

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 18/03	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Sun 19/03	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Lynette Belch RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Joseph Fernandes All travellers living & dead
Mon 20/03	7.00pm	Kathy McDonald RIP	9.30am	
Tue 21/03	9.30am		9.30am	Divine Mercy Thanksgiving, G Pinto
Wed 22/03	9.30am		9.30am	Anthony Wainwright RIP
Thu 23/03		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 24/03	10.00am	Irene & James Collins RIP	7.00pm	
Sat 25/03	6.00pm	Michael Creighton & Mary Taylor	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ezekiel 37:12-14 2. St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11 Gospel John 11:1-45				

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.

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+ *Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A*
Sunday, 19th March 2023

READINGS: 1. **Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13;** 2. **St Paul to Ephesians 5:8-14;**
Gospel John 9:1-41. Response to Psalm 22.1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. *Gospel Acclamation, Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

REFLECTION: Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent is called 'Laetare Sunday' because it is marked by relaxation from the penitential character of the Lenten season. The Church exhorts us to be joyful and relax because Christ our shepherd illuminates and heals our blindness to give us spiritual vision. The first reading narrates how David was chosen as king. The Prophet Samuel followed God's instructions and did not rush into a fast decision by anointing any one as king. Instead, he waited patiently until the right candidate, David arrived. How often have we made wrong decisions because we are not patient for the right time or right person to arrive. Therefore, patience is the key in discerning the Will of God in our lives.

In the gospel, Jesus restores the sight of a man born blind. Here, he proves his care for the wellbeing of his flock especially the sick and the marginalised. Again, he broke the cultural and religious barriers in order to save the blind man by healing him on a sabbath day. This fulfils his mission as the one who has come to save and give life abundantly. The lesson we must learn from the drama between Christ, the blind man and the Pharisees include the man was obedient to the instruction "Go and wash in thy pool of Siloam." Secondly, we must be consistent with our words, faith and conviction. In spite of the intimidation by the Pharisees, the man that was healed remained truthful and firm without denying Christ, even when he was thrown out of the temple. May our faith remain unshakeable in the face of life's challenges. 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 07933436387.

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.



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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.

UNIVERSALIS: Please visit the Universalis website for daily mass readings, reflections and daily Christian art. You can also download the app, which is chargeable, but worth the small fee. 'Get the app - change your life!'

ROMERO MEMORIAL EVENSONG: Bishop Nicholas Hudson (auxiliary bishop of our diocese) will preach at Choral Evensong to mark the 43rd Anniversary of the martyrdom of St Oscar Romero in St Albans Cathedral on 19th March, 6pm. All are welcome.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Mavis, Margaret, Andrea, George & Joe

FLOWERS: Connie & Team

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: Our Day of Recollection and Penitential Service is on Friday, 24th March at 10am, Marychurch and 7pm, St Peter's.

SP & MC: SOCIAL EVENT: We are keen to restart our social events at St. Peter's. On Saturday, 25th 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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