

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 16/07	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Loni, Lada Telach, Healing Dorothy & Ernest Davis	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parishioners Sanjeev Shajan, Thanks
Mon 17/07	7.00pm	Ronald Zimmerman, RIP		No mass
Tue 18/07	9.30am	Cora Nathaniel, Thanks	10.30am	Leslie, Healing
Wed 19/07	10.30am	Raynah Watson, RIP	9.30am	Brendan Cuffee, Anniversary
Thu 20/07	9.15am	Philip Howard School	7.00pm	
Fri 21/07	10.30am	Seymour Rawle	9.30am	
Sat 22/07	6.00pm	Barry Holloway	10.30am	

Next Sunday Readings: 1. Wisdom 12:13.16-19 2. Romans 8:26-27. Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

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Sun 23/07	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon 24/07	7.00pm	Vincent, Christine & family		No mass
Tue 25/07	9.30am		10.30am	
Wed 26/07	10.30am		9.30am	
Thu 27/07		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 28/07	10.30am		9.30am	
Sat 29/07	6.00pm	Alfredo & Dominic Mari, RIP	10.30am	

Next Sunday Readings: 1. Kings 3:5.7-12, 2. St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30. Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

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.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16th July 2023

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 55:10-11; 2. Romans 8:18-23; Gospel Matthew 13:1-23. Response to Psalm Ps 64:10-14. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop. *Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Like the Rabbis of his time, Jesus used parables; short stories and images taken from everyday life to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. The parable of the sower is aimed at the listeners of his Word. It shows different ways of accepting God's Word and kind of fruits produced. There is the prejudiced listener, who has a closed mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to the richness in God's Word. Then, there is the shallow listener who fails to think things through; they lack depth. They may initially respond positively; but soon after, their mind wanders to something else. Another type of listener is the person who has many cares that worry them, and lacks the ability to comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's Word. Then, there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. God gives his grace to those who hunger for his Word, that they may understand his Will and have strength to live according to it.

Finally, listening to God's Word and allowing it to bear fruits in our lives requires vigilance, patience and commitment from the listener. One benefit to be sure is that the Word nourishes our souls and will guide our footsteps in the right path and save us. Therefore, how much do I hunger for God's Word?

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 & SP: One of our parishioners has a fridge freezer and wooden table with 4 chairs free of charge to give away if anyone is interested. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

MC & SP: PARISH OFFICE: Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 17th July for a week. It will open as usual on Tuesday, 25th July 2023.

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.

SAFEGUARDING: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) works towards the vision of a safe Catholic Church for all in England and Wales. They regulate safeguarding and share what they find. They are independent and are here to offer assurance to the public and to drive safeguarding standards in the Church. The four 'R's in good safeguarding:

- Recognise the concern
- Respond well, acting in an open and transparent way
- Record what has been seen, heard or said
- Refer to the appropriate people

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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: Mavis and family, Margret, Andrea, George & Joe
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 & 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

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 by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. The 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: MASS AT PHILIP HOWARD SCHOOL: You are warmly invited to mass at St Philip Howard school on Thursday 20th July at 9:15am to celebrate all the achievements throughout the academic year and the end of term.

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.

SP & MC: BOOKKEEPER: We are looking to employ 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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