

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 24/09	9.30 am STM 11.00am	All sick and housebound Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Pat Malsher's Int Parishioners Clifford Montun-Bar Family's Ints M & C O'Toole, Anni
Mon 25/09	7.00pm	Josephides, Anni		No mass
Tue 26/09	9.30am	Father Bernard Long, RIP	10.30am	Catherine & John's Ints
Wed 27/09	10.30am	Rose Mhlonge, Private Int	9.30am	Jackson Family, Thanks
Thu 28/09		No mass	7.00pm	J R Smith, RIP
Fri 29/09	10.30am	Sister Micheal, RIP	9.30am	McCarty Family's Ints
Sat 30 /09	6.00pm	Private Intention	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ezekiel 18:25-28 2. Philippians 2:1-11. Gospel Matthew 21:28-32				

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 = Last Sunday of each month. 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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
24th September 2023

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 55:6-9; 2. Philippians 1:20-24.27; Gospel Matthew 20:1-16. Response to Psalm Ps 144:2-3.8-9.17-18. The Lord is close to all who call him. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: The 1st reading this Sunday, calls on each of us, Sons and Daughters of God to seek Him while He is near. Humility is that gift that enables a Christian heart to seek divine wisdom/God. In knowing God's divine wisdom, a Christian realises that God's thoughts transcend our own. Isiah's words called us to live humbly seeking God and earnestly relinquishing our self-centred sense of justice. Isiah instead, urges us embrace the boundless generosity of our Creator. St Paul's, in the 2nd reading invites us to a profound devotion to Christ with an unwavering commitment to God's will regardless of the outcome. The Gospel, saying, 'thus the last shall be the first and the first shall be the last', unfolds our human conventional notions of merit and reward in our earthly life. On this, Paul encourages all of us to serve God in Christ irrespective of what life brings and to embody the Christian essence of selfless dedication. The message in today's Gospel emphasis God's graciousness that transcends our understanding of fairness. Just as the laborers in the vineyard received equal reward regardless of their arrival time, our focus should not be on our own circumstances but on glorifying God. In serving God, what drives you? The seeking of recognition and reward or driven by a sincere desire to live out God's purpose? The call is to embrace a mindset that seeks to honour God's will above personal gains. God is generous and we are reminded that those who come to faith later in life are equally deserving of God's grace. God's boundless mercy extends to all, His compassion exceeds our expectations, that invite us to find joy in his truth. Beyond the spiritual implications, we are prompted to reflect on the dignity of labour. Just as each worker deserves fair treatment, all individuals merit just wages and meaningful work. This principal underpins the value for everyone to earn a living wage. Rather than comparing yourselves to others, we are encouraged to focus on promoting the wellbeing of all; a truly pro-life stance. This is how a Christian can extend God's care and compassion to all those in need. May God's peace abide 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 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.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL will be celebrated this Sunday at 5.30pm. All are welcome and Ethnic Chaplains ministering in the Diocese will have a leading role. The celebrant will be Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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. This is a public building and we cannot guarantee who is in the building.

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: The open evening for September 2024 intake will take place on Tuesday, 26th September from 4.30 - 7.30pm. Guided tours will be organised from 4.30 - 6.30pm and the Headteacher will address parents at 4.45pm, 5.45pm and 6.45pm. Tours during the school day will take place from 2nd - 13th October by appointment only, made by calling 01727 856206. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. There are no parking facilities available at the school and parking locally is restricted. Public car parks are located nearby.

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: Roshan, Gami & Audrey
FLOWERS: Mary, Theresa and 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: 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

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: CHILDREN'S MASS: On Sunday, 1st October, Children's Mass will recommence in St Peter's. Seating at the front left side will be reserved for all children to sit together. Children's Mass will also recommence in Marychurch on Sunday, 29th October and every last Sunday of the month. We very much look forward to welcoming you all.

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.

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