

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 17/12	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Sun 18/12	9.30 am STM  11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners All travellers living and dead
Mon 19/12	7.00pm			No Mass
Tue 20/12	9.30am		9.30am	Funeral of Helen Ryan
Wed 21/12	9.30am		9.00am	Mass at St Philip Howard School
Thu 22/12		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 23/12	9.30am		9.30am	
Sat 24/12	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Christmas Carols & Mass	9.30pm- 11.00pm	Christmas Carols & Mass
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 52:7-10 2. Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel John 1:1-18				

#### 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 Parish Clergy or Philip Crabtree : 07379497097.

**MASS BOOKINGS:** Please note all masses are on a first come basis. Masses may be booked by telephone, online or filling out a mass intention request.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Hall bookings may be booked by telephone or online, through the Parish Office, on first come basis.

**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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*+4th Sunday of Advent, Year A  
Sunday, 18th December 2022*

**READINGS:** 1. Isaiah 7:10-14; 2. St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7; Gospel Matthew 1:18-24. Psalm: 23:1-6. *Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' Alleluia!*

#### REFLECTION:

Today is the last Sunday of Advent and we are gradually approaching the celebration of the nativity of our Lord. In the First reading from the Prophet Isaiah, God gave us the most definitive sign about the Messiah thus "a maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom shall be call Emmanuel which means God is with us." It is important to note that this sign was given to King Ahaz only after he humbled himself by refusing to put God to test. The lessons here is that some times, we prefer our own Will instead of God's Will. We should allow God to be God without trying to pre-empt him but let his Will be done in our life. Secondly, if we humble ourselves before God, He will reveal to us the mysteries of his ways.

In the gospel, the focus shifts from John the Baptist towards Mary and Joseph.

The infancy narrative highlights the central role they played. Thus, they were human instruments God used in actualizing his divine plan. Despite the doubts, shame and confusion that were experienced at the extraordinary case of Mary's pregnancy. They submitted themselves to the mysterious workings of God, allowing God to actualize his own plan of salvation in his own way and manner. This is to teach us that God is ever active in our history and He comes to us through human agency and needs us to cooperate with Him. Are we ready and Willing like Mary and Joseph to cooperate with God to Save, support and protect humanity?

*O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it. Cleanse me from secret faults, O Lord. St Augustine.*



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

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