

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 03/9	6.00pm	B. & R. Watson RIP	10.30am	
Sun 04/9	9.30 STM	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Anyina & Chizy Osefo's Int All travellers living and dead
	11.00am	Special Intention		
Mon 05/9	7.00pm	Joyce Davies		No Mass
Tue 06/9	9.30am		9.30am	Donie Dunne RIP
Wed 07/9	9.30am	Cam O'Connor	9.30am	Stacey Perkins RIP
Thu 08/9		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 09/9	9.30am		9.30am	
Sat 10/9	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14 2. St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17 Gospel: Luke 15:1-32				

#### 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, 6 months 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 September: For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.*



## The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Westminster

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Served By The Missionaries of St Paul, MSP.

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*+ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C.*

**READINGS: 1. Wisdom 9:13-18; 2. St Paul to Philemon 9-10. 12-17; Gospel Luke 14:25-33. Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14.17** *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next. Alleluia! Alleluia!! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** Accessing the Cost of Discipleship: Ours is a society that is driven by the market economy; thus, it is not a surprise that Christian evangelists feel the need to portray Christianity in the marketplace of competing ideologies and cultures. The consequence of this reality is that the Christian mission is therefore presented as a low-cost, low risk commodity, a better offer so to say, in order to attract buyers. In today's Gospel, Jesus in no uncertain terms, makes it clear that the Christian faith is not a low-risk endeavour.

Nothing less than absolute allegiance is acceptable to Jesus in a disciple (Lk 14:25-33). With two brief stories, Jesus drives home the message that although salvation is free, it is also very expensive, the disciple is called to give up all to Jesus. A literal reading of the passage could lead one to wonder why Jesus would call us to hate our biological families. But just as in Matthew 18:8-9, Jesus is employing hyperbolic expression to drive home his message. In this case, the stark language of hate is deployed to pass the message of primary allegiance, a question of where one's treasure is which determines where one's heart also shall be.

When Jesus made these demands, he was clear about the passion that lay ahead of him, thus was only preparing the disciples to hold on to his own determination. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most Christians have already started to build with occasional doubts whether they are able to stay the course. There is looking back once hand is laid on the plough, only prayers for courage to remain loyal and steadfast.

**Jesus Said: "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.**





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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, Yvonne Stephens and Remi Clarke.



**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, create, 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.

**FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Application forms for the 2022/23 Communion Programme are available at the back of the Churches. The programme will start in October and more information will be provided nearer the time. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the programme please contact Linda Graham or Corine Cornelius.

**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 Monday 5th September 2022.

**THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM YVETTE:** A massive THANK YOU to each and everyone of you that has made my time here at Marychurch so blessed. You have all been so kind and supportive to me and my family. Thank you also for the amazing send off party, special notes on butterfly shaped paper and very generous collection. Please keep in touch. Lots of love, Yvette. Xxx

**AN INVITATION FROM OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HITCHIN:** To people of all faiths and none, experience a day of Christian Meditation on Saturday 17th September, 10.30 for 11am start. Martin Zetter from the World Community for Christian Meditation will be our leader for the day. There will be books (cash only) for sale and literature to take away. Food will be provided. If you would like to come please contact Dave at [david.whitt15@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.whitt15@ntlworld.com). Venue is Our Lady's Church, 16 Nightingale Road, Hitchin. Car park is in College Road off Grove Road or use SG5 1SD.

**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.

**YOUTH CLUB:** The Parish Youth Club for ages 8 - 11 will be resuming this Friday 9th September at 5pm. Entry fee is £2 with a tuck shop available, fun, games and entertainment for all. More information about the older Youth Club will be posted in the coming weeks.

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** = Mavis & family, Margaret. Flowers = Roshan and Harashani.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THE PARISH:** We are looking to appoint a part time Handy person, based primarily at St Peter's Church. Please speak to Father Agbor or Father Francis for further information

**BAPTISM:** The Parish communities welcome Jamila Diallo (St Peter's) and Chisom Patricia Nduka (Marychurch) who will be baptised this Sunday at the 11am Masses. We congratulate them and their families.

**WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FROM ST ALBANS:** You are warmly invited to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday 24th September 2022, the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. Coach departs at 7.50am and cost is £28 for adults and children free. We will arrive in Walsingham for Holy Mass at 12 noon, followed by a picnic lunch. Programme for the afternoon includes the Holy Mile (on foot or by coach), Benediction and visit to the Priory, original site of the holy house. For more information or to book please contact Margaret: [margleahy@gmail.com](mailto:margleahy@gmail.com) or ring 01727 763832.

**TACKLING THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10.30AM ONLINE MEETING:** Join Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya, Uganda & Eritrea, who will give a first-hand account of our work tackling the Food Crisis which is affecting over 20 million people. Contact Tony at [Westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Westminster@cafod.org.uk) for further details or book a place at <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>

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