

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 11/03	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Sun 12/03	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Winifred Hannon Gawlik Family	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners All travellers living & dead
Mon 13/03	7.00pm	R & K Herbkersman		No mass
Tue 14/03	9.30am		9.30am	
Wed 15/03	9.30am		9.30am	James Luis Baron RIP
Thu 16/03		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 17/03	9.30am	Aqulina Gambe	9.30am	Luigi Perdoni RIP
Sat 18/03	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13 2. St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel John 9:1-41				

#### 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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+ *Third Sunday of Lent, Year A*  
*Sunday, 12th March 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Exodus 17:3-7; 2. St Paul to Romans 5:1-2.5-8; Gospel John 4:5-42.** Response to Psalm 94:1-2.6-9. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'. *Gospel Acclamation, Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world, give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

**REFLECTION:** Today, being the third Sunday of Lent, the Church encourages us to break all cultural barriers and prejudices in order to let the Living Water quench our thirst. The first reading narrates the ordeal the Israelites experienced in the wilderness, how they grumbled against Moses and God because they were thirsty. God instructed Moses to strike the rock from which came forth water. They drank and were satisfied. Both the rock and water that gushed out allegorically prefigured Christ, the rock of salvation and the Eternal Living Water.

The gospel presents a dialogue between Christ and the Samaritan woman; He offered her the Living Water that quenches every thirst. The discussion progressed to the woman opening up to her ugly past, surrendering her life to Christ and taking the gospel to her community. The lesson is that, we should not discriminate on the basis of race or religion. Jesus knew that the woman was a Samaritan (non-Jew). Yet, He went against the prejudices between Jews and Samaritans to approach her for a drink, which in turn led to her conversion and that of her community. Like Jesus, we must be ready to dialogue without prejudices so as to open up the possibility of conversion in others and thus lead them to the Living Water, because everyone is longing for the Living Water that quenches every thirst and wells up to Eternal life (Psalm 42). Peace be with you!

*'Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.'*  
*St. Anthony of Padua*



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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

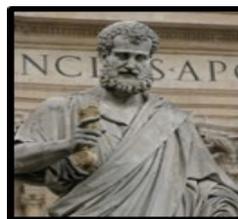
**MC: COFFEE MORNINGS:** Sundays after 11am mass, 'Lord you have need of my hands'... coffee, natter, create, care and plant club etc. Please support Father and the ladies that make the tea. Get to know people and what's happening in your parish.

**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.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:** Sunday, 16th April at Holy Family Church, 194 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7RQ. Prayers begin at 2.00pm with Holy Rosary, 2.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions, 3.50pm Benediction followed by Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. For full details, please ring Lucia Federici 07933 436387.

**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 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.



**St Peters Church, Hatfield South/Parish Secretary**  
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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 Richard Atkin.



**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.

**BAPTISM:** The parish communities welcomes Mia Bray (Marychurch) who will be baptised on Saturday, 11th March at 1pm. We congratulate her and her family.

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

**SP: YOUTH GROUP - TABLE TOP SALE:** The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated money, items, cakes and much more to help raise money for an outing later in the year. Your wonderful generosity raised £227.34, for which we are extremely grateful.

**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.

**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, 7-9pm. The theme for this month is 'Daily conversations of the heart'.

**SP & MC: MARY'S MEALS:** Please come along and support Mary's Meals on Saturday 18th March, 1pm to 3pm. Menu: Jacket potatoes with assorted fillings and salad followed by delicious puddings with tea/coffee. Suggested donation is £5 with children half price. It costs Mary Meals £19.15 to feed a child for a whole school year. Please contact Mary Faithful on 07596973001 for more information. Thank you.

**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: 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.

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