

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 10/09	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners John Connors RIP
Mon 11/09		No mass		No mass
Tue 12/09	9.00am	Private Intention		No mass
Wed 13/09	10.30am	R & K Herbskerman, RIP	9.30am	Paddy Somers
Thu 14/09		No mass	7.00pm	O'Brien Family Int
Fri 15/09	10.30am	Alredo & Dominic Mari, RIP	9.30am	
Sat 16/09	6.00pm	Leonides, RIP	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 2. Romans 14:7-9. Gospel Matthew 18:21-35				

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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*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
10th September 2023 (Education Sunday)*

READINGS: 1. Ezekiel 33:7-9; 2. Romans 13:8-10; Gospel Matthew 18:15-20. Response to Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! *Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your own grievance or injury to seek reconciliation? The Lord wants us to be free from resentment and an unwillingness to forgive. Today, he offers us ways to repair a damaged relationship which is based on Fraternal Charity.

What can we learn from Jesus's instructions? Firstly, speaking directly and privately to the person who has done the harm is necessary instead of spreading it around or brooding over it. These can poison our minds and damage the image of the other person which in turn makes reconciliation difficult. If this step fails, our Lord advises we need to bring another person. It must be someone who is wise and gracious rather than one who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The person is to act as a reconciler and not as a judge. If this second step fails, we should seek the help of the Christian community. The emphasis for this is to restore a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a fraternal solution. Lastly, if the Christian community approach fails, Jesus suggests the person be treated like a tax collector. He does not mean we should treat the person like a social outcast, but to treat them the way He would - dine with them, welcome them and continue to reach out to them. In the final analysis, we are called not to give up on efforts to reconcile a broken relationship or bring back a person who has strayed. Jesus refuses no one and he is open to offer pardon, healing and restoration to everyone. Peace be with 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 and every Wednesday morning after 9.30am, '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: 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.

MC & SP: TEMPORARY MASS TIME CHANGES: Father Innocent is away until Friday 22nd September. There will be no masses on Monday, 11th and 18th September at Marychurch. Mass on Tuesday, 12th September will be at 9am in Marychurch only, to enable Father Agbor to attend a deanery meeting. No mass at 10.30am this coming Tuesday in St Peter's.

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.

PARENTS: Do not allow young children to go to the toilet alone. These are public buildings and we cannot guarantee who is in the buildings.

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.

Webinar - How can we protect our common home? Watch a panel discussion, the 'Call of Creation' on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 at 7pm. To register: bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes

Appearing on the panel, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, Sr Margaret Atkins, Christine Allen and Bishop John Arnold.

MC/STM: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH: Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Account Details: **Acct Name: WRCDT Marychurch 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 and Chidera

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 7777

A PRAYER FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY: At the start of a new year at school, college or university, we pray for all teachers and learners. May they start each day clothed in your light. May learners see the opportunities before them and be blessed with teachers who find the right way for them to learn. May they be compassionate and supportive to those who learn alongside them. May they grow in confidence and wisdom as well as knowledge, and inspire them to use what they learn to help others. **Jesus, clothe them in your light.**

THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated on 24th September 2023. The Holy Father has chosen the theme, 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. CBCEW together with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are holding a webinar to discuss the Holy Father's theme and how we can help people to flourish in their homelands, as well as what we can do here in the UK to ensure we are welcoming the stranger. It will held online via Zoom on Wednesday, 20th September 2023, 6.30-7.00pm. Visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference website to register.

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