

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 09/07	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Kitty Creighton, RIP Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parishioners Deceased members of Rentuma's family Leonides, Healing
Mon 10/07	7.00pm	Doris Thomas, RIP		No mass
Tue 11/07	9.30am	Private Intention	10.30am	Mikaela Rajeev, Birthday Wishes
Wed 12/07	10.30am	R & K Herbkersman	9.30am	A & E Josephides, RIP
Thu 13/07		No mass		No mass
Fri 14/07	10.30am	Luigi Perdoni, RIP	9.30am	Bruno Fernando, Anniversary
Sat 15/07	6.00pm	George Rhine, RIP	10.30am	Evangeline Fubara, RIP
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 55:10-11 2. Romans 8:18-23. Gospel Matthew 13:1-23				

#### 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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*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*

*9th July 2023 (Sea Sunday)*

**READINGS:** 1. **Zechariah 9:9-10;** 2. **Romans 8:9. 11-13;** Gospel **Matthew 11:25-30.** Response to Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** In today's gospel, Jesus thanks the Father for revealing to his followers the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tells us about God and our relationship with Him? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth and heaven; also, the Creator and Author of all that is. His authority and gracious care extends to every living thing, to the welfare of each person made in his image and likeness. He is the source of all human life and all Fatherhood and Motherhood is derived from Him. Therefore, how much do we believe this truth and not allow ourselves misled by created things? Secondly, Jesus' prayer contrasts the "wisdom of the world" with the wisdom which comes from above. The prayer contains an implicit warning that pride can keep us far from the love and knowledge of God. What makes us ignorant and blind to the wisdom of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, stubbornness of will and material things can shut out God and his rule from our lives. Pride is the root of all vice and evil propelling us to sin against God and to do wrong to our neighbours and have an inordinate love of oneself. In today's gospel, Jesus thanks the Father for revealing to his followers the wisdom and knowledge of God.

Finally, Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity, thus "... and revealing then to mere children." Hence, "mere children" here refers to those who are pure in heart, who recognise their utter dependence on God, those who are open and ready to be taught by God, who feel the pain of the weak and are generous with their gifts. Do you acknowledge your utter dependency on God? Peace be With 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/>

**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.

**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: CHURCH CLEANING:** Annah, Violet and Chidera

**FLOWERS:** Connie & Team

**SP: SUNDAY MASS AT 2.00PM:** Please note, there will be no 2.00pm mass on Sundays until Sunday, 6th August 2023. Please attend the 9am, 11am or 6.00pm mass instead.

**SP: NO MASS ON THURSDAY:** There will be no evening mass on Thursday, 13th July as the parish clergy are away for the day on a Deanery outing.

**SP & MC: CONFIRMATION:** On Saturday, 1st July 2023, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a joyous occasion enjoyed by all. Our sincere thanks to our dedicated catechists, Philip, Michael, Stephen, Teresa and Lucia in preparing the candidates for the Sacrament. Thanks also to the ladies who prepared the flowers for the Church.

**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: SEA SUNDAY:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting stress and poor mental health. Sea Sunday is today, it is when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Please donate after mass today or by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**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 777768 or emailing the Parish Office.

**SP & MC: BOOKKEEPER:** We are looking to appoint a part-time bookkeeper to work across both parishes. Please visit the Diocese of Westminster and click on careers to find out more and fill out a application form (CVs are not accepted), or speak to the parish clergy for further information.

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