

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 04/03	6.00pm	Michael Brennan RIP	10.30am	
Sun 05/03	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Nora Ding	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners Peter Reader All travellers living & dead Dalia Mercy
Mon 06/03	7.00pm	Fr Geoffrey Webb		No mass
Tue 07/03	9.30am		9.30am	Giulio & Sara Pipe
Wed 08/03	9.30am		9.30am	
Thu 09/03		No mass	7.00pm	Madeleine Buckley RIP
Fri 10/03	9.30am		9.30am	
Sat 11/03	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Exodus 17:3-7 2. St Paul to Romans 5: 1-2. 5-8 Gospel John 4:5-42				

#### 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: 5.15 - 5.50pm. SP: Saturday 11am - 12noon (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 March - For victims of abuse.* We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Westminster



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+ *Second Sunday of Lent, Year A*  
*Sunday, 5th March 2023*

**READINGS:** 1. Genesis 12:1-4; 2. St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10; Gospel. Matthew 17:1-9. Response to Psalm 32:4-5. 18-20.22. *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. Gospel Acclamation, Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Blessed. Listen to him.'* *Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

**REFLECTION:** The second Sunday of Lent highlights the call and vocation of Abraham. He obeyed the voice of God and set out on a journey to an unknown destination. His faith in God guided him through the long and hazardous journey to the promised land where he became the father of all nations. Likewise, the life of every Christian is one that is called and guided by God to the place He has planned. Lent calls us to leave our old and bad habits and follow Christ to the mountain of transfiguration. Let us not be scared of letting go our old and bad habits during this Lent so that we can be transform into new creature.

The gospel narrates the transfiguration event. Jesus took three of his beloved disciples up to the mountain. The pertinent question is why did Jesus do this? (1) - To prepare their minds to see beyond the scandal of the cross, because the Apostles were disturbed when Christ told them about his coming passion and death; but, what they experienced on the mountain would strengthen their faith to endure sufferings for Christ's sake. (2) - To show the Apostles his real identity as God because they had been confused about who Christ was. Additionally, the presence of Moses and Elijah are authentic in his mission as the Messiah who has come to perfect the law and the prophets. The message for us is not to relent or give up in our Lenten observances no matter how painful or difficult because there is reward at the end. 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, 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: 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.

**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. All are very welcome.

**EVENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** We are really pleased to inform you that the CYM Team have agreed to come to St Hugh's of Lincoln, Letchworth, on Monday, 24 April 2023 to run another summit session for confirmation candidates. It will start at 7:15pm with pizza/shared meal and games in our Parish Hall, then we move into the Church for some reflection, testimony and finish with Adoration and guided reflection, the evening would aim to be finished by 9:15pm. Please contact St Hugh's of Lincoln R C Church by Monday, 6th March 2023 if you are interested in attending.

**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: CHURCH CLEANING:** Roshan, Gami & Audrey **FLOWERS:** Audrey, Mary & Theresa

**SP & MC: EVENING OF RECOLLECTIONS FOR WOMEN:** Please note the following date for the evening of recollections and prayers for women at St Peters - Wednesday, 15th March, from 6pm. Confession and Benediction, a chance to take time and reflect.

**SP: ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** There will be altar servers training on Saturday, 18th March 2023, 12 noon at St Peter's. All altar servers are encouraged to attend.

**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 holding 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. Please come and support the Youth Group - lots of items for everyone. Come and have a look and please note, 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: SOCIAL EVENT:** We are keen to restart our social events at St. Peter's. On Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting a Race Night which we can guarantee will be a fun-filled event. Entry will be free with tea, coffee and soft drinks available for a small donation. Entry 7 pm for a 7.15 p.m. start. This is an active participation event so the more the merrier and we actively encourage you to bring friends for a fun night out.

**SP & MC: STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** During Lent we will have stations of the cross, every Friday, 7.00pm at St Peter's and Wednesday, 7.00pm at Marychurch. Please join us.

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