

+Nativity Of Our Lord, Year A
Sunday, 25th December 2022

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 24/12	From 4.30pm	Christmas Carols & Mass Kathleen Rhine RIP	9.30pm - 11.00pm	Christmas Carols & Mass Rajeev Johnson, Thanksgiving
Sun 25/12	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson RIP Ron & Doris Thomas RIP	9.00am 11.00am	Parishioners R & G Senanayake, 15th Wedding Anniversary
Mon 26/12	5pm		11.00am	Altar Servers' Mass
Tue 27/12			9.30am	Molly Edna Roberts RIP
Wed 28/12	9.30am			
Thu 29/12			9.30am	Carmel Palao RIP
Fri 30/12	9.30am			
Sat 31/12	6.00pm		10.00pm	Carson Family Intentions
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Numbers 6:22-27 2. St Paul to the Galatians 4: 4-7 Gospel Luke 2:16-21				

+Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Year A
Sunday, 1st January 2023

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Sat 31/12	6.00pm		10.00pm	Carson Family Intentions
Sun 01/01	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 02/01	7.00pm			
Tue 03/01	9.30am	Maurice C Ashwell RIP	9.30am	Noreen Savage's Intention
Wed 04/01	9.30am	Raynah Herbkersman Bday	9.30am	
Thu 05/01			7.00pm	Seena Vadasser & Family
Fri 06/01	9.30am		9.30am	Russell Sinfield's Intention
Sat 07/01	6.00pm		10.30am	Sinfield's deceased family members
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 60:1-6 2. St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6 Gospel Matthew 2:1-12				

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READINGS: 1. Isaiah 52:7-10; 2. Hebrews 1:1-6; Gospel John 1:1-18. Psalm: 97:1-6. *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.* Alleluia! Alleluia!! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

REFLECTION: One of the Advent songs "O come, O come Immanuel...." calls on God to come and manifest his presence and ransom his people from lonely exile; from Satan's tyranny and the depths of hell. The song further calls on God to come and cheer our spirit and disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's shadows around us. In fact, it is a distress call on God to come and save us from our many captivities. Today, we celebrate God's response to our desperate cry by taking human form (incarnation) and being as a child (nativity). Christmas, therefore, is a time we celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world which the name Immanuel (God is with us) signifies. A God who steps into our darkness, into our fears and troubles to transform them into light and courage. A God who condescend to become one with us in order to save us. This indeed is the greatest event in human history because it transformed the course of history and brought great joy to the world. We are called today to sing joyfully with the angels thus, "Joy to the world, the Lord had come, let earth receive her King..." We are also called to share this joy with those around us because joy is not a private gift but meant to be shared. Our smile, presence and gifts during this season matters so much to those who are lonely, poor, those without family and friends and those forgotten by the society. An anonymous author puts it succinctly, "somewhere, there is someone who dreams of your smile and finds in your presence that life is worth living."

WISHING OUR DEAR PARISHIONERS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. THE PARISH CLERGY WISH TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OVER THE YEAR.

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.

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.

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, 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: Rosha, Gami & Audrey

FLOWERS: Josephine

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

SP & MC: CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: SVP & Welwyn Hatfield schools partnership HAMPER APPEAL. To date 15 hampers have been created and are being delivered to families in need this Christmas. THANK YOU for your donations.

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 or 07557 819858 for further information.

SP & MC: BOOKING OF MASS: The Holy Mass is Our Lord's Perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it, we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving and in petition. If you wish to have a Holy Mass offered for any intention of yours, please contact the Parish Office or complete the mass intention envelope at the back of both Churches and give to the Parish Clergy. The Diocese encourages a voluntary offering of £10 for each mass intention.

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