

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 06/05	6.00pm		10.30am	Anthony McDonagh
Sun 07/05	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Euphrasia Ndi, Healing	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Francis O'Donoghue Andrew Penman RIP All travellers, living and dead R. Johnson & Family, Thanks
Mon 08/05	7.00pm			No mass
Tue 09/05	9.30am		10.30am	Alba Leccacorvi, RIP
Wed 10/05	10.30am		9.30am	
Thu 11/05		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 12/05	10.30am		9.30am	
Sat 13/05	6.00pm	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Acts 8:5-8.14-17, 2. 1 Peter 3:15-18 Gospel John 14:15-21				

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 May: For Church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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+ *Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A*
Sunday, 07th May 2023

READINGS: 1. Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 2. St Peter 2:4-9; Gospel John 14:1-12. Response to Psalm 32:1-2.4-5.18-19. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me'. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ, do you allow troubles to rob you of God's gift of peace? As much as we try to avoid it, we inevitably encounter challenges and trials that can shake our confidence in God to even ask "God where are you?" Jesus knew that the faith of the disciples would be put to the test when He is taken away from them and put to death. He therefore encourages his disciples in the gospel today thus "do not let your heart be troubled, trust in God and trust in me." Therefore, when trouble or adversities come our way, it should not make us lose hope or give in to fear or despair; instead, it should draw us closer to the Lord and the strength and help He offers. This is so because He is the way, the truth and the life; also, He has passed through the adversities of life and come out victoriously, which made Him capable of leading us on our journey and interceding for us.

Unfortunately, many Christians prefer to be Cross-less Christians. They see adversities as evil and do everything possible to deny it and even pray against it. When the result happens to be not as expected, they get frustrated and grow depressed. The gospel truth is that the adversities of life are not meant to weaken or destroy us; instead, they are there to help us grow in virtue and draw us closer to the Lord. That's why St. Peter says "Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example to follow." May God help us to remain faithful despite the challenges of life. 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: Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish, envelopes are available in the back of the Church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic teacher to join our happy and inclusive school in September. As a 2 form entry school, there is flexibility as to which year group a successful candidate could join. We offer all teachers 1 day of non contact time for PPA and Subject Leader Time. ECTs are employed from the end of June and are paid across the summer holidays. We welcome applications from those on the Upper Pay Scale. Have a look at our website to find out more about our school. Visits are warmly welcomed.

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. Please speak to the Parish Clergy or email the Parish Office. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

SP: DAMAGED TREE: The damaged tree in the back garden has been made safe by qualified Tree Surgeons. They cut away the diseased and dying part of the tree. Many thanks for all donations towards this very important work.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Violet, Annah & Chidera
FLOWERS: Mary, Therese & Elsie

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 £810 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 £938 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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