

Volume 2, No. 14
3 March 2019

MASS TIMES

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

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

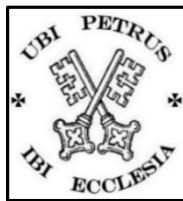
Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10am

**“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.*



+ 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

“Can the blind lead the blind?” (Luke 6.39)

Giving sight to the blind was a top priority in Our Lord's public ministry. The miracle was cited as evidence of Him being the Messiah (Lk 4.18; 7.22) and the fulfilment of the ancient promises made by the prophets (Ps 146.8; Is 29.18; 35.5; 42.7, 18). The physically blind He healed who were singled out for mention in the gospel were the two blind men He met on the road while returning from restoring a ruler's daughter to life (Mt 9.27-31), a blind and mute demoniac (Mt 12.22), Bartimaeus (Mk 10.46-52; Lk 18.35-43) – or the two blind men on the road to Jericho (Mt 20.29-34), depending on the gospel account one is using, the blind man at Bethsaida (Mk 8.22-26), and the man who was born blind (Jn 9.1-12). Of all these, the healing of Bartimaeus – or the two blind men on the way to Jericho – is particularly significant. The gift of sight in this case had as its immediate consequence Bartimaeus becoming a believer in and follower of Christ. Similar to that was St Paul's experience of blindness and subsequent healing in the course of his conversion (Acts 9.1-19). Therefore, more than being merely a physical healing, the miracle is also a spiritual healing that comes with the light of truth, of faith, and of knowledge. By the gospel perspective, then, the blind include those who do not perceive or understand (Mt 13.13-17; Mk 4.12; 6.52; 7.18; Jn 3.10-12; 8.27; 12.39-41; Acts 17.23; Eph. 4.18), those who are ignorant and need to know the truth (Jn 1.10; 4.10; 16.2; Rev. 3.17), those who lack specific Christian virtues (2 Pt 1.5-9), and those who follow their natural appetites (1 Cor. 2.14). In some cases, the blindness is self-inflicted by either choice (Jn 9.40-41) or passion especially that of hate (cf. 1 Jn 2.9, 11), by the 'god' of this world (2 Cor. 4.4), or as a punishment from God for a fragrant violation of divine honour (Acts 13.4-12). Again, this blindness of the mind and of the spirit is cured by the light of truth, of faith, and of love.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Eccl. 27.4-7; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 15.54-58; **Gospel:** Luke 6.39-45

Psalm: Ps 91.2-3, 13-16; **R/:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 2 nd Mar.		6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 3 rd Mar.	+ 8th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.30am	Germaine and Fred Overton, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Mon., 4 th Mar.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 5 th Mar.	Feria	9.30am	Theresa and Constantine Maunganidze, RIP
Wed., 6 th Mar.	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Joyce Davies
		7.30pm	Willy and Leish Prendergast
Thur., 7 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Barry Holloway, RIP
Fri., 8 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Jane Fisher, RIP
Sat., 9 th Mar.	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Roland and Irene Costa, RIP
Sun., 10 th Mar.		9.30am	Special Intention
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 3 rd Mar.	+ 8th SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Michael Bruton, Anniversary
		11.00am	P. D. Antony, RIP
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 4 th Mar..	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
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Fri., 8 th Mar..	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 9 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 10 rd Mar.	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Harold Pym, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention

Sick and Housebound: Please pray for Noreen Withall, Willy and Leish Prendergast, Joyce Davies, Mairead Waugh, Josie and Maurice Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Frank Cafferty, Patricia Dee, Louise Duncan, Linda Pullen, Anne Owens, Cath. O'Brien, Beverley Atkins, and Larry Carolan.

Monthly Offertory: January 2019 – Offertory Envelopes: £1,529.25; Standing Orders: £1,003.17; Loose Plate £665.95; Total: £3,198.37. The total is 20.46% less than in January 2018 (£4,021.31).

The Parish would still appreciate any volunteer help with the cleaning of Marychurch or of St Thomas More please. Please contact Yvette on 01707 262439. Thank you.

St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School is recruiting 2 teachers for April and September 2019. If you would like to join our friendly, supportive team, please find more details on www.teachinherts.com, or contact Mairead Waugh, Headteacher, on 01707 263969.

On the Feast of the Annunciation 25 March 2019 there will be a Pilgrimage to Walsingham with coach from St Albans, to pray for the Sanctity of Life. Holy Mass in Walsingham at 12noon. The cost is £20 with special price for families. Coach will pick up from Galleria, Hatfield. To book or for further info please contact Rosemary Roscoe: 07723 546642 rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com.

The national Novena to St Joseph will take place from 11 to 18 March 2019. Please see the notice board for details on how to receive a Novena booklet, or alternatively, you may email to novenamhm@gmail.com.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday the 8th of June 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, or 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please add your details to the sign up sheet at the back of Church. Thank you.

The Cotter School of Irish Dancing lessons are being held in Marychurch Hall on Tuesday's during term time at 5.15pm for one hour. All children are welcome from the age of 3 upwards. The first session is free and then it is £5 per session payable weekly. If you would like to attend then please email Laura at thecotterschoolofid@gmail.com.

London 40 Days for Life Pre-Campaign Hour of Prayer. Lead by Monsignor Keith Newton, 6pm-7pm Tuesday 5th of March, Outside Marie Stopes abortion centre, 108 Whitfield Street, London W1T 5BE (nearest tube: Warren St – Northern/Victoria lines) Through God's Grace 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion. Sarah 07776 256838 email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com.

Thank you for returning the hymn books/Mass cards to the shelves at the end of Mass.

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:

MC/STM: Sat., 5-5.45pm; or on request;
SP: Sat., 11 am – 12 noon;
5-5.30 pm; or on request

Marriage: See Parish Priest;
6 months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Sacred Heart Novena:

MC: Thur. after Mass;
SP: Fri. after Mass;

Rosary: MC: Mon. after Mass;
STM: Mon., 9.00am
SP: Wed. after Mass;

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Tuesday after Mass in both parishes

Christian Meditation:

MC: Wed. 8pm in term time

Hatfield SVP:

07960 785673

St Pio Prayer Group:

SP: 1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

Proclaim Our Lady of

Fatima Family Rosary:

Contact: Lucia Federici:
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kindergarten.co.uk.

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

Parish Office:

MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:
8.30am - 1.30pm;

SP: Tue., Wed., Fri.: 8.30am-
1.30pm

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01707 265530

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Suggestion/Comment Box:

Please use the box on the table at the back of Church, if you wish to express a suggestion or comment on any parish matter.

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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