

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 29/10	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Sun 30/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Irene & James Collins RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Titus Ngum RIP All travellers living and dead
Mon 31/10	7.00pm	Ron Thomas RIP Anni		No Mass
Tue 01/11	9.30am	M & P P Anthony	9.30am 7.00pm	Titus Ngum RIP Joseph Alejandro
Wed 02/11	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson	9.30am	Pat Martin RIP
Thu 03/11		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 04/11	9.30am		9.30am	
Sat 05/11	6.00pm	Noemi & Gonsalves RIP	10.30am	P P Anthony
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14 2. St Paul to Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Gospel Luke 20:27-38				

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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+ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.

READINGS: 1. Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2. St Paul to Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2;
Gospel Luke 19:1-10. Psalm: 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. *I will bless your name forever, O God my King. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Zacchaeus's story is unique to Luke's Gospel. It is always a wonder whether his interest in seeing what Jesus was like was caused by something more than idle curiosity. Unknown to him, the grace of God was working within him. He thought that he just wanted to see what Jesus was like. Jesus knew already what Zacchaeus was like and intended to see him and save him from his downward rush after earthly wealth. He would offer him eternal riches. This is exactly what happened. Jesus entered the home and heart of Zacchaeus that day, and not only the home and heart of Zacchaeus but of his whole household. We cannot have the slightest doubt that God wants us all in heaven. Neither can we doubt that he is sending out calls to us when we wander foolishly off the right road. Unfortunately for ourselves, we can refuse to listen to these calls. We can turn a deaf ear to God's offer of mercy and grace. If we do, one of our greatest sources of sorrow and regret in our future life will be that, while we still had a chance to repent, our stubbornness made us refuse to listen to our loving Father's calls to repentance. Zacchaeus was not so stubborn, in fact, he became an exemplar of the right attitude towards riches (19:8), thereby providing a contrast to the rich man of Luke 18:18-23 who would not let go of his attachment to his wealth. The story of his conversion is put before us today, not as a matter of historical interest, but as a matter of vital spiritual interest. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is approaching each one of us today by means of this very lesson that we have read. Let each one of us try to see what Jesus is like. He is a loving brother who died that we might live, a fellowman who suffered tortures that we might have eternal joy. He was also the Son of God, the God of infinite love. At the same time, let Jesus see us as we really are. Let us expose and confess to him all our earthly weaknesses and injustices against God and neighbour.

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Psalm 62:1





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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, Romeo Laxa and Violet Prabu.



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.

ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEPTION 2023: We would like to invite prospective parents to our Open Mornings on 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

FAREWELL TO FR. FRANCIS: It is with sadness that we learn that Fr. Francis is leaving Marychurch and St Peter's to take up a new parish role in Liverpool. His last mass will be on Sunday, 30th October at Marychurch and after the 11am mass we will have his farewell party at Marychurch hall. We very much look forward to you all attending this special event to say THANK YOU for the sacramental and spiritual support he has provided to all of us and acknowledge with gratitude the extra, often private and individual help he has offered to those in need. It would be wonderful if everyone could attend and show their appreciation and provide a 'Bring and Share lunch' - a main or desert would be much appreciated.

There is plenty of free parking on a Sunday opposite Hatfield station behind the Great Northern pub or for a small fee at Hatfield Station where you can park all day for about £2.

MC: RECYCLING: Ink cartridges recycling for CAFOD continues. Please leave used and unwanted cartridges in the right hand cupboard at the back of Marychurch. Thank you.

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

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 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: FENCE: The fence in the back garden at St Peter's has been fixed. Many thanks for your kind donations towards the cost of repairs.

SP: 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 on Wednesday, November 16th from 7pm-9pm.

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.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: The appeal for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund takes place on Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th November 2022. It is of paramount importance that all priests after a life-time of service, receive support and it is a fundamental part of the mission of the Diocese of Westminster. The cost of caring for our retired clergy is continuing to rise, with the number of priests reaching retirement age increasing year by year. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. Donation envelopes will be available at all masses and you can also give online, by scanning the QR code on the envelopes and posters. Cardinal Vincent thanks all parishes for our kind participation and continued support. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy: active, retired and ill.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Masses are offered throughout the month of November for the faithful departed. Envelopes are available at both Church entrances and exits for you to enclose the names you wish to pray for and for your mass donation as well.

ALL SAINTS: Tuesday, 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holyday of obligation. Mass will be on Tuesday, 9.30am at Marychurch and St Peter's. Evening mass, 7.00pm at St Peter's.

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