

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 03/09	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Nathan Jeffin, Birthday Parishioners All travellers, living & dead
Mon 04/09	7.00pm	B. Hanni, Healing		No mass
Tue 05/09	9.30am	Minna Browne, Thanks	10.30am	Charlie, Julia & Family
Wed 06/09	10.30am	Rose Mhlonge, Private Int	9.30am	Mary McCarthy, Thanks
Thu 07/09		No mass	7.00pm	Jackson Connors, RIP
Fri 08/09	10.30am	Private Intention	9.30am	Delaney Family Intentions
Sat 09/09	6.00pm		10.30am	E. McDonagh, Healing
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ezekiel 33:7-9 2. St Paul to Romans 13:8-10. Gospel Matthew 18:15-20				

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 September; For the cry of the Earth: Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

3rd September 2023

READINGS: 1. **Jeremiah 20:7-9;** 2. **Romans 12:1-2;** **Gospel Matthew 16:21-27.** **Response to Psalm Ps 137:1-3.6.8.** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: What is the way to glory and victory in the kingdom of God? Jesus told his disciples today that he must first suffer rejection, be crucified and rise again on the third day. With these words, he explained that there could be no victory and glory without the cross (suffering). Jesus's prediction of his suffering and death on the cross caused his disciples great dismay and disbelief. Peter, who was often the first to react to whatever Jesus had to say, wanted to protect Jesus from harm, rebuked the thought of Jesus having to face rejection, condemnation and crucifixion thus "God forbid, this must never happen to you" Jesus rebuked Peter saying "Get behind me Satan.... because the way you think is not God's way but man's."

Why did Jesus rebuke Peter with the word "Satan?" To understand this clearly, we need to go back to the incident in Matthew chapter 4, when Jesus went out into the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry, Satan tempted him to follow a different path to glory instead of the one chosen for him by the Father. Jesus recognises in Peter's response another temptation, to seek a different and less costly path to accomplish his mission than the way of the cross ordained for Him by the Father. Therefore, the word "Satan" literally means "adversary" - one who stands in opposition to the will/ways of God. By calling him "Satan," Jesus reminds Peter that his role is not to be an adversary or in opposition, but a disciple. A disciple is one who follows the way of their Master with trust and obedience. May we learn to follow the way of the cross which leads to glory and victory. Amen. Jesus 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: 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.

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION: The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated on 1st September, kicked off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. We need to ask ourselves, how can we protect our common home?

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 & Anthonia
FLOWERS: Connie & Team

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: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024: Applications for the First Holy Communion Programme, to take place next year, is now open and forms are available at the back of the Churches. These need to be returned by Friday, 6th October at the latest. Full instructions are on the form. Any queries, please contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768.

SP & MC: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 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.

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/>

RETROUVAILLE: FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGE: Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk for more information.

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