

| WEEKLY MASSES  | MARYCHURCH/STM (MC)<br>Mass times and intentions |                           | ST PETER'S (SP)<br>Mass times and intentions |   |
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| Sun 17/09  | 9.30 am<br>STM<br>11.00am                        | Parishioners              | 9.00am<br>11.00am<br>2.00pm<br>6.00pm        | Rajeev Johnson, Thanks<br>Parishioners<br>All travellers, living & dead<br>Tessa George, Thanks |
| Mon 18/09  |  | No mass                   |  | No mass   |
| Tue 19/09  | 9.30am   | Private Intention         | 10.30am                                      | S. Brennan & Family, Int  |
| Wed 20/09  | 10.30am  | Rose Mhlonge, Private Int | 9.30am                                       | Elena Ferdenzi, RIP   |
| Thu 21/09  |  | No mass                   | 7.00pm                                       | Leonides, RIP   |
| Fri 22/09  | 10.30am  | Yvette Rawle's Int        | 9.30am                                       | Lyn Savage, B/day Wishes  |
| Sat 23/09  | 6.00pm   | Divina & Family, Int      | 10.30am                                      | C. Josephides, Healing  |
| Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 55:6-9 2. Philippians 1:20-24.27. Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 |  |                           |  |   |

#### 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.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*  
*17th September 2023*

**READINGS:** 1. Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; 2. Romans 14:7-9; Gospel Matthew 18:21-35. Response to Psalm Ps 102:1-4.9-12. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**REFLECTION:** Relationships between people is the "balm of life" (Sir 6:16). Once a relationship is broken, it's "Like a bird, you have let your friend/loved one go, you will not get him/her back. The inability to forgive a wrong, makes irretrievable the bond of broken love/relationship. It is difficult to forgive. Yes. I even forgive myself with difficulty: I torment myself with remorse. I do not accept the humiliation of a weakness. But it is only one who has a peaceful relationship with oneself who is able to recognize one's own mistake. He/she knows that a positive recovery from a bitter experience of sin is possible. The urge to break a relationship and to take revenge for the offense suffered are almost always present in us. According to Sirach 27:30-28:7, whoever feels a victim of some injustice instinctively tends to attack those responsible. The most famous example of this limitless revenge is that of Lamech, the son of Cain. A polygamist who sang before the two wives: "I killed a man for wounding me and a boy for striking me. "Do not seek revenge or nurture a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbour as yourself" (Lev 19:18). Sirach says, avoid the senseless behaviour desire for revenge, anger, resentment. These feelings are an abomination and create an impenetrable shield in the relationship between God and a person. As Christ' disciples, we must go beyond simple justice and to open the heart to mercy. The clemency towards others is an indispensable prerequisite to pray and receive forgiveness from God. "If a person bears resentment against another, how can they ask God for healing?" (v. 3). Sirach lessons teaches us disposition to listen to the word of Jesus the eternal wisdom of old. Romans 14...: A Christian must always keep in mind that he/she does not live for him/herself and for the pursuit of self-interest, but for the Lord. We must therefore, live and die "for the Lord." Matthew 18:21-35. At the time of Jesus, who was at wrong, must recognize his/her error and beg forgiveness and the offended person is obliged to grant it. If he refuses, the offender apologizes in front of two witnesses to prove that they have done everything possible to restore peace. If the offended one dies before the reconciliation, he/she who has done evil must go to his/her grave, and placing a stone, declares: "I have done wrong to you." "How many times must I forgive the offenses of my brother or sister? The Sermon on the Mount says: "If you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother/sister and then come back and offer your gift to God" (Mt 5:23-24). Peace, I wish 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 from 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.

**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.

**PARENTS:** Do not allow young children to go to the toilet alone. This is a public building and we cannot guarantee who is in the building.

**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.



**St Peters R C Church, Hatfield South/Parish Secretary**  
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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:** Chinonso, Anna, Julia and Easter  
**FLOWERS:** Roshan and Harshani

**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: YOUTH CLUB:** Our Youth Club is on every Friday at 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](mailto:hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk)

**SP & MC: EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:** On Wednesday, 20th September, 7pm to 9pm with Monsignor Nicholas Morrish. Confessions from 6.45pm. For more information please contact Teresa Crabtree on 07379 497097.

**SP & MC: HEALING MASS:** The SVP have arranged for a Mass with the anointing of the sick to take place on Saturday, 30th September at 12 noon in St Peter's. At the anointing of the sick Mass, the Priest lays his hands on the head of the person who is sick or infirm and then anoints the forehead and hands with the Oil of the Sick. After Mass, there will be refreshments in the hall. If you need a lift, please contact Pauline Hayes on 07738 074614.

**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 77768.

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