

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 05/11	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners N & E Gonsalves, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Marie Anthony, Anni Ruperto Cruz, Sr RIP All travellers, living & dead Parishioners
Mon 06/11	7.00pm	A Paulose & M Anthony, RIP		No mass
Tue 07/11	9.30am		10.30am	Holy Souls
Wed 08/11	10.30am	Vincent Hwan Kim, RIP	9.30am	Bruno Fernando, RIP
Thu 09/11		No mass	9.30am	
Fri 10/11	10.30am	Moira Moss, Birthday	9.30am	
Sat 11/11	6.00pm	Joseph Josephides, Int	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Wisdom 6:12-16. 2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Gospel Matthew 25:1-13				

#### 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 works.

**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, John

**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 the 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 November: For the Pope:** We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
5th November 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Malachi 1:14-2:2. 8-10; 2. Thessalonians 2:7-9.13; Gospel Matthew 23:1-12. Response to Psalm Ps 130. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**REFLECTION:** Who does not desire the praise and respect of others? We want people to see us at our best with all our strengths and achievements, rather than at our worst with all of our faults and shortcomings. Therefore, the Church invites us to imitate the virtue of humility. In the gospel, Jesus warns the Scribes and Pharisees, the teachers and rulers of Israel, to teach and serve with humility and sincerity, rather than with pride and self-seeking privileges and honour. They would go to great lengths to draw attention to their religious status, practices and achievements. By such ways, they want to be good models of the observant Jew so that people can say, "see how well they observe all the rituals and regulations of their religion." But, in their misguided zeal for religion, they sought recognition for themselves rather than for God.

What then is the nature of humility and why should we embrace it as essential for our lives? Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. It is viewing ourselves honestly with sober judgement and seeing ourselves the way God see us. It is also the foundation of all virtues because it enables us to see and judge correctly as God sees. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of oneself without illusion or pretence to be something one is not. Such a person acknowledges that God is the source of all he/she owns and the cause of all their achievements. He directs all praises to God and not to self. Finally, true respect for God inclines us to be humble and submit ourselves to his guidance.

Peace be with You !!!

*All things pass; God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. They who have God, find they lack nothing. God alone suffices.' St Teresa of Avila*



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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 & SP:** We are having a Children's Christmas Mass at 11am on Sunday, 10th December followed by a Christmas party in the hall. All children from both parishes are invited. Bring and share food with offers of help all greatly appreciated.

**ST PHILIP HOWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL** is having Open Days which will start at 9.30am on 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 this weekend. 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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**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy, Leonora Mashumba, Anna Lodge, Pauline Redottee, David & Margaret Grundy, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Richard Atkin and Mary Damoah.



**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Victoria & Anthonia  
**FLOWERS:** Roshan & Harshani

**SP & MC: Christmas has arrived in the Repository Shop** – plenty of Christmas items, from Nativity sets, Christmas ornaments, candles, calendars and diaries. Prices from just £1. Please come in and visit and support our parishes.

**SP & MC: CONFIRMATION CLUB** is starting in January 2024 for ages 8-11. Please fill out a Confirmation Club form located at the back of the Churches and return to the parish office.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Sunday, 5th November 2pm at Hatfield Lawn Cemetery (Oakhill on Southway). Sunday, 12th November 1.30pm at Hatfield Hyde Cemetery (Hollybush Lane).

**SP: CHANGE OF MASS TIME:** Please note that Mass on Thursday, 9th November is at 9.30am at St Peter's and not 7.00pm. Father Agbor has to attend a funeral later in the day.

**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)

Last Friday, 20 children from the Youth Group had the opportunity of visiting the Hatfield Bunker. They all had a wonderful time and learnt a bit about Hatfield's history, experienced a war time bunker, meet the stuffed police cat, dressed up in riot gear and had a go in a police car. The trip was a success and in the New Year we will be discussing with the Youth Group our next trip. Youth Club resumes on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm in St. Peter's church hall.**

**UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME - AGES 18-22 YEARS:** Westminster Youth Ministry is developing a training programme for Young Catholic Leaders. Prepare to begin a life-changing journey of formation, training and prayer with 20 other young Catholics in the Diocese. Starting in the Upper Room and accompanied by Mary, Mother of God, we will set out together to prepare for a life of professional and spiritual leadership to carry out the great commission and 'make disciples of all nations' (Mt 28:19). Join us and experience inspiring places and talks across several locations in the Diocese. Discover your unique calling to build up the church. Applications close on 11th November, visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> to apply or email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) for enquires.

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