

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 08/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Father Dominic, RIP Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	James & Pauline, Thanks Parishioners All travellers, living & dead Souls in Purgatory
Mon 09/10	7.00pm	Private Intention		No mass
Tue 10/10	9.30am		10.30am	Divina, Healing
Wed 11/10	10.30am	Rose Mhlonge, Private Int	9.30am	Father Dominic, RIP
Thu 12/10		No mass	7.00pm	Leonides, RIP
Fri 13/10	10.30am	R & K Herbskerman, RIP	9.30am	Father Agbor, Bday Wishes
Sat 14/10	11.30am 6.00pm	Father Agbor's 60th Anne Holloway, RIP	10.00am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 25:6-10 2. Philippians 4:12-14.19-20. Gospel Matthew 22:1-14				

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

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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.

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*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
8th October 2023 (Prisoners' Sunday)*

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 5:1-7; 2. Philippians 4:6-9; Gospel Matthew 21:33-43.
Response to Psalm Ps 79:9.12-16.19-20. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. *Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: On this 27th Sunday, the Church asks us to rejoice for being highly favoured because God chose us as his beloved vineyard, as well as appointed us to be in charge of his vineyard. To be able to carry out this task effectively, we need prayers which draw the peace of God closer. In light of this, we are to put on our best in order not to disappoint God who appointed us. The readings use parables to recount God's love and care for Judah and by extension to us, whom God chose as the apple of his eyes and his beloved garden. He did everything possible to make the vineyard fruitful; dug the soil, built a tower, cleared the stones and dug a vine press. Unfortunately, God was rewarded with sour grapes, instead of sweet ones. Hence, He expected justice but found bloodshed, integrity but a cry of distress. Most of us have acted in the same way to our God; we have given Him hardness of heart instead of repentance, indifference instead of love; impurity instead of Holiness. We care more about selling things to our neighbours than to care for our neighbours.

The gospel of the parable of the wicked tenants, richly conveys some truths about God and the way He deals with his people. First, it tells us about God's generosity and trust by leasing out his Vineyard to the tenants. Second, it tells us of his patience and justice by sending several servants to collect his produce. A take home message to all of us is that whatever position we find ourselves, we must do it very well and be ready to render a fruitful account to the Lord of the Vineyard. Because, to whom much is given, much is also expected from them. Have a blessed Sunday.

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: CHILDREN'S MASS: On Sunday, 29th October, Children's Mass will recommence in Marychurch. It will be celebrated on the last Sunday of every month and we look forward to welcoming you all.

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 77768

A family from St Philip Howard School are in urgent need of a 1 or 2 bed flat. Please contact the school office on 01707 263969 if you can help. Thank you.

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. 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.



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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
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 & MC: 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 Agbor's 60th on Saturday, 14th October in Marychurch with Mass at 11.30am followed by a party in Marychurch hall. Please note, Mass on Saturday morning (14th October) at St Peter's will be at 10am.

SP & MC: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024: Applications for the Communion Programme is now closed. The programme starts with a parents meeting on Sunday, 15th October at 3pm in St Peter's Hall. Children do not need to attend this session. Full details of the programme plus dates will be available and an opportunity to ask questions to the Catechists Team. For more information, please contact Linda Graham on 07768 77768.

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

The Youth Club will be organising a trip for our younger children to The Bunker Museum, Hatfield. This will take place during half-term on Friday, 27th October. If you would like for your child to join us and for more information, please contact Caroline on 07557 819858.

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