

+ Passion Sunday, Year A
Sunday, 2nd April 2023

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 01/04	6.00pm	Father Eddie Matthews	10.30am	
Sun 02/04	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am	Seena Shajan's Thanks Parishioners
Mon 03/04	7.00pm	Bill & Raynah Watson		No Mass
Tue 04/04		No Mass		No Mass
Wed 05/04	9.30am	Paul Sutton's Intention	9.30am	James Luis Baron RIP
Thu 06/04	5.30pm		7.30pm	V Beaumont RIP & L Watts RIP
Fri 07/04	12 noon		3.00pm	Sanjeev Shajan's Thanks
Sat 08/04	5.30pm	Parishioners	9.00pm	M Fernandez & Family, Thanks
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Acts 10:34.37-43 2. Colossians 3:1-4 or First Corinthians 5:6-8 Gospel John 20:1-9				

+ Easter Sunday, Year A
Sunday, 9th April 2023

WEEKLY	MARYCHURCH/STM		ST PETER'S	
Sat 08/04	5.30pm	Parishioners	9.00pm	M Fernandez & Family, Thanks
Sun 09/04	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Father Ronald Cox Father James Wooloughan	9.00am 11.00am	Robert Parrott RIP Zora Davidson RIP
Mon 10/04	7.00pm			No Mass
Tue 11/04	9.30am	Sister Jo's Intention	9.30am	Jean Direke RIP
Wed 12/04	9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman	9.30am	
Thu 13/04		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 14/04	9.30am	Fisher Family's Intentions	9.30am	
Sat 15/04	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Acts 2.42-47 2. First Peter 1:3-9. 5-6 Gospel John 20:19-31				

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+ Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), Year A
Sunday, 02 April 2023

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 50:4-7; 2. Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66. Psalm: 21:8-9.17-20.23-24 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Gospel Acclamation, Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Reflection: Today begins Holy Week; unlike other weeks, it is the most solemn week in the life of the Church beginning with the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ. The week begins with the chanting of Hosanna on Palm Sunday, then changes into the scene of crucifixion which leads to death and finally the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Throughout the week, we will hear the sounds of betrayal, whipping and death; the sounds are piercing with Jesus' cry in a loud voice and then He gives up His spirit.

As we look at the passion narrative, we see a host of characters who each had a role to play that eventually led to Jesus' crucifixion. Think of Pilate who out of fear of the Jews condemned Jesus to death. What about Peter who denied him out of fear. Let's not forget Judas Iscariot, who betrayed his Master out of love for money. Also, can we talk about the crowd who sang Hosanna initially and then later the crowd changed and chanted, crucify him. What can we say about the heartless soldiers who flogged him mercilessly and nailed him to the cross. However, we miss the point when we blame the Jews for the death of Jesus without looking at ourselves. All this happened because of our sins. Once we realise that it was out of love for us which caused him to suffer such agony and endure a painful death to pay the debt of our sins. It should awaken in us sorrow for our sins; challenge us to suffer for the good of others and give us the reason to always say "Thank you Jesus." May Holy Week bear the fruits of renewal in our lives and may we be filled with graces through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: 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: 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.

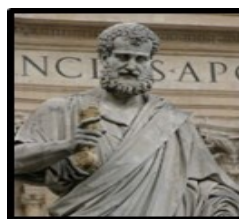
MC: ALTAR SERVERS: There will be Altar Servers training on Saturday, 1st April at 4.30pm. All Altar Servers from Marychurch and St Thomas More are encouraged to attend.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2023: Funds raised this year will be shared between; Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: Sunday, 16th April at Holy Family Church, Welwyn Garden City. 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.

UKRAINE: WHAT WE CAN DO: 1. Pray every day for peace and all those affected at home, at school, on the bus and of course at Mass. 2. Donate: CAFOD and Caritas are grateful for your monetary donations. Gift aided <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

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 Josephine Boyd.

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.'

THE PASSION, LONDON: The Passion of Jesus, live in Trafalgar Square, London. Good Friday, 7th April 2023, free performances 12 noon and 3.25pm. Please visit wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london for more information.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Roshan, Gami & Audrey
FLOWERS: Olive

MARY'S MEALS: A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported our Mary's Meals' fundraising lunch on 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 & 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: BOOKING OF MASS: The Holy Mass is Our Lord's Perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it, we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving and in petition. If you wish to have a Holy Mass offered for any intention of yours, please contact the Parish Office or complete the mass intention envelope at the back of both Churches and give to the Parish Clergy. The Diocese encourages a voluntary offering of £10 for each mass intention.

SP: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH: Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Acct Details: **Acct Name: WRCDT St Peter's Hatfield South, Sort Code - 40-05-20, Acct Number - 81094602.** We accept regular plate giving in cash or cheque. Thank you for donations or legacy in memory of your loved ones.