

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 29/04	6.00pm	Verona Modeste, Healing	10.30am	Stephen McDonagh, Healing
Sun 30/04	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Father Michael Steward's Int	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Melina & Tina Fernando, Birthday Wishes All travellers, living and dead Parishioners
Mon 01/05	7.00pm	Sister Jo		No mass
Tue 02/05	9.30am		12noon	Funeral, Bridget Mary McDonald, RIP
Wed 03/05	10.30am	Raynah Watson RIP	9.30am	John Brennan RIP
Thu 04/05		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 05/05	10.30am		9.30am	Roslin Perera RIP
Sat 06/05	6.00pm		10.30am	Anthony McDonagh
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Acts 6:1-7, 36-41 2. 1 Peter 2:4-9 Gospel John 14:1-12				

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 April: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by Countries and peoples.



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+ *Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A*
Sunday, 30th April 2023

READINGS: 1. Acts of the Apostles 2:14.36-41; 2. St Peter 2:20-25; Gospel John 10:1-10. Response to Psalm 22;1-6. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. *Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Today, we celebrate 'Good Shepherd Sunday' or 'Vocation Sunday' which highlights the various ways God cares, provides and protects us. The Old Testament speaks of God as the Shepherd of his people, thus, "the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" (Ps 23) and "we are his people, the sheep of his pasture" (Ps 80). In addition, the New Testament depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd, where it states, "I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me and I lay down my life for them." (John 10:11)

What can shepherding teach us about our relationship with God? Apparently, the shepherd will always take his sheep to greener pastures for feeding and bring them back to shelter at the end of the day. Each sheep can recognise the voice of the shepherd and follow at his beckoning. Additionally, so familiar was the voice of the shepherd to his sheep that each was called by a distinct name. The shepherd also protects his sheep from wild animals and is willing to lay down his life to save them. As a result, he usually sleeps at the door of the fold to ward off any attack. These qualities tell us how much God loves us, provides for us and is willing to protect us because we are his sheep. On your part, how much are you willing to follow the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd. If only we know the peace, security and the joy of submitting fully to Jesus, we will never go astray. Therefore, may the Lord keep your going-out and coming-in safe from every danger now and evermore. 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/coffee. 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: PENTECOST SUNDAY: Sunday, 28th May is Pentecost Sunday and Monday, 29th May is Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, our Feast day. We are planning to celebrate mass in different languages on Pentecost Sunday and will be holding a bring and share party after mass in the hall in celebration of both feasts. Please contact Cora on 07821 678818 for further information.

MC: FLOWERS: We need more volunteers to help with the flowers at Marychurch. Are you available to help with flower arranging? Please fill in your contact details on the volunteer sign up sheet and a member of the Parish team will be in touch. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday, 30th April, is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **5** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



SP: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We need more Eucharistic Ministers especially at the 11am mass. Please note, you can still be a Eucharist minister even if you work shifts and may not be available every Sunday. The Eucharistic minister rota is produced in advance and if needed, you can swap to accommodate work shifts or family commitments. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Roshan, Gami & Audrey
FLOWERS: Mary, Therese & Elsie

SP & MC: YOUTH CLUB KING'S CORONATION PARTY: Our Youth club will be having a party in honour of the King's Coronation for all the children, on Friday, 5th May from 5pm, free entry. Please bring your children along for some fun and games. Prizes, competitions, cakes, sandwiches and light refreshment for all.

SP & MC: OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND STANDING ORDERS: A thank you to parishioners using offertory envelopes as a means of supporting St Peter's Parish and our Priests. Most of the new boxes have now been issued, if you would like a box of envelopes, please inform the Parish Clergy or the Parish Office. Thanks are also due to parishioners who have set up a standing order to support the Parish. Remember, if you can gift aid your offerings, this increases the value by 25%. Thank you.

SP & MC: ROME PILGRIMAGE: We are planning a Parish pilgrimage to Rome, flying from Heathrow to Rome on Monday, 27th November returning Friday, 1st December 2023. £60 coach from St Peter's to Heathrow Airport, return £815 flight, coach from airport to hotel, hotel, half a day tour of Rome, daily mass, half board accommodation £68 Vatican City & St Peter's Basilica tour £943 total Please add travel insurance, lunches, spending money, (supplementary charges for single rooms, £82 per person and double room for single use, £105 per person). If a visa is required, it is the responsibility of parishioners to organise and apply for their own visa. Please note, if a deposit is paid and you fail to secure a visa and therefore can not travel to Rome, your deposit is lost.

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