

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 18/02	6.00pm		10.30am	
Sun 19/02	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Sebastian Stezaly, 2nd Birthday	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Sunanda Senanayake RIP Parishioners All travellers living & dead
Mon 20/02	7.00pm	Father Francis		No mass
Tue 21/02	9.30am	Father Steel	9.30am	
Wed 22/02	9.30am	M & M Hanni RIP	9.30am 7.00pm	
Thu 23/02		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 24/02	9.30am		9.30am	
Sat 25/02	6.00pm	Harry Parkes RIP	10.30am	Marie Lavin RIP
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 49:14-15, 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 4:1-5 Gospel Matthew 6:24-34				

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 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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*+Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
 Sunday, 19th February 2023*

READINGS: 1. Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18; 2. Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48. Response to Psalm 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13 The Lord is compassion and love. Alleluia! Alleluia!! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him. Alleluia!

REFLECTION: If someone offends or tries to take advantage of you, how would you respond? This is the pertinent question addressed in today's readings. There are two ways we can respond. One is by the principle of retribution as commanded by Moses in the Old Testament also known as "an eye for an eye law" or "tit for tat law." This was seen as a means of administering equal justice so that neither the offender nor the offended would feel unjustly treated. Hence, it does not advocate for street justice but served as a standard used by the authorities in administering penalties. The problem with this standard is rightly articulated by Ghandi thus "an eye for an eye would make the whole world blind." Additionally, it does not ensure amicable settlement of conflict.

However Jesus calls us to a different and higher standard of life; the life of grace and holiness. In the gospel, he gave us the principle of non-retaliation and love as a way of life, saying thus "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...." He taught that not only must his disciples reject all behaviours associated with retaliation but rather must work positively for the good and conversion of their enemies. This is mirrored after the example of Christ who did not retaliate when slapped and even prayed for his executioners while hanging on the cross. No doubt this teaching is difficult to live by, but it is not impossible. Therefore, we need the grace of God to help us. 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: 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.

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.

CAFOD: SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: CAFOD is responding with the support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible allowing our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquake and the winter weather. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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



WELCOME: We would like to welcome Alistair Carling from St. Peter's and Mia Bray from Marychurch to the Catholic faith this weekend. Please pray for them as they prepare for their Baptisms in the next month.

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: Chinonso, Anna, Julia & Easter

FLOWERS: Roshan & Harshani

SP & MC: ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, 22nd February 2023 is Ash Wednesday. Masses at 9.30am, Marychurch and 9.30am and 7.00pm at St Peter's Church. There will also be mass at St Philip Howard School at 2.00pm.

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 hatfielddouth@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, 5th 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.

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