

| WEEKLY  | MARYCHURCH/STM (MC)       |                       | ST PETER'S (SP)                       |                                       |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat 21/01   | 6.00pm                    | Father Isaac Achi RIP | 10.30am                               |                                       |
| Sun 22/01   | 9.30 am<br>STM<br>11.00am | Parishioners          | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>2.00pm<br>6.00pm | Father Isaac Achi RIP<br>Parishioners |
| Mon 23/01   | 7.00pm                    |                       |                                       | No mass                               |
| Tue 24/01   | 9.30am                    |                       | 9.30am                                |                                       |
| Wed 25/01   | 9.30am                    |                       | 9.30am                                |                                       |
| Thu 26/01   |                           | No mass               | 7.00pm                                |                                       |
| Fri 27/01   | 9.30am                    |                       | 9.30am                                |                                       |
| Sat 28/01   | 6.00pm                    |                       | 10.30am                               |                                       |
| Next Sunday Readings: 1. Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31 Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 |                           |                       |                                       |                                       |

#### 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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**+ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**Sunday, 22nd January 2023**

**READINGS: 1. Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13.17;**  
**Gospel Matthew 4:12-23. Psalm: 26:1.4.13-14. Psalm. *The Lord is my light and my help. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!***

#### REFLECTION:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today, both the first reading and the gospel opine thus: "the people who walk in darkness have seen a great light..." This statement encapsulates the mission of Jesus as he begins his public ministry around the sea of Galilee which is the ideal site because of its cosmopolitan nature and a Gentile territory. He brought the light of God to a darkened world through his life, action and preaching. He also called Peter, Andrew, James and John to be his followers (Apostles). These men left everything behind and followed him to become his light-bearers to the world. The Apostles in-turn begets us who are the new Israelites and Christ light-bearers in our contemporary world. Thus the hymn "Light of Christ, light our way, light our way as we go" challenges us.

To radiate this light to others, we must try and be united among ourselves under one God, one faith, one Church, live honestly and support each other in love which are a testimonies of who we are. This is what the second reading invites us thus "I urge you brethren... that you agree among yourself in what you say and that there be no division among you, but be united in mind and heart." We are called to know that united we will stand and succeed, but if divided, we will fall. Secondly, by believing and proclaiming with conviction the good news of Christ which is the gospel of peace, hope, joy, healing, victory and salvation to others. This gospel is the power of God which gives us the courage to transform our lives and the wisdom on how to live as sons and daughters of God. May our lives be guided by the light of Christ. 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>.

**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.

**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: FLOWERS:**

**SP: LECTIONARY:** Thank you to everyone who generously supported our donation appeal for a new Lectionary. We have ordered the new books and will be using them at all masses.

**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: MSP, ANNUAL ST PAUL'S DAY CELEBRATION:** The Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria cordially invite you to their annual St Paul's day celebration (mass, followed by a reception in Amigo Hall) on Friday, 27th January 2023, 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY. There will be a collection for the MSPs to help support their continued good works after mass at all Churches this Sunday. Please speak to the Parish Clergy for further information. It is with profound sorrow, we inform you of the death of Father Isaac Achi, a beloved member of our MSP community. He died following a fire at his Parish in Nigeria, Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church. May he rest in peace and we pray for him.

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