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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 – 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.*



+ 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor, 12.9)

We often hear people say that someone or something is a ‘thorn in the flesh.’ At one time or another we, too, might have used the same expression but, like most people, we might not have realised that it came from St Paul, precisely from our second reading today. It is difficult to believe that a person of St Paul’s spiritual stature and maturity would repeatedly ask God for a favour and not receive it. But that was also true of Christ who begged God with great anguish to let the cup of His passion pass Him by (Mt 26.39, 42) and yet was not spared the cross. In other words, St Paul was told to expect to continue to bear the thorn in his flesh without any hope of being rid of it. That raises the question, whether God always answers our sincere prayers. Jesus Himself assures us that we will always receive anything we ask for in prayer (Mt 7.7-8; Mk 11.24; Lk 11.9-11; Jn 15.7; 16.23-24); but our experience suggests otherwise. For not having their prayers answered people often get discouraged and some have been tempted to give up praying or to lose faith altogether. Instructively, St James reminds us that the reason our prayer is not always answered is that we pray either wrongly or for a wrong motive to satisfy our passions (Jam. 4.3). Even when we seem to pray rightly and for a right reason, there is still no guarantee that we will receive what we pray for. The only way we can be sure to get what we ask for in prayer is to pray according to the will of God (1 Jn 5.14-15), just as Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, with total submission to God’s will (Lk 22.42); and the only thing we can be sure to receive if we pray for it is that God’s will be done (Mt 6.10). But because we do not know what that will is in any given situation, it may not be granted us at the time or in the manner we want or expect. That means we must patiently **WAIT** on God, in prayer, and without losing heart (Lk 18.1-8; 11.5-8).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Ezek. 2.2-5; **2nd Reading:** 2 Cor. 12.7-10; **Gospel:** Mk 6.1-6

Psalm: Ps 122(123); **R/:** *Our eyes are on the Lord, till He shows us His mercy.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him, He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 8th July	+ 14th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 9 th July	Feria;	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 10 th July	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 11 th July	St Benedict, Abbot	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 12 th July	Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 13 th July	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 14 th July	Feria	11.30am	Funeral Mass of Bertrand Rodrigues
Sun., 15th July	+ 15th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Joji Richard, Thanksgiving
		11.00am	Michael Johnson, RIP
		6.00pm	Private Intention

MARYCHURCH/ST THOMAS MORE

Sat., 7 th June	+ 14th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 8th July		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Sarah Gavin, RIP
Mon., 9 th July	Feria;	9.30am	Barbara Moss, RIP
Tue., 10 th July	Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Wed., 11 th July	St Benedict, Abbot	7.30pm	Kitty Creighton
Thur., 12 th July	Feria	9.30am	Intentions of Sr Teresita, SND
Fri., 13 th July	Feria	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Sat., 14 th July	+ 15th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Moira Moss
Sun., 15th July		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	George Rhine, RIP and Kathleen Rhine

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Lily Clark, Amerita Mericonda, Dorothy Hall, James Haughian, Catherine Coulson, Patricia Martin, Tony Lodge, Stella Ashley, Jim & Teresa Chatfield, Pat Darling, Patricia Martin, Evelyn McKenna, Margaret Morrin, Patricia Hayward, Nora O'Sullivan, and William Naughton.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to organise and to make the celebration of our **PARISH FEAST DAY** with a Garden Party last Sunday a huge success. Congrats to the winners of the grand raffle draw: 1st Prize: £200 cash – **Jemma Emmans**; 2nd Prize: a case of wine – **Evelyn Gray**; 3rd Prize: Bottle of Gin – **Nita Fitch**; 4th Prize: Bottle of Vodka – **Marc Sycamore**; 5th Prize: Sanctuary beauty products – **Paul**; 6th Prize: £10 John Lewis voucher – **Nathaniel Ofori**; 7th Prize: box of chocolate – **Corine Cornelius**; 8th Prize: Cake stand – **Lyn Savage**. Many thanks to all who donated the prizes, bought tickets, or helped with ticket sales.

We welcome to our Catholic family our little sister, **Amelia Ogonna**, to be baptised next Sunday at the 11am Mass.

Please put down in your diary this very important date – **Saturday, October the 27th 2018**. It is the date for our **Parish Retreat**, to be directed by the Franciscan Friars.

At the 11am Mass next Sunday, we will bless our new **Prayer Tree** which will be placed in the porch at the back of the church for all parishioners to write a prayer if they wish. Leaves are available in a box – simply write a prayer and place on the tree. During different times of the liturgical year we will change the leaves to ribbons or something else.

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 Strawberry Tea comes up next Sunday the 15th at 3pm. We look forward to seeing you at the party. Thanks.

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.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of: **Martin William Marston** (92) who passed away on the 1st; **Diana Dimple Marie Martin** (36) who died on June the 26th and whose Vigil Mass is on the **12th at 6.30pm**; **Bertrand Rodrigues** (59) whose funeral Mass is on **Saturday the 14th at 11am**; and for the consolation of their respected families.

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;
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MC/STM: Mary Stephenson,
01707 883653

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Pat Malsher: 01707 265530;
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Lead Catechist: Linda
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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

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Loreto College, St Albans:
01727 856206

**Catholic Chaplaincy Lister
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01438 285518

**Proclaim Our Lady of
Fatima Family Rosary:**
Contact: Lucia Federici,
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Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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

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