

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 19/11	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Jack Ryan, Healing Helen Conteh, RIP Cecelia's Thanksgiving Sylvia's Private Intention	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Peter Reader, RIP Parishioners All travellers, living & dead Ashley Uzoma Nwapa, B/day
Mon 20/11	7.00pm	No Mass		No Mass
Tue 21/11	9.30am	Norberto S. Cardozo, RIP	10.30am	No Mass
Wed 22/11	10.30am	No Mass	9.30am	Antony Poulouse
Thu 23/11		No mass	7.00pm	No Mass
Fri 24/11	10.30am	No Mass	9.30am	No Mass
Sat 25/11	6.00pm	Harry Parkes, RIP	10.30am	Joseph & Cecilia A. Pillai, RIP
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17. 2. Corinthians 15:20-26.28. Gospel Matthew 25:31-46				

#### 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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*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
19th November 2023*

**READINGS:** 1. Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31; 2. Thessalonians 5:1-6; Gospel Matthew 25:14-30. Response to Psalm Ps 130. *O blessed are those who fear the Lord. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** As we draw closer to the end of the Liturgical calendar year A, the Church calls on her children to remain faithful and dedicated to our Master. That is why the first reading presents the qualities of a virtuous woman; she is faithful and knows what to do to keep her family intact. In addition, she holds out her hands to the needy and she is prudent in speech. Hence, it is a call for us to cultivate inner beauty (virtues), to be faithful and devoted to our mission which is to spread the fragrance of God's goodness through our work and talents.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the parable of talent to remind us that given the imminence of his return, each of us must be ready to render a good account of the talents they are endowed with. The parable challenges us to put to use all the potentials God has given us for the sake of his kingdom; most importantly, it instructs us to endure through difficult times and to live in anticipation of his second coming and to display faithfulness. Therefore, we must not be in idleness, but should be industrious and active by bearing effective witness to Christ while bearing in mind that an account must be demanded of us. As trustworthy servants, we must therefore avoid a life of indifference, apathy and complacency towards our work, as these will not fetch us any reward. If we are found faithful, we will surely hear the gracious words of our Master saying to us; "well done, good and faithful servant... come and join in your master's happiness." 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 Marychurch 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 an Open Day which will start at 9.30am on 30th November. There will be a welcome from Mrs Waugh our Headteacher followed by tours of the school. If you would like to attend, 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. 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:** Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection. If you did not get a chance to donate, it is not too late. 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.

**FOR SALE:** Fujitsu Windows 10 laptops, Intel i3 CPU, refurbished with a new battery. Sold state drive with a DVD and card reader. Mains adaptor included. £60 each with all proceeds going to Marychurch. Only 4 left, so please speak to Gillian Sutton for further details.

**MC & SP:** Father Agbor and Father Innocent are away on retreat from Monday, 20th November until Friday 24th November. Father Adams is kindly celebrating Mass on Tuesday, 21st November at 9.30am in Marychurch and on Wednesday, 22nd November at 9.30am in St Peter's.

**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:** Chinonso, Immaculate, Denis, Kelechi & Jovita  
**FLOWERS:** Mary, Theresa and Elise

**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.

**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.

**SP & MC: VOLUNTEERS MASS & PARTY:** We are having Volunteers Mass on Saturday, 9th December at 10.30am in SP followed by a party in the hall. All volunteers and parishioners are invited.

**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 SMG 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 SMG 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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