

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 12/11	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Victims of War  Ron Thomas RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Victims of War Parishioners All travellers, living & dead Father Tim O'Connor, RIP
Mon 13/11	7.00pm	R & K Herbskerman, Ints		No mass
Tue 14/11	9.30am	Holy Souls	10.30am	Ottilia Regonda, RIP
Wed 15/11	10.30am	Julie Smith, RIP	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thu 16/11		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 17/11	10.30am	Personal Intention	9.30am	
Sat 18/11	6.00pm	Minna Browne, B/day	10.30am	A & M Christophi, RIP
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31. 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. Gospel Matthew 25:14-30				

#### 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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*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*  
*12th November 2023*

**READINGS:** 1. Wisdom 6:12-16. 8-10; 2. Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel Matthew 25:1-13. Response to Psalm Ps 130. *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** Today, the Church encourages us to seek the Lord and always be ready to welcome Him. God is wisdom, anyone who finds and receives Him will have the fullness of life. Therefore, we must ask God to grant us wisdom to know what to do at all times and how to do it well. That's why the first reading reminds us that wisdom is found by only those who look for her. Here, Wisdom is personified as a woman. Hence, it only takes a wise man to go out in search of her. The wise man does this with patience and hope until he has found her. With wisdom, we will live a good Christian life and be equipped to face the challenges of life.

In the gospel, Jesus used the parable of the ten bridesmaids to teach us how we must be prepared for the challenges of our call. What separates the two categories of bridesmaids is that the same thin line that separates wisdom and foolishness; that is, planning ahead, being patient and prepared. Therefore, the moment of waiting can be a weary moment; but, it should be a moment of grace to be well prepared. We must not become victims of the eleventh hour due to lack of preparation. Hence, Christians ought to be prepared and watchful as those who are alert to the unexpectedness of life. Likewise, when we began our journey of faith, we did not foresee that we would meet trials and temptations. We do not believe that some day, it will cost us a lot to remain faithful to our commitment. Therefore, let us be wise and prepare for the challenges of our call. And not to wait for the challenges to engulf us before we take action. 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:** 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 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:** Violet and Annah  
**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, 12th November 1.30pm at Hatfield Hyde Cemetery (Hollybush Lane).

**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)

On Friday, 27th October, 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.

**SP & MC: NON FOOD ITEMS:** We are still collecting non food items to distribute to those in need through Philip Howard School. Please use the boxes at the back of both Churches for your donations. Thank you

**NOTICE FROM BISHOP PAUL: THE SANTA MARTA GROUP** was established in 2014 by Pope Francis to combat human trafficking and modern slavery. SMG is now delivering 'Awareness and Guidance for Communities' to encourage local action and to prevent human trafficking and modern slavery taking place in our midst. **On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November the Santa Marta Group will hold an information meeting in the parish hall of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Catholic Church, 16, Nightingale Road, Hitchin SG5 1QS, from 7pm - 9pm.** Kevin Hyland, the UK's first Independent anti-slavery Commissioner and currently chief advisor to the Santa Marta Group will lead the meeting. All are welcome to come to learn more about the prevalence of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities and the steps we can take to prevent it.

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