

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 07/01	6.00pm		10.30am	Sinfield Family RIP
Sun 08/01	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Fr Sam Igabafe, msp Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Fr Sam Igabafe, msp Andrea Ferdenzi, 85th Birthday Parishioners
Mon 09/01	7.00pm	James O'Neill RIP		No mass
Tue 10/01	9.30am		9.30am	V D Dominic
Wed 11/01	9.30am		9.30am	
Thu 12/01		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 13/01	9.30am	R & K Herbkersman RIP	9.30am	
Sat 14/01	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. 12-14 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3 3:12-21 Gospel John 1:29-34				

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 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.

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+ *The Baptism of The Lord, Year A*
Sunday, 08th January 2023

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 2. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Gospel Matthew 3:13-17. Psalm: 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-13. Psalm. 'The Lord will bless his people with peace.' Alleluia! Alleluia!! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

REFLECTION: The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of his public ministry. It is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity. Hence, Jesus' Baptism by John was a very important event. First it was a moment of identification with us sinners, though Jesus was sinless, He received the Baptism of repentance to identify Himself with His people whom he has come to save. Secondly, it was a moment of conviction about Jesus' identity and mission. The voice of the Father was heard saying, 'this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased' confirms He is the son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and save the world. Third it was a moment of empowerment for the mission, with the Holy Spirit descending and resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove, bestowing on Him the power to the good news, to heal the sick.

The Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. By our own Baptism, we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters to one another, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven. Jesus' Baptism also reminds us of our mission to proclaim the good news of God's salvation and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by loving them and serving them in humility. To live as children of God in thought, word and action and grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, participating in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lastly, it is a day to thank God for the graces we received in Baptism which made us sons and daughters of God and renew our Baptismal promises.

On behalf of the Parish Clergy and Parish Team, we thank you for the gifts, cards and kind words. Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped to create a welcoming environment and rich liturgies during 2022. We give thanks to God for all He has given to us and we pray for His continued blessings in the year ahead.

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 both 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: READERS' MEETING: There is a training meeting for all readers at St Peter's Church on Friday 13th January 2023, 6pm - 7pm or Saturday 14th January 2023, 12noon - 1pm. Please note, only one meeting needs to be attended. Thank you.

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.

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