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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: 9.30am

Thur.: 7pm; Sat.:

10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10am

Marychurch/STM

Sunday Mass:

6pm (Sat.), 9.30am
(STM), 11am, & 6pm
(Polish)

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

30th Sunday Year A

“You must love the Lord above all else” (Mt 22:37). The long disputation between the religious and political leaders of the Jews and Jesus draws close to its climax with this question about the greatest commandment. Jesus had just emerged from silencing the Sadducees after exposing their false interpretation of the doctrine of resurrection (Mt 22:23-33), when the Pharisees pounced again. Considering the animosity between the two camps; on theological issues such as resurrection and political issues such as Roman rule, one would expect the Pharisees to celebrate their rival's defeat at the hands of Jesus. They had a bigger fish to catch. Their position as the interpreters of the law and their posing as the people's advocates have been rattled by the radical transformation ushered in by Jesus' teaching and works. Their credibility was on the ballot and suffering grievously. In their question, they sought to get Jesus to restate the greatest commandment of Deuteronomy 6:5 in hope that would score some reputation redemption point for them. Jesus did state the commandment and identified it as the greatest, but immediately adds a qualifier (first) which suggests there is more to it. The second he adds is like it, “You must love your neighbour as yourself” (Lev 19:18). This is an aspect the pharisees had greatly neglected as the lorded it over the people, which Jesus sought to emphasize. As the scriptures reveals, “whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen” (1Jn 4:20). While the first commandment represents the vertical dimension of one's faith (human-divine relationship), the second represents the horizontal dimension (human-human relationship). The quick succession and the manner in which Jesus states the two commandments highlight a complementary and symbiotic relationship between the two. The second builds upon the foundation of the first but the first manifests itself through the second. While second is built upon the first, the first is not complete without the second. Loving our neighbours is, to a great extent, an act of loving God in whose image the neighbours are made. Have a blessed week.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Ex. 22:20 – 26; 2nd Reading: 1Thess. 1:5 – 10; Gospel: Mt. 22:34 – 40.

Psalm: Ps 17(18): *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. (Acts. 16:14) Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 25th Oct.	+ 30TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Kelly McGrath
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Alice O'Dwyer RIP
Mon., 26 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 27 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	John Flanagan RIP
Wed., 28 th Oct.	Sts Simon & Jude. feast	9.30am	
Thur., 29 th Oct.	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	7.00pm	
Fri., 30 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	John Flanagan RIP
Sat., 31 st Oct.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 1st Nov.	+ ALL SAINTS. SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 24th Oct.	+ 30TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners of MC
Sun., 25th Oct.		9.30am	Mavice & Josie 70 th Wd Ann.
		11.00am	Peter Dobie
Mon., 26 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Joyce Davies
Tue., 27 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Peter Dobie
Wed., 28 th Oct.	Sts Simon & Jude. Aps.	7.30pm	
Thur., 29 th Oct.	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	9.30am	Leish Prendergast
Fri., 30 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Irene & James Collins RIP
Sat., 31 st Oct.	+ ALL SAINTS. SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Rai Thomas RIP
Sun., 1st Nov.		9.30am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Maurice Scally RIP

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

NOTICES

NOVEMBER? ALL SOULS:

We have now put out the envelopes for your list of relatives and loved ones who have passed away, and your mass offering for prayers during the All souls mass and the month of November. You will find the envelopes at the entrance to the Church.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021:

Over 25 children made their First Holy Communion at St Peter's and Marychurch at the weekend and it was a most joyous occasion. We are now inviting applications for children in year 3 upwards who wish to make their First Communion next year. Application forms to register your interest will be available at both churches.

I am pleased to say that as a result of the church having adopted a number of safety guidelines, in order to keep our parishioners Covid-safe, we have seen a steady rise in the number of parishioners attending. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you we continue to be very vigilant, maintaining social distancing and other measures to keep the churches a safe place for all. For the safety of all of our church families, face coverings are to be worn while the Covid guidelines remain in force. We very much look forward to seeing you in the church.

St Peter's and Marychurch Catechists

October Devotion: Due to the pandemic we are not able to meet and observe this devotion this year. We are encouraged to observe it privately by saying the Rosary in our homes every day. Please offer this prayer for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is Our Lord's perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you wish to have a Holy Mass offered for

any intention of yours, please contact the parish office or complete the **Mass Intention envelope** at the back of the church and give it to the priest. The diocese encourages a voluntary offering of £10 for each Mass intention.

Gift Aid Form: If you are a UK taxpayer, the church can claim from the government 25% of your contribution to it at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid Form. Also, due to the risks involved in cash handling, please consider making your contribution to the parish by Standing Order. To do so, also complete the section in the Gift Aid Form and return it to the parish office. The form is on the tables in the entrance and the exit porches.

The Cardinal will celebrate **Mass for the deceased clergy of the diocese** on Nov. the 11th. Please join him in prayer

Prayer and Fasting for Life: Have a look at the poster on the notice board to this effect and be guided on how to join the prayers for an end to abortion and euthanasia on the 27th of October.

Public Health:

- **More Stewards are needed for Mass on Sunday. To volunteer, please sign up through this link: <https://signup.com/go/WxMtFPa>;**
- **Wearing of mask at Mass is now obligatory.** Please cooperate;
- Please complete the attendance card on the table in the side porch as you enter the church, in keeping with the government's Test and Trace guideline;
- Please observe the Social Distancing rules, and the hygiene protocols;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you leave the church 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:
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk;

MC/STM: Angela Madden
01707275214.

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton;
Parish Secretary: 01707262439

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](mailto:lucia.federici@mountcarme
lkindergarten.co.uk)

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

Weekly Rotas:
Cleaning: Oct. 26 – 31

Violet & Annah

Flowers:

“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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.

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

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www.stpetershatfield.org; <https://parish>

Parish Secretary: Pauline Hayes

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