

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 27/08	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Leonides, RIP Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Eric Davidson, RIP Parishioners All travellers, living & dead Adaobi Edna Ndibe-Okoye, RIP
Mon 28/08	7.00pm	Private Intention		No mass
Tue 29/08	9.30am	Leslie, Healing	10.30am	Juilet Joseph, RIP
Wed 30/08	10.30am	Anthony, Thanks	9.30am	Paddy Somers, RIP
Thu 31/08		No mass	7.00pm	Joseph Madien, RIP
Fri 01/09	10.30am	All the sick in our parish	9.30am	Helen Jacob, RIP
Sat 02/09	6.00pm	Leonides, RIP	10.30am	Charles Watters, Birthday
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Jeremiah 20:7-9 2. St Paul to Romans 12:1-2. Gospel Matthew 16:21-27				

#### IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Contact parish office. 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 work.

**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 August, World Youth Day:* We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
27th, August 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Isaiah 22:19-23; 2. Romans 11:33-36; Gospel Matthew 16:13-20. Response to Psalm Ps 137:1-3.6.8.** Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** In the first reading of today, God exhibits his power over all sovereignty, thrones and kingdoms. He reduces the proud and wicked hearted while exalting the lowly and faithful. While Shebna was dethroned because of his pride, wickedness and lack of obedience to the laws of the Almighty God, the humble Eliakim was elevated to the throne. In this, Eliakim becomes a prophesy of the Messiah; the one who has the keys of Hades and Death and has all authority both in heaven and on earth. He delegates his power to anyone that pleases him, just as he empowered Peter to lead his Church today in the gospel.

Jesus was fully aware of the on-going debate about him and the ignorance of the people about his personality; hence, decided to know the mind of those close to him by asking "Who do people say I am... and... you, who do you say I am?" There were various opinions on his identity. Likewise, we must not distance ourselves from this question; rather, we must ask ourselves: "Who is Jesus to me?" This is because it is possible that we have been baptised, received Holy Communion, married in the Church, ordained as a priest and yet do not know who Jesus really is. Many of us have the wrong notion of God and must seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and ask God to correct our wrong notions. May God help us to deeply understand what the profession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" really means. Peace be with you all!

*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: 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.

**MC & SP: BABY ITEMS:** We have a pram, Moses basket and a Mamas & Papas cot/child's bed with underbed storage to give away if anyone is interested. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

**SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK:** Download the brand new online CELEBRATE family activity pack for summer. Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch. This online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the CELEBRATE Summer Psalm walk included in the pack at your local park or on holiday? Download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

**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](http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We thank all our safeguarding volunteers in Marychurch and St Peter's.

**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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**Gift Aid:** 01707262121  
**WEB:** <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hatfieldsouth/>

**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:** Roshan, Gami & Audrey  
**FLOWERS:** Mary, Theresa & Elise

**SP: REPOSITORY SHOP: NEW STOCK** has arrived in the Repository Shop – please pop in. We have bibles, rosaries, bracelets, candles and lots more at very affordable prices.

**SP: DOUBLE YELLOW LINES: CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN PETITION:** We have double yellow lines outside St Peter's which are enforceable seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Please care take when parking. Click or scan the attached QR code to sign the change.org petition.



**SP & MC: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The 2nd training session for all Eucharistic Ministers from Marychurch and St Peter's is on Saturday, 2nd September from 12 noon - 1.20pm in St Peter's. The Installation of Eucharistic Ministers (Marychurch and St Peter's) will take place on Saturday, 9th September 2023 during 10.30am mass at St Peter's.

**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 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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