

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 15/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Charles Adike, RIP Parishioners All travellers, living & dead Ivani Domingos, RIP
Mon 16/10	7.00pm	Ivani Domingos, RIP		No mass
Tue 17/10	9.30am	Luiza Maria Cardozo, RIP	10.30am	
Wed 18/10	10.30am	Rose Mhlonge, Private Int	9.30am	
Thu 19/10		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 20/10	10.30am	Pedro, Healing	9.30am	Anne Gillick, RIP
Sat 21/10	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 2. Thessalonians 1:1-5. Gospel Matthew 22:15-21				

#### 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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*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
15th October 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Isaiah 25:6-10; 2. Philippians 4:12-14.19-20; Gospel Matthew 22:1-14. Response to Psalm Ps 22.** In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** How will you feel if you receive an invitation from any of the following world figures: President Biden, Pope Francis or King Charles asking you to join them for a dinner party? How happy would you be if the invitation reads: "your visa is ready and everything you need will be made available to you." I am sure your joy will know no bounds. Today, God hands out an invitation to every one of us. The difference between this invitation and that of the world is that, while the world bears an inscription like; "strictly by invitation only" God's invitation simply reads: "everyone is invited, you are to pay nothing, and all you need shall be provided." What good news we have today that God, the Creator is inviting each of us to his banquet. Through the prophet Isaiah, He announced thus: "on this mountain, the Lord of host will prepare a banquet of rich food... he will remove the mourning veil covering all people... He will destroy death forever..."

This invitation require serious preparation on our side and a movement to the mountain to meet God. In the gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the wedding feast to teach us the nature of the banquet we are invited to partake in. The main problem is that, because of the quest for material and worldly things, many of us like the first invitees, have rejected God's invitation. The reason is simple, many of us are too busy for God and we have no time for God. My advice is this: "we should not be consumed with the pursuit of material things and forget the God who created us." Peace be with you all!

*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, Violet Prabu and Pedro.



## 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.

**GOING TO UNIVERSITY:** If you are starting at University in London or Hatfield, the University Chaplaincy provides a wide range of activities and support for students away from home. Full details are available at [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net)  
 If you are heading to a university outside London, you can find details of chaplaincies at [www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

**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:** 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: 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](mailto: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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**UNIVERSALIS:** Please visit the Universalis website for daily mass readings, reflections and daily Christian art. You can also download the app, which is chargeable, but worth the small fee. 'Get the app - change your life.'

**MISSION SUNDAY:** Sunday, 22nd October is World Mission Sunday. Please consider donating using the donation envelopes attached to the newsletter for next Sunday.

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