at 3pm at St Peter's church hall at 3pm.**

Children's Mass will take place on **Sunday, the 5th of October**. If your child would like to do a reading or participate during the Mass, please arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass so we can practise.

Confirmation and RCIA: Forms for the programmes are available at the back of the church. The completed forms should be returned to the parish office.

PARISH RETREAT: 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.

HOME MISSION APPEAL: A diocesan **Home Mission Appeal Second Collection** will be take at all Masses on **October the 7th**. Your generous support will be appreciated.

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. We look forward to seeing you at the occasion. A second collection for that purpose will be taken next Sunday the 30th.

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.

'Moves are afoot to bring in anti-Christian censorship zones around abortion centres in the U.K. On Friday the 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com'

World Youth Day 2019: Bursary Available The next World Youth Day takes place in Panama, January 2019. The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults from ages 18-35. If any young people in the parish are interested in joining the pilgrimage, they are invited to contact youth@rcdow.org.uk. Bursaries of up to 50% of the cost are available. Spaces are limited. Hence, interested youth are requested to contact Youth Ministry as soon as possible.

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;
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: 16 – 22 Sept.
Roshan Senanayake

Flowers: For 23/30 Sept.
Olive Malsher

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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