

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 06/08	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Leonides, Healing Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Alba Leccacorvi, RIP Parishioners All travellers, living & dead Ignatius, Healing
Mon 07/08	7.00pm	Private Intention		No mass
Tue 08/08	9.30am	Sick & housebound	10.30am	Sanjith Shajan, Thanks
Wed 09/08	10.30am	S. Robinson, Healing	9.30am	F. Perdoni, Healing
Thu 10/08		No mass	7.00pm	E. Ferdenzi, RIP
Fri 11/08	10.30am	C. Josephides, Healing	9.30am	Stacey Derek Perkins, RIP
Sat 12/08	6.00pm	Father John Milne, RIP	10.30am	Safe travelling for all our parishioners
Next Sunday Readings: 1. 1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A 2. Second Romans 9:1-5. Gospel Matthew 14:22-33				

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 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.

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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A
Sunday, 6th August 2023

READINGS: 1. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2. 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel Matthew 17:1-9. Response to Psalm Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9. The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him. Alleluia!

REFLECTION: Today is the feast of Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor. Six days earlier, Jesus asked his Apostles, "Who do people say I am?" and "Who do you say I am?" The Transfiguration answers the question of the identity of Jesus because his divinity (glory) was unveiled and seen by the Apostles; also, the appearance of Moses and Elijah which signifies the Law and the Prophets further authenticates his divinity and strengthens their faith in Him. Lastly, the voice of God the Father was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son..." All these show that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and God as well who has been sent to show us the way to our heavenly home.

The description of the kingdom of heaven is very interesting to dwell upon. From the story, we can say that the kingdom of heaven is beautiful and glorious. However, before we can get there, we need to ascend the mountain. As we know, mountain climbing is not an easy exercise as it requires resilience, focus and commitment. Therefore, we must be willing to push ourselves beyond our comfort zones, give up some unhealthy pleasures, drop our baggage at the foot of the mountain in order to climb freely and focus our attention on the destination above. Finally, we pray that our celebration of the Transfiguration will strengthen our understanding of Jesus as God and Messiah; also, may we grow in the certainty of the reality of heaven and be ready to make effort to seek the kingdom of heaven, Amen.
 God Loves You dearly!!!

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.

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. 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.



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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: Violet, Annah & Chidera

FLOWERS: Roshan & Harshani

SP & MC: LATIN MASS: Father George Roth will be celebrating Latin mass on Saturday, 19th August at 9am. Please note, there will be no Adoration after 10.30am mass on the 19th.

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/>

SP: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH: Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Acct Details: **Acct Name: WRCDT St Peter’s Hatfield South, Sort Code – 40-05-20, Acct Number – 81094602.** We accept regular plate giving in cash or cheque. Thank you for donations or legacy in memory of your loved ones.