

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 03/12	6.00pm	Bill & Raynah Watson RIP	10.30am	
Sun 04/12	9.30 am STM  11.00am	McIntyre & Beckett (Deceased Family members)  Helen Conteh RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	All travellers living and dead
Mon 05/12	7.00pm	John Van Dongen RIP		No Mass
Tue 06/12	9.30am	Sister Dorothy Brown RIP	9.30am	Tessa George Thanksgiving
Wed 07/12	9.30am		7.00pm	
Thur 08/12	9.30am		9.30am	
Fri 09/12		No morning Masses at both Parishes	6.30pm- 7.45pm	Christmas Retreat for both Parishes
Sat 10/12	6.00pm		10.30am	Mass & Christmas Confessions
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 35:1-6.10. St James 5: 7-10. Gospel Matthew 11:2-11				

#### 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 paperwork.  
 CONFESSIONS: MC = Saturday: 5.30—5.50pm. SP = Saturday 11-12.30pm (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: 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 = During 11am mass. Except 1st Sunday when there is  
 Except 1st Sunday CHILDREN'S MASS.  
 RCIA: Want to become a Catholic, or find out more? Are you an adult Catholic wanting confirmation? Please  
 contact Parish Clergy or Philip Crabtree : 07379497097.  
 MASS & HALL BOOKINGS: Please note all masses and hall bookings are on a first come basis. Masses may  
 be booked by telephone, online or filling out a mass intention request.  
 Hall bookings may be booked by telephone or online, through the Parish Office.  
 FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Clergy before making any funeral arrangements to prevent Church  
 diary overload.

#### Holy Father's intention for the month of December: For Non-Profit Organisations.

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Westminster



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+ 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A  
 Sunday, 4th December 2022

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 11:1-10; 2. St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9; Gospel Matthew 3:1-12. Psalm: 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17. *In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Dear Parishioners, the first reading from the prophet Isaiah underscores thus "there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his root." Now, a stump is the last part of a tree that is left in the ground to naturally die when a tree is cut down. Yet, it is from the stump of Jesse that a shoot blossomed. This clearly depicts the background of Jesus who was born in a poor, humble and not well-known family of Mary and Joseph the Carpenter from Nazareth which Nathaniel derided thus "can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46). Apparently, from this stump of Nazareth comes the miracle worker, ruler and Saviour of the world. This is to teach us that, no matter our background, limitations or seemingly hopeless situation, God can use us to achieve great things and make us stand out as sign of his glory if we have strong faith in Him and in ourselves.

In the Gospel, we are led to a pilgrimage at River Jordan to be schooled by John the Baptist who preached the gospel of repentance and conversion which are key to adequate preparation for Advent. John calls us to free ourselves from those earthly attachments that turn us away from God; in addition, he calls us to treat one another with love and respect, also to level every mountain that might impede God entering into our hearts and repent of our indifference towards God and even our environment. Most importantly, he calls us to repent of sin against charity. May God help us to heed to this

*Good, Better, Best. Never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best. St Jerome.*



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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 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.

**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.

**MC: RECYCLED CHARITY CARDS:** The ultimate handmade recycled charity cards are available at Marychurch. Beautiful and unique cards with all funds raised going towards the Parish Refurbishment Fund.

**VINNIE PACKS:** The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.

**CAFOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Stuck for gift ideas? CAFOD gift catalogues are available at the back of both Churches. They are packed with useful gifts which will benefit people in developing countries. CAFOD always through local 'partners' so you can be sure that the gifts will really make a difference.

**ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEPTION 2023:** We would like to invite prospective parents to our Open Morning on Thursday, 8th December at 9.30am. The 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](mailto: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](http://www.sphoward.herts.sch.uk)

**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, Leonora Mashumba, Anna Lodge, Pauline Redottee, David & Margaret Grundy, Elizabeth McLoughlin and Josephine Boyd.

**SP: MORNING PRAYER:** 9.10am before morning mass Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Violet, Annah and Chidera. **FLOWERS:** Roshan & Harshani

**SP & MC: SVP HAMPERS:** The SVP are collecting food donations for Christmas hampers for those in need. Please bring hamper food donations by Sunday 11th December. See back of church for sample products required. THANK YOU

**SP & MC: PARISH YOUTH CLUBS:** Our older Youth Club for children aged 12+ continues on Fridays 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 at 5pm, entry fee is £2. Please contact Caroline at [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk) or 07557 819858 for further information.

**SP: FINANCE MEETING:** Please could all Finance Committee Members endeavour to attend the Finance Meeting at St Peter's on Tuesday, 6th December 2022, 7.00pm.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Wednesday, 7th December 2022: Marychurch Mass at 9.30am, St Peter's Church, 7.00pm Vigil Mass. On Thursday, 8th December 9.30am mass at both Churches.

**SP & MC: CHRISTMAS RETREAT:** We are having a Christmas Retreat for all Parishioners from both Parishes on Friday, 9th December 2022 from 6.30pm - 7.45pm. Prayers, reflection and adoration. Please note, there will be no morning masses this coming Friday.

**SP: CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:** On Saturday, 10th December 2022 there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession after morning mass at St Peter's Church.

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