

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S Mass times and intentions	
Sat 20/8	6.00pm	Cam O'Connor	10.30am	Joy Watters, Btday Thanks-
Sun 21/8	9.30 stm 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	A J John Britto Anniversary RIP Francisca De Souza RIP All travellers. Living and Dead
Mon 22/8	7.00pm	Victor Power RIP		No Mass
Tue 23/8	9.30am		9.30am	
Wed 24/8	9.30am		9.30am	
Thu 25/8		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 26/8	9.30am	Yvette Rawle's intention	9.30am	
Sat 27/8	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29 2. Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24. Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14				

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM: Contact parish clergy. Preparation with the catechist is an obligation. **SP: Last Sunday of each Month. MC: Second Sunday of each Month.**
MARRIAGE: Contact Parish Clergy, 6months notice is required to allow time for preparation and paper works.
CONFESSIONS: MC= Saturday: 5.30–5.50pm. SP: Saturday 11-11.30am (and by appointment for both parishes).
DEVOTIONS: Sacred Heart Novena: MC: Friday during adoration, SP = Thurs. after mass. Rosary: MC: Wed after mass. SP: Wed & Fri after mass. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: MC & SP= Tues after mass. **FATIMA ROSARY:** Contact Lucia Federici on: 07933436387
HATFIELD SVP: Contact = 07960785673
CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY LISTER: John O'Neil: 01438285518.
TEA & COFFEE: After 11am Mass on Sunday at both parishes. (MC: Fortnightly) .
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: MC=On hold. SP= After 11am mass. Except 1st Sunday when there is CHILDREN'S MASS.

Holy Father's intention for the month of August: For Small and Medium Sized Businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



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+ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C.

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 66:18-21; 2. Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; Gospel Luke 13:22-30. Psalm: Ps 116:16:15 *Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News. Alleluia! Alleluia!! O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Alleluia!.*

REFLECTION: Suffering for Christians is an affectionate correction from the Lord who loves them as a father loves his children (Heb 12:5-6). Generations after another have wondered about the presence of suffering in the human reality. To be human is almost synonymous with physical, spiritual and emotional suffering. Part of our reality is also the suffering of those around us and those we care about. While the world of medicine is doing everything possible to alleviate pain and suffering, and the media selling the idea of a life without pain, the Church carries the message of Christ that suffering could have a meaning to it.

*In his **Salivifici Doloris**, St John Paul II said that suffering without any meaning only leads to despair; but if meaning is found to our adversities, humanity is capable of overcoming anything. In this passage to the Hebrews, St Paul offers one possible meaning to human suffering; a training or correction from our loving God and Father. The most popular reaction to suffering and misfortunes in our society is what most would describe a pity party where the "why mes", "what ifs", "if onlys" are the usual suspects. St Paul is inviting us to cancel the pity party and look up to a possibility of a meaning attached to our misfortunes. Charles Krauthammer who survived a life-threatening pool accident as a medical student said "every life has a moment of catastrophe, a wrong turn, a false move, a fatal encounter. What distinguishes us is whether, and how we ever come back". In his Book, Life is Worth Living, Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote, "Life may be like a game of cards; we cannot help the hand that is dealt us, but we can help the way we play it".*

O Lord the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it. Cleanse me from secret faults, O Lord. St Augustine.



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SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Clara Sakala, Sr Jo, Martina Knightly, Anne Owens, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Katie Shannon, Michael MacPherson, Maria Campbell, Christine Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, Ruth Emery, Ella Russell and Yvonne Stephens.



NOTICES AND EVENTS

MC: COFFEE MORNINGS: Sundays after 11am mass and Wednesdays after morning Mass 9.30am–12.00. Lord you have need of my hands...coffee, natter, care and plant club etc. Please support Father and the ladies that make the tea. Get to know people and what's happening in your parish.

MC/STM - SPECIAL NOTICE: I wish to announce that our Parish secretary, Yvette, will be leaving the parish by the end of August after 15 years. The Parish will host a farewell party in her honour on Sunday the 21st of August after the 11am Mass at Marychurch Hall. *Fr Agbor F. Isek. MSP, Parish Priest.*

MC/STM: MONTHLY OFFERTORY : JUNE, 2022.

Envelopes - £728.50; Standing Orders & Online - £1,200.67; Loose Plate & Contactless - £1,356.55; General Donations - £420.00. TOTAL - £3,705.72. Many thanks.
 TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - Quarter from 1 April to 30 June 2022.
 Income - £17,672.39; Expenditure - £11,185.34; Surplus - £6,487.05.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE: The Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes are visiting England, Wales and Scotland this autumn. They will be in the Westminster Cathedral at 11am on the 3rd of September and at St Joseph Stevenage on Monday 17th October at 1pm. For more information, please speak to the parish clergy or visit stbernadette.org.uk.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE PARISH

We are looking to appoint a Housekeeper and a Handyman, based primarily at St Peter's Church. Please speak to Father Agbor or Father Francis for further information.

MC/STM: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH: Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Account Details: **Acct Name: WRCDT Hatfield.** Sort Code – 40-05-20. Acct Number: 81094602. We accept regular plate Giving in Cash or Cheque. Thank you for Donations or Legacy in memory of your loved ones.



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SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Pat Martin, Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy, Lenora Mashumba.



SP: REPOSITORY SHOP: New stock has arrived of statues, crucifixes, rosaries and Communion gifts – please pop in and pay a visit. You can now make payment with card for items purchased.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING = Roshan, Gami and Audrey. Flowers = Edita

SP: TREE WORKS: A tree specialist company has been contacted to carry out some work on the oaks behind the Church as one is dying and the other has branches on the church roof. This is to inform us and prepare our minds as there may be little noise disturbance on the 26th and 30th of August while this work is being carried out. There should be silence during mass but not after.

CONFIRMATION: Registration for the sacrament of confirmation is ongoing. Pick up a leaflet that says confirmation at the back of the church and send a WhatsApp message to the mobile number indicated there. Registration ends on the 18th of September.

CAFOD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS (COORDINATOR) NEEDED: Volunteers are needed who are interested in organizing and making visits to our Catholic primary and secondary schools to deliver assemblies and workshops on the various works of CAFOD to encourage young people to take actions towards global justice, fundraise and pray with CAFOD. For Coordinators, some experience of using database and IT systems is required but full support and training will be provided. Interested persons should contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776493162.

UKRAINE: WHAT WE CAN DO: 1. Pray every day for peace and for all those affected: at home, at school, on the bus and of course at Mass. 2. CAFOD and Caritas are grateful for your monetary donations. To Gift Aid, please click: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

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