

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 02/07	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Leonides' intention Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Nneka Madueke's Family Thanks Bertrand X Rodrigues RIP A J Francis, RIP
Mon 03/07	7.00pm	Bill & Raynah Watson RIP Fr Innocent Priestly Anni		No mass
Tue 04/07	9.30am	G. Sutton Thanksgiving	10.30am	Suseela John Anniversary
Wed 05/07	10.30am	M & P Waterman Thanks	9.30am	Helen Mary Ryan RIP
Thu 06/07		No mass	7.00pm	Margaret McDonogh RIP
Fri 07/07	10.30am	Willy Prendergast RIP	9.30am	Gill Williams
Sat 08/07	6.00pm	Janet Polley	10.30am	Percy Williams
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Zechariah 9:9-10 2. Romans 8:9. 11-13. Gospel Matthew 11:25-30				

#### 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 July: For a Eucharistic Life.* We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all peoples.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*  
*2nd July 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Kings 4:8-11.14-16; 2. Romans 6:3-4.8-11; Gospel Matthew 10:37-42. Response to Psalm Ps 88:2-3.16-19. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

**REFLECTION:** The first reading today calls us to something that seems reckless in this age; hospitality to strangers. Opening your heart, your wallet, your home to people you don't know very well is a risky proposition. And yet, the readings talked about the blessings afforded to those who are willing to be hospitable to strangers; the childless woman who gave Elisha the prophet a space in her house, was blessed with a child. Hospitality is a sacred act, Jesus said that whoever welcomes a disciple welcomes him and, ultimately God. In fact, it makes you a life-giver and recognising God in our midst. "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren....."

The gospel presents the catechesis on discipleship with two steps. First, Jesus defines the disciple's path; the disciple must be able to make Him his fundamental choice and follow the path of divine love and dying to oneself. Secondly, Jesus promises reward to those who generously and lovingly welcome the Missionary - disciples of the kingdom which the first reading illustrates. Apparently, following Jesus is not easy task; it involves a cost - a life of total surrender and preference of Jesus and a loving gesture towards our neighbours. It is a radical path which demands sacrifices. Choosing Jesus and following him to the cross is not a path of failure and death; rather, it is a path of Life and salvation. When it comes to choosing between Jesus and other values, what will your option be? 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 & SP: NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for any announcements for the Parish newsletter is Wednesdays, 2pm. Any information received after Wednesdays, will appear in the newsletter the following week.

**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.

**HELP FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:** If you have any information on employment or housing to benefit our Parishioners, please contact the Parish Office by email. Greaterukasia is a cake company and can help with part-time work and develop as entrepreneurs in the cake industry. They can provide training, the basic national salary and set up for business especially for young people who have just left education and may have no or little work experience. Please contact John Lawrence for further information on 07926429344.

**RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH:** Bishop Paul McAleenan will be hosting a webinar this summer to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years. It will include the 'Image and Likeness of God' initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures with the 'Walking Together, Praying Together and Working Together' project, which reflects on the role each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and his Church. It will be held online via Zoom on 11th July 2023 at 2pm - 3.30pm. Please visit the Diocese of Westminster to register or use the following link, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

**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.

**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.



**St Peters R C Church, Hatfield South/Parish Secretary**  
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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: CHURCH CLEANING:** Victoria  
**FLOWERS:** Mary, Theresa & Elise

**SP & MC: YOUTH CLUB:** Our Youth Club is on every Friday, 5pm for our children aged 7-11. Fun, games, sports, arts, crafts and much more. Tuck shop available with an entry fee of £2 only. Family discounts available. Please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 or [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk)

**SP & MC: THE FEAST DAY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL:** Please stay after the 11am mass today as we celebrate the feast day this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Youth Group will be selling homemade cakes and challenging parishioners and family to games and fun activities. Get to know your fellow parishioners and have fun.

**SP & MC: YOUTH CLUB OUTING - AGED BETWEEN 8 TO 14?:** St Peter's and Marychurch youth group are planning to go on an outing on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July to Hatfield House to discover the history of the old palace once owned by King Henry VIII, who used it as a home for his children, Edward, Elizabeth and Mary. It was while she was living in the Old Palace in 1558 that Elizabeth learned of her accession to the throne. For more information about the trip see Caroline after 11 a.m. mass or phone 07557819858.

**SP & MC: ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** All altar servers from all three Churches are invited to a training session on Saturday, 22nd July at 12 noon for an hour in St Peter's Church - please confirm your attendance by contacting Linda Graham on 07768 77768 or emailing the Parish Office.

**CAFOD: MISSION UNLEASHED: AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE:** The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm.** Please see [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

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