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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.*



+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

“Can the blind lead the blind?” (Luke 6.39)

Giving sight to the blind was a top priority in Our Lord's public ministry. The miracle was cited as evidence of Him being the Messiah (Lk 4.18; 7.22) and the fulfilment of the ancient promises made by the prophets (Ps 146.8; Is 29.18; 35.5; 42.7, 18). The physically blind He healed who were singled out for mention in the gospel were the two blind men He met on the road while returning from restoring a ruler's daughter to life (Mt 9.27-31), a blind and mute demoniac (Mt 12.22), Bartimaeus (Mk 10.46-52; Lk 18.35-43) – or the two blind men on the road to Jericho (Mt 20.29-34), depending on the gospel account one is using, the blind man at Bethsaida (Mk 8.22-26), and the man who was born blind (Jn 9.1-12). Of all these, the healing of Bartimaeus – or the two blind men on the way to Jericho – is particularly significant. The gift of sight in this case had as its immediate consequence Bartimaeus becoming a believer in and follower of Christ. Similar to that was St Paul's experience of blindness and subsequent healing in the course of his conversion (Acts 9.1-19). Therefore, more than being merely a physical healing, the miracle is also a spiritual healing that comes with the light of truth, of faith, and of knowledge. By the gospel perspective, then, the blind include those who do not perceive or understand (Mt 13.13-17; Mk 4.12; 6.52; 7.18; Jn 3.10-12; 8.27; 12.39-41; Acts 17.23; Eph. 4.18), those who are ignorant and need to know the truth (Jn 1.10; 4.10; 16.2; Rev. 3.17), those who lack specific Christian virtues (2 Pt 1.5-9), and those who follow their natural appetites (1 Cor. 2.14). In some cases, the blindness is self-inflicted by either choice (Jn 9.40-41) or passion especially that of hate (cf. 1 Jn 2.9, 11), by the 'god' of this world (2 Cor. 4.4), or as a punishment from God for a fragrant violation of divine honour (Acts 13.4-12). Again, this blindness of the mind and of the spirit is cured by the light of truth, of faith, and of love.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Eccl. 27.4-7; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 15.54-58; **Gospel:** Luke 6.39-45

Psalm: Ps 91(92).2-3,13-16; **R/:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 3rd Mar.	+ 8TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Michael Bruton, Anniversary
		11.00am	P. D. Antony, RIP
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 4 th Mar..	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 5 th Mar..	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 6 th Mar..	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Private Intention
		7.00pm	Private Intention
Thur., 7 th Mar..	Feria of Lent	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 8 th Mar..	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 9 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 10rd Mar.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Harold Pym, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 2 nd Mar.	+ 8th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 3rd Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Germaine and Fred Overton, RIP
		11.00am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Mon., 4 th Mar.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 5 th Mar.	Feria	9.30am	Theresa and Constantine Maunganidze, RIP
Wed., 6 th Mar.	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Joyce Davies
		7.30pm	Willy and Leish Prendergast
Thur., 7 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Barry Holloway, RIP
Fri., 8 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Jane Fisher, RIP
Sat., 9 th Mar.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Roland and Irene Costa, RIP
Sun., 10th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners

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, Agnes Clark, Vanessa Anne and Lucas James.

DVD series on life of Mary to be shown in Lent: 5 engaging DVD sessions of 25 minutes each exploring the life of Mary and helping us to come closer to God will be shown after the 11am Mass in St Peter's church hall during the Sundays of Lent. It has been filmed on locations in Walsingham, the Holy Land, Ephesus, Rome, Monserrat, Lourdes, and Knock. Please do make time to come and bring some snacks to share. Everyone is welcome, including children as there will be activities for them too. We hope it will be a special preparation for each one of us for Easter.

St Patrick Day Celebration in aid of Marys Meals: Saturday the 16th of March, come and enjoy a fantastic Irish Lunch and help us raise funds for Marys Meals. Time 12 to 2pm. Menu: Guinness stew and Colcannon mash or homemade soup and Irish soda bread. Puddings: Baileys cheesecake, Apple pie or Pavlova. Tea or Coffee. Cost: Adults £5 children £2.50; Venue: Church hall. Children's activities. More information: contact Mary 07596973001 or Pauline07738074614.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday the 8th of June 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, or 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please add your details to the sign up sheet at the back of Church. Thank you.

St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School is recruiting 2 teachers for April and September 2019. If you would like to join our friendly, supportive team, please find more details on www.teachinherts.com, or contact Mairead Waugh, Headteacher, on 01707 263969'

London 40 Days for Life Pre-Campaign Hour of Prayer. Lead by Monsignor Keith Newton, 6pm-7pm Tuesday 5th of March, Outside Marie Stopes abortion centre, 108 Whitfield Street, London W1T 5BE (nearest tube: Warren St – Northern/Victoria lines) Through God's Grace 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion. Sarah 07776 256838 email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com.

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, 07710978770;
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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 3 March

Roshan

Flowers: For 10/17 March

Olive

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 Collections

Thank you.

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

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