

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 22/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Daisy Iheanacho, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners All travellers, living & dead
Mon 23/10	7.00pm			No mass
Tue 24/10	9.30am	Tonderai & Wadzanai, Thanks	10.30am	
Wed 25/10	10.30am	Father John Kearney, RIP	9.30am	
Thu 26/10		No mass	7.00pm	Father Dominic, RIP
Fri 27/10	10.30am	Father John Clayton, RIP	9.30am	Narciso Dominici, RIP
Sat 28/10	6.00pm	Somers Family Ints	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Exodus 22:20-26. 2. Thessalonians 1:5-10. Gospel Matthew 22:34-40				

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Sun 29/10	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners All travellers, living & dead
Mon 30/10	7.00pm	Irene & James Collins, RIP		No mass
Tue 31/10	9.30am	Ron Thomas, RIP	10.30am	
Wed 01/11	10.30am	Fran's Family Ints	7.00pm	Mary O'Donnell, RIP
Thu 02/11	7.00pm	All Souls	10.30am	All Souls
Fri 03/11	10.30am	B & R Watson, RIP	9.30am	Lizy Sebastian's Ints
Sat 04/11	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10. 2. 1 Thessalonians 2:7B-9,13 Gospel Matthew 23:1-12				

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
22nd October 2023 (Mission Sunday)

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 45:1.4-6; 2. Thessalonians 1:1-5; Gospel Matthew 22:15-21. Response to Psalm Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10. Give the Lord glory and power. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

REFLECTION: Today is called 'World Mission Sunday'. It is important to hear the words of Pope Francis thus "Today, vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born to go forth." World Mission day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and gesture of solidarity in support of the young churches in mission land.

In the first reading, God makes clear his choice of a foreign and pagan king, Cyrus, to liberate Israel, whom Isaiah referred to as "God's anointed" instrument. This choice is for a purpose; to make God's name known among other nations. Therefore, like Cyrus, God has chosen and armed us with the good news: "so that people may know his power, love and message through us. That's is why we are called missionaries. Just like St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, who never went on mission, but today she is known as the patron Saint of Missionaries because she was always praying for the success of missionaries and their work. Can we be like her, praying and supporting the missionaries sent to us? Let us know that some people go to mission by proceeding, while some go to mission by giving (supporting). Happy World Mission Sunday!

This newsletter covers two weeks; please retain for mass timings and intentions.
A new newsletter will be produced for Sunday, 5th November 2023.



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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 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.

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.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS ANNUAL COLLECTION takes place on the 4th/5th November. Last year the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests at a cost of £850,000. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By donating to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund on Sunday, 5th November you can help ensure the needs of our retired and sick clergy are being met. Please take a donation envelope and also continue to pray for all our clergy: active, ill or retired. Thank you.

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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SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Mavis & family, Margaret, Andrea, George and Joe.
FLOWERS: Olive

SP & MC: CONFIRMATION CLUB is starting in January 2024 for ages 8 - 11. Please fill out the Confirmation club registration form located at the back of the Churches and return to the Parish Office.

SP & MC: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024: We have 45 children making their First Holy Communion at St Peter's and Marychurch. They will be receiving their work books at this Sunday's 11am Mass (22nd October). Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

SP & MC: COST OF LIVING CRISIS: We are collecting **non-food items** which will be donated to St Philip Howard School for distribution to those in need. Please place your **non-food items** in the prepared boxes at the back of the Churches. Thank you.

SP & MC: PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will be closed from Monday, 23rd October for a week. Normal working hours resume on Tuesday, 31st October.

SP: BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN: Bishop Paul will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, 29th October at 6.00pm in St Peter's. Please join us and Bishop Paul in celebrating Mass for our new Catholic students.

SP & MC: CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: Please note the following Mass times changes, for the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls in November. On Wednesday, 1st November (All Saints) Masses will be 10.30am in Marychurch and 7.00pm in St Peter's. On Thursday, 2nd November (All Souls) Masses will be 10.30am in St Peter's and 7.00pm in Marychurch.

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