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MASS TIMES

St Peter's

Sunday Masses:

9.15am, 11am, & 6pm

Weekday Masses:

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 Masses:

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.:
9.30am; Wed.: 7.30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 1030am

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 NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High . . .” (Lk 1.76)

One of the most dangerous things to do in this life is to be a prophet. God's Prophets are usually thought to possess numinous knowledge by which they foretell future events. That may be true, but they also play other significant roles. Far from being popular at their times, they tend to be pitched against society, to disturb with the word of God the peace of the complacent, especially those comfortable in wrongdoing – to confront them with their sins – and to challenge those who challenge the authority of God. They defer to no one and are neither overawed by the mighty nor deceived by the humility of the weak. True to their calling as humble servants of the truth, they do not compromise the word of God, or try to modify or dilute its message to anyone's taste. Rather, they speak it exactly as they receive it. Predictably, one fate awaits them: persecution as long as they live, and often violent death too. Echoing the teaching of Jesus (Mt 23.37), St Stephen testified that God's prophets all suffer persecution, with many killed (cf. Acts 7.52). This is true of St John the Baptist, an extraordinary human being who ended the prophecy of the Old Covenant (Mt 11.12-13; Lk 16.16) and made way for Christ to complete all prophecy in Himself. He was described by Christ as the greatest person ever to be born 'of woman' (Mt 11.11; Lk 7.28) and much more than a prophet (Lk 7.26). He was as humble (Mk 1.7-8; Mt 3.11-12; Lk 3.15-17; Jn 1.15; 3.27-30) as he was uncompromising (Mt 3.11-17). He did not hesitate to dare the highest authorities of Israel, calling the ruling class 'brood of vipers' (Lk 3.7-9), confronting King Herod with Herod's adultery, and, of course, suffering the fate of prophets (Mk 6.14-29). By our baptism, we have been made prophets with Christ. Now, as part of the prophetic Church, it remains for us to play our prophetic role by confronting the evil of falsehood and sin in society and in ourselves.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 49.1-6; **2nd Reading:** Acts 13.22-26; **Gospel:** Luke 1.57-66, 68.

Psalm: Ps 138; **R/:** *I thank you for the wonder of my being.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 24th June	+ NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.15am	Margaret Kiely, Anniversary
		11.00am	Maureen & Tom Kelly, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 25 th June	Feria; <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 26 th June	Feria	9.30am	Mary Bruton's Intention
Wed., 27 th June	St Cyril of Alexandria Bishop & Doctor	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 28 th June	St Irenaeus Bishop & Martyr	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 29 nd June	SS PETER & PAUL Apostles	9.30am	Xavier Morales's Intention
Sat., 30 th June		10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 1st July	+ 13th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Albert Koomson, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 23 rd June	+ NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	6.00pm	Kit and Catherine Elliott, RIP
Sun., 24th June		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 25 th June	Feria; <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.30am	Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP
Tue., 26 th June	Feria	9.30am	Yvonne Stephens
Wed., 27 th June	St Cyril of Alexandria Bishop & Doctor	7.30pm	Margaret Allardyce in memory
Thur., 28 th June	St Irenaeus Bishop & Martyr	9.30am	Joyce Davies
Fri., 29 th June	SS PETER & PAUL Apostles	9.30am	Tom and Doris Townsend
Sat., 30 th June		6.00pm	Watson family
Sun., 1st July	+ 13th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Sr Teresa Roseingrave, RIP

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall,

James Haughian, Catherine Coulson, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Nora O'Sullivan, and William Naughton.

We warmly welcome into our Catholic family **Alexander Oskar** who was baptised yesterday, and **Olivier Dudek** to be baptised today.

Weeding Party: We thank all who joined us yesterday to clean up our church.

Our **PARISH FEAST DAY** to mark the **Solemnity of our patron St Peter** will be celebrated with our **PARISH GARDEN PARTY** next **Sunday the 1st of July** after the 11am Mass. The event will feature a Bring-and-Share picnic, music, entertainment, and refreshments. Raffle tickets are now available; price, £1; and the first prize will be £200.

We need some help for the Garden Party on July the 1st celebrating the feast of St Peter which, as you know, will be a Bring-and-Share event. Particularly, we need to know, for catering purposes, who is able to bring a dish of food. We would really like to have some different tastes this year and so encourage you to be adventurous. Nothing will be refused. We are also planning a bottle tombola and ask you to search for unwanted full bottles for our tombola and place them in the box in the porch which will be emptied regularly. For any questions, please call Tony Dodd on 01707 646383.

Homeless Presents & Hats: There are donation boxes at the back of the church for the London Homeless Christmas Project. Current items required are soap, razors, tissues, face flannels, and knitted hats. Please let Pauline Hayes know if you can knit hats. There is also a box for the Hatfield Night Shelter and there will be more details of the required items later in the year once the shelter opens again. Thank you.

Marychurch Bingo, June the 29th in the hall from 7.30 pm. £2 entry fee. Please bring your own food and drink. All donations for raffle will be gratefully received. Money to be raised will go to Marychurch Funds.

Becoming a Catholic: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or in finding out more about the Church? Please talk to Father Julius or Father Livie at any time.

St Philip Howard School is holding a Circus event on Saturday July the 7th. Doors will open at 12.30pm. Performance: 2pm – 4pm. Tickets: £8 per person, or £27 family ticket (family ticket is for 4 people). For more information, please see the notice board.

John Henry Newman Catholic School has a vacancy for a **Teacher of Religious Studies** with the option of starting in September 2018 or January 2019. Further details of this vacancy can be found on the school's website at www.jhn.herts.sch.uk.

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: Mary Stephenson,
01707 883653

Planned Giving: SP:
Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;
MC/STM: Gillian Sutton,
01707269693

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**

**Prayer & Bible Study
Group: SP:** Prayer &
Praise: 1st & 3rd Sun., **4:30 -
5:45pm;** Bible Study &
Prayer: 2nd & 4th Thur.:
7:30-8:45pm.

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

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.

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

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

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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

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