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**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT**



St Peter's Catholic Church is a welcoming missionary parish committed to spreading the gospel values of love and service to all through our community worship and by responding with compassion and love to the needs of our parish and the wider community, so that we, like St Peter, may spread the Good News and in the end attain eternal life with Christ in heaven.

MASS TIMES

St Peter's

Sunday Mass:

9am, 11am, 2pm, & 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

+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

“This is My Son, the Beloved; listen to Him.” (Mt 17.5)

At Our Lord's baptism as He was starting His public ministry, the Father bore witness to Him from heaven in these words: “This is My Son, the Beloved, with Whom I Am well pleased” (Mt 3.17), recalling the words He spoke of Him in prophesy (cf. Is. 42.1). As He drew near to the close of that ministry, the Father again bore witness to His identity, using the exact same words. This time, the Father added a word about the implication of that identity – namely, Our Lord is the One to whom all should listen (cf. Mt 17.5). He alone has the word of eternal life (Jn 6.68) and is Himself the word of life (1 Jn 1.1). He alone possesses the word which is truth (2 Tim. 2.15), just as He is truth personified (Jn 14.6). He alone speaks the word that is spirit and life (Jn 6.63) and gives life (Mt 8.8). He alone is also the word by which all creation came into existence (Jn 1.1-3) and continues to exist (Rom. 11.36; cf. Col. 1.15-17). He Himself and all the words He spoke are the last word the Father wishes to speak – and has spoken – to us and to the whole of creation (Heb. 1.1-2). The words He has spoken are not His own, but the words of the Father who sent Him (Jn 14.24; 7.16), spoken exactly as the Father commanded Him to speak (Jn 12.49-50), and spoken in perfect union with the Father Himself (Jn 14.10). He is therefore the One all should listen to, and heed – not our own private consciences, and not the world, or the people of the world. In a manner similar to the entrustment He received from the Father, He has given to the Church the authority to speak His word in His name (cf. Jn 20.21), with the power to command the obedience of all: “He who hears you hears Me, and He who rejects you rejects Me” (Lk 10.16).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen 12.1-4**; 2nd Reading: **2 Tim 1:8-10**; Gospel: **Matt 17:1-9**.

Psalm: **Ps 32(33).4-5,18-20,22**: *May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.*

Gospel Acclamation: *From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 8th Mar.	+ 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	P. D. Anthony, RIP
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 9 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 10 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Malsher Family Intention
Wed., 11 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 12 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Theresa Clements Intention
Fri., 13 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 14 th Mar.	Lent Feria	12noon	Private Intention
Sun., 15th Mar.	+ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat. 7 th Mar.	+ 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Barry Holloway, RIP
Sun., 8th Mar.		9.30am	Parishioners
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Special Intention
Mon., 9 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
Tue., 10 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Thanksgiving for Minna Browne
Wed., 11 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Paul Durnin, RIP
Thur., 12 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Bernard Eason, RIP
Fri., 13 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Sat. 14 th Mar.	+ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 15th Mar.		9.30am	Bishop Paul Gonsalves
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Mike Kavanagh, Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, Pat and Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Jim and Theresa Chatfield, Nora O'Sullivan, William Naughton, Francis MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Adele Pym, and Edwin Levy.

NOTICES

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: Friday the 6th is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers. There will be a **Second Collection** today the 8th for CAFOD. Your generous support will be appreciated.

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm. Please join us as we travel with Our Lord along the way of the Cross.

Year of the Word: The launch of the Big Picture bible study went really well last Sunday. It is not too late to join in for the next session on March 15th from 12.15 to 13.15. as we have extra books. Teenagers are welcome too. Young children can play in the hall & primary children have their own Bible study.

Bingo next Saturday 14th March with an Irish theme as it's St Patrick's Day on the 17th. Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.45pm. All welcome.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation:** supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. **The Church's Service in Society:** putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. This year, the

Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table, even though they may be in work. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and more people are turning to foodbanks for help. For children who get free meals at school, the holidays can be a time of hunger because the family budget doesn't stretch to cover three meals a day. One initiative the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal supports is school holiday clubs, where children can have fun, and prepare and eat a healthy meal during the school holidays. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today.

SVP Annual National Raffle will be held on March the 27th. SVP members will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday the 16th and 23rd of Feb. and would be grateful for your support. Marychurch and St Peter's SVP conference visit people in their homes, hospitals, etc., provide lifts to hospital, outing for people, practical support such as food, furniture or financial help, among other things. Thank you.

St Patrick Day Lunch in aid of Mary's Meals on Saturday March the 14th in the hall from 12 to 2pm. Menu: Guinness stew, Bacon/cabbage and colcannon mash. Pudding: Baileys cheesecake, Apple pie and Paavola Tea and coffee. Adults £5; children £2.50. More information: Mary 07596973001 or Pauline 07738074614.

*Thanks for returning the hymn books/
Mass cards to the shelves at the end of
Mass.*

Parish Office: SP: Tue.,
Thur., Fri.: 9.00am-2.00pm;

MC/STM: Wed. – Fri.:
8.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer: SP:
Roshan Senanayake; Email:
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ow.org.uk;

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01707275214.

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

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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@mountcarne
lkindergarten.co.uk

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

Weekly Rotas:

Cleaning: From 1 Mar.
Tawa, George, and Jade

Flowers:

None during Lent

**“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.*

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.

White Flower Appeal

Thank you.

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

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