

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 10/12	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	Christmas Confessions & Mass James Family Thanksgiving
Sun 11/12	9.30 am STM  11.00am	O'Hagan & Mulholland Deceased Family Members  Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	L & C Robertson's Wedding Anniversary
Mon 12/12	7.00pm			No Mass
Tue 13/12	9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman RIP	9.30am	
Wed 14/12	9.30am		9.30am	
Thu 15/12		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 16/12	6.30pm	Christmas Confessions & Mass	9.30am	
Sat 17/12	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 7:10-14 2. St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7 Gospel Matthew 1:18-24				

#### 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 11-12.30pm (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 **CHILDREN'S MASS.**

**MORNING PRAYER:** SP = 9.10am before morning mass Tues, Wed and Fri

**RCIA:** Want to become a Catholic, or find out more? Are you an adult Catholic wanting confirmation? Please contact the 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.

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**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 volunteer not for profit organisations (charities). We pray the 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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*+ 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A  
Sunday, 11th December 2022*

**READINGS:** 1. Isaiah 35:1-6; 2. St James 5:7-10; Gospel Matthew 11:2-11. Psalm: 145:6-10. *Come, Lord, and save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as 'Gaudete Sunday' which means "Rejoice Sunday." We are called to rejoice because the coming of our Messiah is near. The first reading began by saying "the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom." Additionally, St. Paul echoed in his letter to the Philippians (4:4) thus "rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say to you rejoice." St Paul wrote this letter while in prison, where he should be worried instead of rejoicing. Why?

We have to understand joy as a Christian virtue and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not something dependent on any external conditions or material things. Rather, it depends on one's intimate relationship with God. A person who knows that the Lord is with him at all times always has reason to rejoice no matter how good or ugly circumstances around him/her might be because the joy of the Lord is his/her strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

Unfortunately, many Christians are suffering from symptoms of misplacement of priorities by placing the source of their joy on wrong foundation like money, alcohol, drug, friends, connections and material possessions/concerns. These things can only make us, for a short time, comfortable or happy because they can vanish with time. This misplacement accounts for some cases of suicide, depression, mental breakdown, divorce, violence and anger etc. May our celebration of Gaudete Sunday help us to re-discover that real joy comes from a person's faith in the Lord.

*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 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.

**MC: CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:** On Friday, 16th December 2022 there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, 6.30pm - 7.45pm at Marychurch.

**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 work through local 'partners' so you can be sure that the gifts will really make a difference.

**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: REPOSITORY SHOP:** The Repository shop is open for Christmas cards, ornaments, nativity sets, Christmas gifts and lots of items for under £5. We can now accept payment by card - please pay a visit after mass.

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Mavis, Augustine, Evangeline and Margaret Fernandes

**SP: FLOWERS:** Mary, Pauline and Theresa

**SP: EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:** There will be an evening of recollections and prayers for women at St Peter's on Wednesday, 14th December 2022 from 7pm - 9pm.

**SP & MC: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THE PARISH:** We are looking to appoint a part time Handyperson. This is a paid position. Please speak to Father Agbor or Father Innocent for further information.

**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 & MC: SVP HAMPERS:** The SVP are collecting food donation items for Christmas Hampers. Please bring food hamper donations by this Sunday. Please see the back of both Churches for sample products required. THANK YOU.

**SP & MC: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We will take up a second collection at both Churches this Sunday for Christmas flowers. Please assist the Parish with your generous donation. Thank you.

**SP: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH:** Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Acct Details: **Acct Name: WRCDT St Peter's Hatfield South, 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.