

| WEEKLY MASSES  | MARYCHURCH/STM (MC)<br>Mass times and intentions |                                   | ST PETER'S (SP)<br>Mass times and intentions |   |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Sat 25/02  | 6.00pm   | Harry Parkes RIP                  | 10.30am                                      | Ann Marie Lavin RIP   |
| Sun 26/02  | 9.30 am<br>STM<br>11.00am                        | Parishioners<br>Lynette Belch RIP | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>2.00pm<br>6.00pm        | Parishioners<br>Mary Marron RIP<br>All travellers living & dead |
| Mon 27/02  | 7.00pm   | Clara Sokala                      |  | No mass   |
| Tue 28/02  | 9.30am   |                                   | 9.30am                                       | Basilio Calisto Noronha RIP                                     |
| Wed 01/03  | 9.30am   | Chapman Family RIP                | 9.30am                                       | Martin Ward RIP   |
| Thu 02/03  |  | No mass                           | 7.00pm                                       |   |
| Fri 03/03  | 9.30am   | George & Lily Simpson             | 9.30am                                       |   |
| Sat 04/03  | 6.00pm   |                                   | 10.30am                                      |   |
| Next Sunday Readings: 1. Genesis 12:1-4 2. St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 |  |                                   |  |   |

#### 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 February, for Parishes.* We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Westminster



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+ *The First Sunday of Lent, Year A*  
*Sunday, 26th February 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7; 2. Romans 5:12-19; Gospel. Matthew 4:1-11. Response to Psalm 50:3-6.12-14. 17. Have mercy on us, O lord, for we have sinned. Gospel Acclamation, Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

**REFLECTION:** A reflective way of looking at life is to see it as a struggle between sin and grace, selfishness and holiness. Our time on earth will be successful in the measure that we put aside sin and try to live by the grace of God. Today's Scriptures show two contrasting reactions to temptation. The first humans, Adam and Eve, are imagined as preferring their own inclinations to the will of God. Jesus, the Saviour, on the contrary resisted temptation, remaining faithful to what God the Father required of him. St Paul reflects on how these choices affect ourselves: Adam's sin brought trouble on all, but we are saved and offered new life because of the fidelity of Christ.

Temptation in one form or another is an unavoidable part of life. If we honestly examine our daily experience, we can find many aspects of temptation: impulses or tendencies counter to the right way of doing things. Our real growth to Christian maturity comes by acknowledging and accepting the vocation of struggling against temptation, to achieve the kind of behaviour and attitudes Jesus expects. We must submit our behaviour to his gospel. Christ and Adam show the two opposite reactions in face of temptation: Adam, archetype of sinful, evasive, self-seeking humanity, finds plausible reasons to yield to it, and rebels against God's will. Jesus, archetype of the new God-seeking man, resists temptation even repeatedly. It can only be conquered by this blend of patience and loyalty, supported by trust that what God requires of us is what is best for us.

God Loves You!!

*'All things pass; God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. They who have God, find they lack nothing. God alone suffices.'* St Teresa of Avila



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**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Clara Sakala, Sr Jo, Martina Knightly, Anne Owens, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, 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.

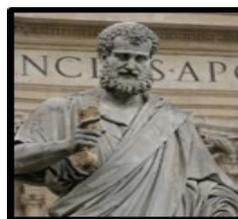
**MC: VOLUNTEER CLEANING:** We need more volunteers to help clean our beautiful Marychurch. Are you available to help with cleaning, on Thursday or Saturday morning even just once a month? Please fill in your contact details on the volunteer cleaning sign up sheet and a member of the Parish team will be in touch. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2023:** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis are still making daily life harder for all. The crisis is not over. The Church continues to respond with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal in whatever way they can. Those who may not be able to give financially, your time is a precious commodity. Please take a donation envelope from the back of the Churches. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD: FAMILY FAST DAY, FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023:** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY:** The Annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday, 13th May 2023 at 2.30pm, for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full details on the Diocese of Westminster website.

**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



**CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT HERTS UNIVERSITY:** If anyone has accommodation available to rent, or is able to offer employment opportunities for the students, please contact the Parish Clergy or Parish Office. Let's help our Catholic students settle down well.

**SP: REPOSITORY SHOP: - NEW STOCK - NEW STOCK - NEW STOCK** We have new stock in for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation; beautiful sterling silver crosses and chains and lots more - come in and have a look. Sadly the card machine is not working so we can only take cash payment at the moment.

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Victoria, Anthonia & Nneka **FLOWERS:** Roshan & Harshani

**SP & MC: PARISH YOUTH CLUBS:** We run a fun filled youth club for children ages 8 to 11 (school class years 3 to 6) every Friday in St. Peter's Church Hall at 5 to 6 p.m. Entry fee is £2 with a tuck shop available. Please encourage your children to attend. Please contact Caroline at [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk) or 07557 819858 for more information.

**SP & MC: SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUPS:** Our Youth Groups have been running for a couple of years and as part of a team building exercise, we would like to take them on a local outing. The Youth Groups are looking to hold a **table top sale after the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March** to raise funds for this event. We welcome any unwanted gifts or new items that we can use to generate funding for the trip. We will also have a cake sale so if any aspiring bakers out there are willing to make cake or two, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Please bring any items that might be suitable and leave in the foyer or by the shop at the back of the church. Cake donations will need to be brought to the Church on the day of the sale. The event will be run by some of our youth members and volunteers, your support is very much appreciated. It will be a cash only event. Anyone wishing to sell their own items can buy a table for £10 - please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 for further information.

**SP & MC:** Father Francis' Induction Mass will take place on Friday, 10th March, 7.00pm at his new parish - SS Peter and Paul Presbytery, 1 Apostles Way, Tower Hill, Kirby, Liverpool, L33 1UX.

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