

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 01/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Fidelis & Martin, Ints  Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Juilet, Birthday Wishes Parishioners Tony Doherty, RIP Grzegorz Andrzwiewski, RIP
Mon 02/10	7.00pm	For Our Sick Parishioners		No mass
Tue 03/10	9.30am	B & R Watson, RIP	10.30am	Patrick Brown RIP
Wed 04/10	10.30am	Rose Mhlonge, Private Int	9.30am	Mary & Emma Benson, Ints
Thu 05/10		No mass	7.00pm	James & Pauline, Thanks
Fri 06/10	10.30am	A. Leccacorvi, RIP	9.30am	Leslie, Healing
Sat 07/10	6.00pm	Private Intention	10.30am	Mr L Perdoni, RIP
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 5:1-7 2. Philippians 4:6-9. Gospel Matthew 21:33-43				

#### 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 October; For the Synod.* We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
1st October 2023*

**READINGS:** 1. Ezekiel 18:25-28; 2. Philippians 2:1-11; Gospel Matthew 21:28-32. Response to Psalm Ps 24:4-9. Remember your mercy Lord. *Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** The readings today encourage us to think about the consequences of our choices especially the ones that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future both on earth and in the life of the age to come. Jesus used a parable of two imperfect sons to illustrate how our choices affect us. The Father in the parable amply provided for his sons' food, lodging and all they needed. Everything the Father had belonged to them as well. He expected them to show him gratitude, obedience and honour by doing their fair share of the daily work.

The 'rebellious son' told his Father to his face that he would not work for him, but afterwards, changed his mind and did what the Father commanded. The 'good son' said he would work for his Father, but did not follow through with his promise. Jesus makes his point clear - good intentions are not enough and promises don't count unless they are performed. Hence, God wants to change our hearts, so that we will show by our words and actions that we are grateful for what he has done for us and we respect his Will as well. He offers us the greatest treasure possible - peace, joy and friendship with Him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse to cooperate with the grace of God. Therefore, we pray thus, "Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may desire only that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your Will and give me strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly." Jesus 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.*



**Marychurch, Salisbury Square & St. Thomas More, Welham Green.**  
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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.

**NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:** The school looks forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to their Open Evening on Thursday, 5th October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. The Headteacher address will be at 5.45pm and 6.45pm. Please visit [www.nbs.herts.sch.uk](http://www.nbs.herts.sch.uk) for more information.

**ST PHILIP HOWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL** is having Open Days which will start at 9.30am on Thursday 19th October, Thursday 2nd November, 16th November and the 30th November. Parents of children born between 1st September 2018 and the 31st August 2019, who will be applying for a primary school place for September 2024 are more than welcome to attend. There will be a welcome from Mrs Waugh our Headteacher followed by tours of the school. If you would like to attend on one of these dates, please contact the school office on 01707 263969. Thank you.  
 St Philip Howard School is looking for a practising catholic to become a Foundation Governor at the school. It is a voluntary role and a great way to develop lots of skills. We are looking for someone who will be fully committed to the role; is discreet, open-minded and fair; willing to raise questions constructively and participate in discussion and decision-making; have time to attend governors' meetings and training and act at all times with honesty and integrity. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the community. For more information please contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768

**HARMLESS SUICIDE PREVENTION:** Harmless, a national organisation providing a range of services about self-harm and suicide prevention have been commissioned by Hertfordshire to deliver a bespoke and CPD accredited course. For more information and to book, visit [www.harmless.org.uk](http://www.harmless.org.uk). Booking is essential and the dates are: Monday 16th October, Tuesday 28th November and Thursday 11th January 2023.

**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**  
**Telephone:** 01707262121  
**Office:** Tuesday 9am-2pm, Wednesday 12.00pm-2pm and Friday 9am-2pm  
**Emails:** hatfieldsouth@rcdow.org.uk  
**Safeguarding:** hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk, (07402030680) & (07717578052)  
**Gift Aid:** 01707262121  
**WEB:** <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hatfieldsouth/>

**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:** 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 [hatfielddoyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfielddoyouth@rcdow.org.uk)

**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.

**FATHER AGBOR'S 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY:** In celebration of Father Agbor's 60th, there are 20 head ties (gele) available for sale @ £10 each. If you would like one, please contact Caroline on 07557 819858. Please join us in celebrating Father's 60th on Saturday, 14th October in Marychurch with Mass at 11.30am followed by a party in Marychurch hall.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is on Friday, 6th October 2023. Please take an envelope which is attached to the newsletter. All donations gratefully received.

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