

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 11/02	6.00pm		10.30am	
Sun 12/02	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Patrick Heanue RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners Nisha Dominic, Intention All travellers living & dead Susan Greig RIP
Mon 13/02	7.00pm	R & K Herbkersman RIP		No mass
Tue 14/02	9.30am	Canon Arrowsmith	9.30am	Elias Michael RIP
Wed 15/02	9.30am		9.30am	Tony & Eleni Josephides RIP
Thu 16/02		No mass	7.00pm	Annah Mhishi Birthday
Fri 17/02	9.30am	E & G Waterman RIP	9.30am	Luigi Perdoni RIP
Sat 18/02	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18, 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23, Gospel Matthew 5:38-48				

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.

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+ *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*
Sunday, 12th February 2023

READINGS: 1. Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; 2. Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37. Response to Psalm 118:1-2.4-5.17-18 They are happy who follow God's law. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

REFLECTION:

The gospel recorded that Jesus came as the Lamb of God who takes away the Sins of the world (John 1:29). This implies to take away sin completely both in words, actions and thoughts. There are many Christians who think that following Jesus simply consists in not committing sin but have no love in their hearts. This is the way of minimalism. Such a person believes that he can be saved by simply following the letters of the law. However, God is not pleased with the minimum, that's why he challenges us in today's gospel thus: "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." In other words, fulfilling God's law is not only by obeying the letters of the law; but by living out the true spirit of the law, which is Love. That is why Christ stated categorically " I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to perfect them."

Therefore, obeying God's law should not be seen a burden but the way to learn how to love God and humanity, and become members of His family. How ugly is it to see Christians who are devoted to the Church but discriminate against persons from another race or tribe. The bottom line is that love of God should be the motivating force of our action. Therefore, the practice of daily examination of conscience in the night before one sleeps might be helpful in examining our shortcomings during the day and asking God to purify us. Through such exercise, we advance in our spiritual life and grow in virtue. God loves you!!

'Pray, hope and don't worry.' Padre Pio



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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: VOLUNTEER CLEANING: We need more volunteers to help clean our beautiful Marychurch. Are you available to help with cleaning, 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.

CONCERT TO BLOW AWAY THE WINTER BLUES!: 'The Friends of the Holy Land' support Christians in need in the Holy Land. They have organised a concert at Westminster on Thursday, 16th February 2023 featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by the famous trio of singers, 'The Priests'. It is a privilege that permission for this concert has been given in this sacred space, renowned for its marvellous acoustics, to bring this powerful combined performance to you. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets, starting at £20 are available through Eventbrite or search LWMVC Concert at Westminster Cathedral or by calling the office - 01926 512980.

CARITAS GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY DEBTS: People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. Please visit <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focuson/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

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



BAPTISMS: The parish communities welcome Julius McCadden (St Peter's) who will be baptised on Saturday, 11th February, 10.30am and Sebastian Stezaly (Marychurch) on Sunday, 12th February, 11am. Please pray for them as they continue to develop their Catholic faith.

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 and Nneka **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: EVENING OF RECOLLECTIONS FOR WOMEN: Please note the following date for the evening of recollections and prayers for women at St Peter's, Wednesday, 15th February, 7-9pm. Meditations by Monsignor Nicholas Morrish, Confession and Benediction. A chance to take time out and reflect.

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 hatfielddyouth@rcdow.org.uk or 07557 819858 for more 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.

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