

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.*



+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have . . . come to worship Him.” (Mt 2.1)

In the Christmas crib are usually the images of three kings bearing gifts in their hands, with the infant Jesus lying in the manger. This depiction of the wise men from the east – the first people to visit with the expressed intention to worship the child Jesus – can be very problematic and misleading. Firstly, it may come as a surprise to many to read that the Magi were neither kings nor three in number, nor did they come from different racial backgrounds as the images tend to portray. The gospel is thin on details about who and how many they really were, where exactly they came from, and the exact time of their visit. But from that gospel (Mt 2.1-12) and from other historical sources, we can safely say: (a) the Magi were most likely members of the Magi priesthood that wielded enormous influence in the eastern dynasties up to the Parthian dynasty at the time of Jesus' birth, and were possibly astrologers, and experts in interpreting dreams and cosmic signs and events; (b) their number is utterly uncertain and has been given variously as 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 12. Those who hold on to 3 appear to be influenced by Is 60.3, Ps 68.29, Ps 72.9-10, and the number of gifts the Magi gave Jesus; (c) the Magi must have arrived in Jerusalem before the death of Herod at Jericho in 4 B.C., and that could be in late 5 B.C. or early 4 B.C.; (d) they probably came from Persia, Babylon, or Arabia east of Israel; (e) they would have spent many months on camels to get to Jerusalem, the time they spent preparing for the journey besides; (f) their arrival in Jerusalem would have been between the Presentation of Jesus in the temple (Lk 2.39) and the Holy Family's flight to Egypt; (g) at that time, Jesus would have been no longer the infant in the manger, but a child beside his mother, with Joseph absent from home (Mt 2.11). Calculating from the time the Magi said they saw the star, Jesus could be up to two years old then.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is 60.1-6; **2nd Reading:** Eph. 3.2-3,5-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12

Psalms: Ps 71(72).1-2,7-8,10-13; **R/:** *All nations shall fall prostrate before You, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw His star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 6th Jan.	+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.15am	Mike Faithfull, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Tue., 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Noreen Savage's Intention
Wed., 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Thur., 10 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.00pm	The Turner Family's Intention
Fri., 11 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Sat., 12 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.30am	Private intention
Sun., 13th Jan.	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.15am	Private intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 5 th Jan.	+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.00pm	John and Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 6th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Cheryl Williams
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Jayne Blackman
Tue., 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Wed., 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.30pm	Private intention
Thur., 10 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Fri., 11 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Sat., 12 th Jan.	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 13th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Aileen Freeman, Mairead Waugh, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Catherine Coulson, Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDomald, Sharon Childs, Patricia Hayward, and Agnes Clark.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND: Places are still available for the parish pilgrimage to Ireland from 27 to 31 May 2019. The details are on the noticeboard. For the booking form or any question, please contact Lynda O'Reilly on 07958721336, or lyndadawn2003@yahoo.com.

Bingo Night this coming Saturday, the 12th, at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. All are welcome.

Reception and Nursery 2019 Applications: The closing date for applications to St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School Reception Class and Nursery is **Tuesday the 15th of January**. Applications for only the Reception should be made online. A SIF (school information form) should be returned to the school. For more information or help please phone 01707 263969.

On Saturday the 12th of January, 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. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network. For details of our live saving work see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Robert Barry** who died on 15 December 2018 and will be laid to rest on January the 14th.

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: Angela Madden
01707275214

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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**

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

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

Weekly Rota:
Cleaning: From 6 Jan.
Agness M. & Winona M.

Flowers: For 13/20 Jan.
Editas

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

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.

Last Week's Collection

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

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