

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 25/03	6.00pm	M. Creighton & M. Taylor	10.30am	Lyn Savage
Sun 26/03	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Matilda Maglin RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners Francis O'Donoghue All travellers living & dead
Mon 27/03	7.00pm		9.30am	
Tue 28/03	9.30am		9.30am	Anthony McDonagh
Wed 29/03	9.30am		9.30am	Teresa O'Donoghue & family
Thu 30/03		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 31/03	10.00am	Mass of Healing/Anointing	7.00pm	Mass of Healing/Anointing
Sat 01/04	6.00pm	Father Eddie Matthews	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 50:4-7 2. St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66				

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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+ *Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A*
Sunday, 26th March 2023

READINGS: 1. Ezekiel 37:12-14; 2. St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11; Gospel John 11:1-45. Response to Psalm 129. *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Gospel Acclamation, Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; who ever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

REFLECTION: The word 'grave' brings to mind the end of life and a place for the dead. The Church reminds us today that what gives life is the spirit of God and can raise us from our graves. The word 'grave' in the first reading metaphorically described the hopeless state of the Israelites in Babylonia captivity. They suffered because they abandoned the ways of God. However, the prophet Ezekiel announced a future of restoration thus, "I am now going to open your graves and lead you back to your own soil."

The restoration is fulfilled in the gospel by Christ with the raising of Lazarus from the dead. They are take home lessons for us. (1) The miracle is an expression of love. When Lazarus died, Jesus was told "the one whom you loved is dead." Jesus performed this miracle because He loved Lazarus and his sisters. How sweet it is to fall in love with Jesus. He is a trusted Friend who will come to our help when called. (2) Our faith is very necessary for any miracle to happen, because God does not impose miracles. That's why Jesus asked Martha "do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life?". (3) Why did Jesus not stop Lazarus from dying and delayed for four days before raising Him? Explaining the death of Lazarus and the delay, Jesus answered "this sickness will not end in death but in the glory of God, and through it, the Son of man will be glorified." Therefore brethren, when upon life billows and you are tempest tossed, call upon Christ for help and know that God' delay is not God's denial.

May God bless and keep 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: READERS FOR HOLY WEEK: There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church for reading during Holy Week. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

MC: ALTAR SERVERS: There will be Altar Servers training on Saturday, 1st April at 4.30pm. All Altar Servers from Marychurch and St Thomas More are encouraged to attend.

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. 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.

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!'

MARY'S MEALS: A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported our Mary's Meals' fundraising lunch last Saturday, 18th March. We raised £426 on the day plus £62.50 gift aid, making the total amount £488.50. It costs Mary's Meals £19.15 to feed a child for a school year, so £488.50 will feed 25 children for a school year. Thank you.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Victoria, Anthonia & Nneka
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.

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