

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 30/07	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon 31/07	7.00pm	Private Intention		No mass
Tue 01/08	9.30am		10.30am	Kacie's Private Int
Wed 02/08	10.30am	B & R Watson	9.30am	Marilyn' S Private Int
Thu 03/08		No mass	7.00pm	K & B Ridley-Jones, Thanks
Fri 04/08	10.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman, RIP	9.30am	
Sat 05/08	6.00pm	Antonio Eligia Assunta	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 2. Second Peter 1: 16-19. Gospel Matthew 17:1-9				

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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
30th July 2023

READINGS: 1. Kings 3:5.7-12; 2. Romans 8:28-30; Gospel Matthew 13:44-52. Response to Psalm Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130. Lord how I love your law! Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

REFLECTION: Today, the Church encourages us to seek understanding and wisdom in order to enable us discern the true value of things. She also reminds us that the greatest treasure is seeking the kingdom of God and doing everything we can to possess it. If we gain it, we gain all and if we lose it, we lose all. In the first reading, God told Solomon to ask for anything he wishes and it will be granted him. This situation resembles where a poor man is suddenly given an open cheque to fill in any amount he wishes, and he will get it all. Rather than ask for material wealth, Solomon asked for wisdom and understanding. Not to satisfy his own curiosity or to puzzle his neighbours, but to enable him to discern between good and bad, right and wrong, sin and duty. Thus, like Solomon, we need to pray for the spirit of discernment to make the right and wise decisions in life.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that "Everything works for good for those who love God..." By turning everything to their good, God cooperates with all those who love him. Commenting on Roman 8:28, Raymond Ortlund writes "The hand of God is at the helm. He's steering us through the storms of life towards home (heaven). He takes care to order all the events of our lives to a good end. This is call providence; God's overruling hand at work everywhere in our fallen world. Therefore, your present troubles, heavy heart, your joblessness, barrenness, poverty, sickness even death work for your own good according to God's plan. All we have to do is to have faith and pray, "Not my will but let your Will be done in my life O Lord." 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 & 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.

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

You can find out more about their work at www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk. Safeguarding is **everyone’s** responsibility.

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: Victoria and Anthonia
FLOWERS: Olive

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: 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

YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity for Catholic young adults (18-35) to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such as prayer, scripture, discernment and the spirituality of Walsingham. Dates are 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more please enquire by emailing freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC, 2ND SEPTEMBER: Join Westminster Youth Ministry on 2nd September for a taste of Lisbon at their summer picnic. This event is aimed at any youth person (12-35) in the Diocese who wasn’t able to make it to the World Youth Day. It will explore the theme, ‘Mary rose and went with haste,’ with workshops, activities, testimonies and mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan. Please visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>
Please note, for safeguarding reasons, any young person 12-16 years old, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

TRAVEL TO WALSINGHAM WITH WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY, 23RD SEPTEMBER: Westminster Youth Ministry are taking a group of 45 young people (16-25) by coach to Walsingham as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage on 23rd September. The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral and should return around 8pm. The cost is £35, which includes the pilgrimage contribution. Bookings are open until 16th September, so sign up now at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/>

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