

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 15/10	6.00pm	Pauline Kirkham RIP	10.30am	Nan Julian RIP
Sun 16/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Terence Ngum RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Titus Ngum RIP All travellers living and dead
Mon 17/10	7.00pm	Luiza Maria Cardozo RIP		No Mass
Tue 18/10	9.30am	Russell Holloway	9.30am	
Wed 19/10	9.30am	Patricia McLoughlin	9.30am	
Thu 20/10		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 21/10	9.30am	Cam O'Connor	9.30am	Mrs Ann Gillick RIP
Sat 22/10	6.00pm	Barry & Ann Holloway RIP	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19 2. St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18 Gospel Luke 18:9-14				

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, 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 = Friday after mass.
Rosary MC: Wed after mass. **SP:** Wed 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.**
MORNING PRAYER: SP = 9.10am before morning mass Tues, Wed and Fri

Holy Father's intention for the month of October: A Church open to everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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+ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.

READINGS: 1. Exodus 17:8-13; 2. St Paul to Timothy 3:14 - 4:2; Gospel Luke 18:1-8. Psalm: Ps 120. *Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Alleluia! Alleluia!! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Persevere in your prayer: Today's Gospel, the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), presents a poor, powerless person (the widow), who persists in nagging a corrupt, powerful person (the judge) to do justice for her. The parable assumes John the Baptist's teaching that holding a position of power and leadership obligates one to work justly, especially on behalf of the poor and weak. But Jesus focuses the parable on a different point, that we are "to pray always and to never lose heart" (Luke 18:1). He identifies the hearers; us, with the woman, and the prayed-to person; God, with the corrupt judge, a strange combination. Assuming that Jesus doesn't mean that God is corrupt, the point must be that if persistence pays off with a corrupt human of limited power, how much more will it pay off with a just God of infinite power. The purpose of the parable is to encourage Christians to persevere in their faith against all odds. But it also has two applications for those who work in positions of leadership. First, the juxtaposition of a corrupt judge with a just God implies that God's will is at work even in a corrupt world. The judge's job is to do justice, and by God, he will do justice by the time the widow is finished with him. The second point is that only God can bring about justice in a corrupt world. That is why we must pray and not give up in our work. God can bring miraculous justice in a corrupt world, just as God can bring miraculous healing in a sick world. Suddenly, the Berlin wall opens, the apartheid regime crumbles, peace breaks out and even Putin's barbarism in Ukraine will end. In the parable of the persistent widow, God does not intervene. The widow's persistence alone leads the judge to act justly. But Jesus indicates that God is the unseen actor. "Will not God grant justice for his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?" (Luke 18:7). Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:6-18).

SPECIAL NOTICE: Greetings dear Parishioners. We informed you awhile ago that after almost 3 years, Our Assistant Parish Priest, Fr Francis Agada MSP, will be leaving for a new assignment elsewhere. There was silence afterwards for reasons we also hinted at a few weeks ago. We now can confirm that Fr Francis will be moving on to a new mission in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. He will be departing the Parish on the 1st of November. Fr Innocent Odiaka MSP will replace Fr Francis as our Assistant Priest and will arrive on the 31st of October. Let us keep Fr Francis in our prayers as he moves onto new challenges.

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, Remi Clarke and Romeo Laxa.



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: Thank you to all parents who have completed an application form for their child to make their communion in May next year. The programme starts with a Parent Meeting (children need not attend) this Sunday, 16th October at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Church Hall for both parishes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: Mark your diaries for the following dates for the evening of recollections and prayers for women at St Peter's. Wednesday, October 19th and Wednesday, November 16th. 7pm-9pm.

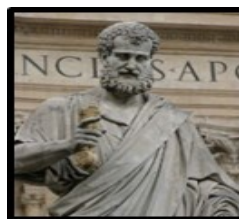
ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEPTION 2023: We would like to invite prospective parents to our Open Mornings on Thursday 20th October, Tuesday 8th November, Thursday 24th November and Thursday 8th December at 9.30am. Each morning will include a welcome by the Headteacher and a tour of the school. Please contact the school office, 01707 263969 or admin@sphoward.herts.sch.uk to book a place. Applications open in November. More details and forms can be found on our website www.sphoward.herts.sch.uk

Feast of St Philip Howard 19th October 2022

St Philip Howard School would like to invite the parishioners to celebrate our Feast day mass at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 19th November in our school hall.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENINGS: Loreto College - Wednesday, 19th October at 6.30pm. The sixth form at Loreto College is co-educational.
 Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School - Thursday, 29th November from 6pm - 8pm.

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: 41266217. 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: We have had a mini refit in the Repository shop and have lots of lovely new Christmas stock. Beautiful advent calendars, candles, nativity sets, Christmas tree ornaments and Christmas cards available. Please pop in after mass to have a look. We can now accept card payment.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: = Violet and Annah. **SP: FLOWERS:** = Roshan and Harashani

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 at St Joseph Church, Stevenage, SG1 1NJ on Monday, 17th October and Tuesday, 18th October 2022. Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan on Monday, 17th October at 7pm. For more information, please speak to the Parish Clergy or visit stbernadette.org.uk

PARISH YOUTH CLUBS: Our older Youth Club for children aged 12+ will be resuming on Friday, 4th November from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Activities include music, singing, dancing, cooking, arts, crafts, indoor and outdoor sports. Entry fee is £2, with a tuck shop available. Our younger Youth Club for ages 8-11 continues on Fridays at 5pm, entry fee is £2. Please contact Caroline at hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

COPING WITH DEMENTIA MEETING: Open dementia meeting at Hatfield Social Club (opposite Hatfield station) on Tuesday, 25th October at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about the condition, meet others with similar experiences and ask questions of the experts. To find out more go to <https://HPCNdementia.eventbrite.co.uk>

MARY'S MEALS: Please come along and support Mary's Meals on Saturday 29th October, 1pm to 3pm. Menu: Homemade soups - carrot and coriander, chicken and vegetables, leek and potato, plus more with rolls and butter. Puddings - winter fruit crumbles, apple pie, carrot cake, pavlova, tea and coffee. Cost is £5 for adults, children welcome. Entertainment by the WELHAT UKES. Please contact Mary Faithful on 07596973001 for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We learned of the passing of our long time parishioner, Pat Martin a couple of weeks ago. We pray for his peaceful repose and for God's grace and fortitude on the family. May the soul of Pat and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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