

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC)		ST PETER'S (SP)	
Sat 14/01	6.00pm		10.30am	
Sun 15/01	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon 16/01	7.00pm			No mass
Tue 17/01	9.30am		9.30am	
Wed 18/01	9.30am	Monica Finnigan RIP	9.30am	Luigi Perdoni RIP
Thu 19/01		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 20/01	9.30am	A & H Josephides RIP	9.30am	
Sat 21/01	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 8:23-9:3 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Gospel Matthew 4:12-17				

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: 07933436387

HATFIELD SVP: Contact: 07960785673

CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY LISTER: John O'Neil: 01438285518.

TEA & COFFEE: After 11am Mass on Sunday at both parishes.

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. Hall bookings may be booked by telephone or online, through the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Please speak to the Parish Clergy before making any funeral arrangements.

Holy Father's intention for the month of January: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Westminster



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+ *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*
Sunday, 15th January 2023 (Peace Sunday)

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 49:3. 5-6; 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel John 1:29-34. Psalm: 39:2.4.7-10. Psalm. *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will! 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:

Today, the Church presents to us through the prophetic insights of Isaiah and John the Baptist, the: "Agnus Dei, qui tollit Peccata Mundi (Lamb of God, who takes away the Sins of the World)". This Lamb of God carried out with perfect obedience the Will of the Father which includes establishing his kingdom on earth, bringing sinners back to God, releasing the captive and dying for the sins of the world. What this means for us is that to be a Chosen One of God is to be ready and willing to do the Will of God. Therefore, we are called to pause and ask ourselves this Sunday, "as one chosen by God by the virtue of my baptism, am I making any effort to do the Will of God?"

In the gospel, John the Baptist showed the world her Saviour Jesus Christ. By this act, John completed his mission of doing the Will of God which is the reason he was called to be the forerunner of Christ. From this moment, John will decrease while Christ will increase by beginning his public ministry. Like John, what more does God expect from us than to lead others who have not known Jesus to Him. Through your advice to those in need you can help them to know Christ, the kind of gift you give can help others grow spiritually, your approach and manner of living can do the miracle in others to encounter Christ. All we need to do is to accept to do the Will of God and the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us the enablement. May the Holy Spirit guide our lives along the right path. Amen.

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>.

PAX CHRISTI: The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please support Pax Christi in their work of peace making, donation envelopes are available at the back of the Churches. Thank you.

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, Margret, Andrea and George **FLOWERS:** Mary & Christine

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.

SP & MC: ALTAR SERVERS: Congratulations to 20 of our altar servers who were enrolled in the Guild of St. Stephen on Monday, 26th December 2022. It was a beautiful to see our altar servers from Marychurch, St. Thomas More and St. Peter's Churches receive their medals. Many congratulations to Eirian and Eion who received their Certificate of Merit for their length of service.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Father Norbert, our current Dean, has been appointed a Canon. You are all invited to his installation on Tuesday, 7th February 2023, 4.45pm at Westminster Cathedral, London.

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