

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 13/05	6.00pm	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman	10.30am	Parishioners
Sun 14/05	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Ashcroft Family's Int	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Teresa O'Donaghue & Family Malcolm McGlave RIP All travellers, living and dead Rajeev Johnson, Thanks
Mon 15/05	7.00pm	Raynah Watson, RIP		No mass
Tue 16/05	9.30am	Mary Stewart, RIP	10.30am	A & E Josephides RIP
Wed 17/05	10.30am	Brian Hopkins, RIP	9.30am	Chizite Osefo's Intention
Thu 18/05	9.30am	Osefo's Family Int	7.00pm	Charles Watters, RIP
Fri 19/05	10.30am	Ron & Doris Thomas, RIP	9.30am	
Sat 20/05	6.00pm	Father Stanislavs Savage	11.00am 2.00pm	1st Holy Communion Children 1st Holy Communion Children
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Acts 1:12-14 2. 1 Peter 4:13-16 Gospel John 17:1-11				

#### 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.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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+ *Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A*  
*Sunday, 14th May 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17; 2. St Peter 3:15-18; Gospel John 14:15-21.** Response to Psalm 65:1-7.16.20. Cry out with joy to God all the earth. *Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** Dearest in Christ, have you ever experienced joy in the Holy Spirit? If yes, what's the feeling like? In today's first reading, Philip fulfilled the mandate to have the good news preached to the Gentiles. Samaritan, whose peoples are called Samaritans are regarded by the Jews as foreigners, heretics and they have always been in opposition. Philip is being bold by entering an enemy territory to preach the Word of God. How interesting to see the unity and joy with which the Samaritans received the Word of God without reservation. They could not argue with the Truth that was demonstrated before them. Hence, Truth and Joy are among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Can you recall the joy you experienced at your First Holy Communion and Confirmation or at any other time in your faith journey? You are called to relive it.

In the Gospel, Jesus promise to send us the Holy Spirit. When He says, "I will not leave you Orphan...I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever." This Advocate is the Holy Spirit; the spirit of Truth and Joy, a gift from the Father and the Son to us so that we are never alone. We cannot know the Spirit unless we recognise the truth and live in it. Unfortunately, we live in an age where the idea of truth is under threat. Many believe that truth is relative; based on how I feel or think. However, our notion of truth as children of God is based on what God reveals to us guided by the Holy Spirit. May our hearts be open to receive the Truth from God and may we experience the abundant Joy of the Holy Spirit. God Loves You Always!

*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: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** On Sunday, 21st May we will have 12 children making their First Holy Communion at the 11am mass. Marychurch will be busy that day including the car park, so you may prefer to attend mass on Saturday, 20th May at 6pm. Please keep these children in your prayers.

**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 & SP:** We are blessed with two wonderful halls at Marychurch and St Peter's Church, with excellent facilities for community and private events. The halls can be hired for birthday parties, weddings or wakes etc and the hire charges are very reasonable. All hall hirers are reminded that it is their responsibility to clean up after their event/party. Please also note; reduce, reuse and recycle. We have recycling facilities at both halls, so please recycle, placing items for recycling in the correct recycling bin. Let's all help to keep our community spaces safe and clean for everyone. 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 and for the job application. Visits to our school 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: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** On Saturday, 20th May there will be two masses at 11am and 2pm for St Peter's children celebrating their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers.

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Roshan, Gami and Audrey  
**FLOWERS:** Connie & Team

**SP & MC: DONATIONS:** We have been kindly donated a Moses basket, baby blankets (suitable for a new-born) and a pram. If this is of interest to anyone, please speak to Linda, after mass in the Repository Shop at the back of St Peter's Church, or phone 07768 77768.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE:** Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. We know that coping with the cost-of-living-crisis will be the main concern for many people, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to help those displaced by war, then please contact us. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

**CARITAS GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY DEBTS:** People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. Please visit <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focuson/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

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