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7 April 2019

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.*



+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

“Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again.”
(Jn 8.11)

The age we are living in is the last age, the age of Mercy. It began the time Adam and Eve sinned and fell from grace and as a result introduced sin and death, with their concomitant pain and suffering, into human nature (Gen. 3.1-19). Since then, and despite our frequent fall into sin, God has continued to outmatch our transgression with His divine grace and mercy (Rom. 5.20); and, since as creatures we cannot rid itself of sin and guilt, we have to rely entirely and solely on the mercy of God who alone can forgive sins (Mk 2.7; Lk 5.21), to restore us to wholeness. Now at the tail-end of this age, God's grace has exploded in an outpouring of mercy beyond measure through the Paschal Mystery in which Our Lord embraces all sinners and covers all our iniquities, not holding our sins against us (2 Cor. 5.19). This is because God loves us so much that He made His only Son an expiation for our sins (1 Jn 4.9-10; Jn 3.16; Rom. 5.8; 8.32; Eph. 2.4-6). He does not want anyone to perish; rather, He wants all to reach repentance and so be saved (2 Pt 3.9), just as He does not delight in the death of the sinner, but wants the sinner to repent and live (Ezek. 18.23, 32; 32.11). This age of mercy will continue to the *Parousia*, that is, the second coming of Christ, when it must end. At the *Parousia*, Christ will no longer deal with sin which at the present time attracts His mercy and forgiveness. Instead, at the *Parousia*, He will judge everyone, both living and dead (1 Pt 4.5), and reward with eternal life all those who wait eagerly for Him (Heb. 9.26-29). Therefore, while this age lasts, all are given the opportunity to repent of our sins. This repentance entails that we sincerely acknowledge with sorrow all our sins which in themselves offend the divine honour and goodness, that we confess them and obtain God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance, that we turn away from sin altogether, and that we embrace virtue in charity.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading Is. 43.16-21; **2nd Reading:** Phil. 3.8-14; **Gospel:** John 8.1-11

Psalms: Ps 125(126); **R/:** *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*
Gospel Acclamation: *Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 7 Apr.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Mick Ryan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 8 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Timi Elahba, Wedding Success
Tue., 9 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Noreen Savage's Intention
Wed., 10 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 11 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 12 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 13 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	12.00pm	Private Intention
Sun., 14th Apr.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Tom McDonald, RIP
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 6 th Apr.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Roland and Irene Costa, RIP
Sun., 7th Apr.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	George Rhine, RIP
Mon., 8 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	John and Joan Charles, RIP
Tue., 9 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Fr Ronald Cox, and Fr James Wooloughan, RIP
Wed., 10 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	7.30pm	Gordon Richardson, RIP
Thur., 11 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 12 th Apr.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Benie Brophy, RIP
Sat., 13 th Apr.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Sun., 14th Apr.		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, Pat and Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Teresa Chatfield, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDomald, Sharon Childs, Patricia Hayward, Agnes Clark, Vanessa Anne and Lucas James.

The new **Boxes of the Offertory Envelopes** is still available for collection after Mass. We thank those who have collected theirs, and those who signed up newly. If you have not previously used the box and would like to have one, please see Pat Malsher and he will supply you with one. Thank you.

40-HOUR ADORATION will take place here at St Peter's, beginning with Mass at 7pm on Thursday, the 11th of April, and conclude with Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday the 13th. If you wish to watch with Our Lord for one hour or more, please sign up on the form in the side porch. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 7pm. Please, join us.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2019: Next weekend, we will have a second collection for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. This weekend please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet as you leave Mass. The Appeal contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and Service in Society. This year, the Cardinal has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty affecting people in every part of the Diocese, much of it hidden. Funds will support foodbanks, schools and other initiatives to relieve poverty, helping people back on their feet and able to live independently. The Cardinal is also calling everyone to consider volunteering. Visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk for details. Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks to those participating for the prayers and support you have offered to women and babies facing abortion. Everyone is welcome to join **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** evening of prayer for life with BISHOP JOHN WILSON, on Friday **12th April** with **6pm** Mass, prayers, reception and testimonies at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle St, London W1W 6HS (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road). Contact details: Sarah 07776 256838 London40daysforlife@hotmail.com 40daysforlife.com/London

Feast of the Divine Mercy, Sunday 28th April at St Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Vesta Avenue, St Albans, AL1 2PE. Starts 2.20pm with Rosary, followed by 3.00pm Hour of Divine Mercy, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by Benediction and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Everyone welcome.

St. Columba's College, the independent Catholic Boys' Day School in St Albans, will be holding an open morning in the Prep School on **Friday 26th April 2019** between 9am and 11am. Boys aged 3+ are invited to stay and play while their parents visit. For more information, please see our website www.stcolumbascollege.org or contact the Admissions Registrar, Mrs Hilary Causer: admissions@stcolumbascollege.org

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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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:
lucia.federici@mountcarme
lkindergarten.co.uk

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

Weekly Rota:
Cleaning: From 7 April
Chioma, Tawa, George,
and
Jade
Flowers

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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

£857.34
2p.m. Mass £158.85
Thank you.
Text: ParishHATSO to 70800
to donate £5 through your
mobile phone.

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