

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 28/01	6.00pm	Frs Agbor & Innocent, msps	10.30am	S & V Alexander RIP
Sun 29/01	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Richel M Siriwardena, 2nd Birthday	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Jim Meara RIP Oonagh Watters, Birthday All travellers living & dead Parishioners
Mon 30/01	7.00pm	Paul Sutton, Thanks		No mass
Tue 31/01	9.30am	Father Isaac Achi RIP	9.30am	Father Isaac Achi RIP
Wed 01/02	9.30am	Kathleen Rhine RIP	9.30am	John Michael Houlihan RIP
Thu 02/02		No mass	7.00pm	Asini, Health
Fri 03/02	9.30am		11.00am	Funeral Mass of Margaret Ward
Sat 04/02	6.00pm	Jane Fisher	10.30am	Dalia Mercy, Thanks
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 58:7-10, 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5, Gospel Matthew 5:13-16				

#### 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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+ *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*  
*Sunday, 29nd January 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; 2. Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12.** Response to Psalm 145:7-10 *How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

#### REFLECTION:

The virtue of humility and being poor in spirit stands out in today's readings. The first reading exhorts everyone to seek the Lord and stay humble; also, the gospel exalts the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Humility therefore is the virtue that makes us aware of our dependency on God and the acceptance of who we are before God. Additionally, it is the longing of the human heart to be satisfied by God instead of material things. Indeed, it is the mother of all virtues without which no one can please God or attain true happiness.

The eight beatitudes which Jesus presents to us in the gospel are not new commandments but a kind of practical roadmap to true happiness and finding favour in the sight of God. They confront us with the decisive choice concerning worldly standards and values which lead to destruction. The standards of Christ lead to true happiness and eternal life. This is so because when one is poor in spirit, there is enough space in his heart to possess God as the ultimate treasure and dependency on God as the source of everything he/she has. That is why a humble person can sing thus "O Lord, you are my God for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting, my body pines for you like a dry weary land without water" (Psalm 62). My dear brothers and sisters, let us seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and every other thing we need will be added unto us (Mt. 6:33). God Loves You !!!

*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, '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.

**VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD:** CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join in our mission here in the Westminster Diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in Parishes about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of volunteer meetings in Oakwood, London, N14 on Wednesday, 1st February 2023. Please contact Tony, 0208 449 6970 at CAFOD for further details.

**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.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:** On Saturday, 11th February 2023, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral, 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered. Please visit the Diocese of Westminster website for further information and to register for a ticket.

**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:** Violet and Annah **FLOWERS:** Olive

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

**SP & MC: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTIONS FOR WOMEN:** Please note the following dates for the evenings of recollections and prayers for women at St Peter's, 15th February, 15th March, 19th April and 17th May starting at 6.00pm.

**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 [hatfielddiary@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfielddiary@rcdow.org.uk) or 07557 819858 for further information.

**SP & MC:** We are approaching the end of the financial tax year and are working on the Parish accounts and gift aid. Please notify the Parish Office in strictest confidence, if your personal circumstances have changed e.g., change of address, redundancy etc. The Gift Aid Department need to be kept informed of any change that may affect claiming gift aid. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SP & MC: MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL:** There will be a collection for the Missionary Society of St Paul's at all masses this weekend to help support their continued good works. Thank you for your generosity.

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