

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 03/12	9.30 am STM 11.00am	B & R Watson, Int Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Eileen Banks, Healing Parishioners All travellers, living & dead In honour of the Holy Spirit
Mon 04/12	7.00pm	Karen & Averj		No Mass
Tue 05/12	9.30am	Sister Dorothy Brown, RIP	10.30am	James Luis Baron, RIP
Wed 06/12	10.30am	Bobby	9.30am	A. Casey, 60th Birthday
Thu 07/12		No mass	7.00pm	
Fri 08/12	9.30am	Tabitha, RIP	7.00pm	Joyce Henry, RIP
Sat 09/12	6.00pm		10.30am	Mr A & Mrs E Josephides, RIP
Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11. 2. St Peter 3:8-14. Gospel Mark 1:1-8				

#### 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 December:** We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.*



## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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*First Sunday of Advent, Year B*

*3rd December 2023*

**READINGS:** 1. Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1.3-8 2. Corinthians 1:3-9; Gospel Mark 13:33-37. Response to Psalm Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**REFLECTION:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, and a new liturgical calendar Year B begins. During Advent, we focus on preparation for the second coming of Jesus which essentially involves waiting with hope. In life, anytime we wait, we do so because we expect something to happen. When we wait for a bus or train, we cannot see it coming but hope it will come. As we wait in hope for Christ's second coming, we know He is with us in so many ways especially in the sacraments. Our first reading from the prophesy of Isaiah is both a prophetic message and a prayer of hope as well thus "... why leave us to stray from your ways....oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down...?" This is a prayer of hope for God to come which the Lord's prayer echoes "... May your kingdom come on earth..." It is also echoed in St. Paul's petition thus: "Maranatha," which is the cry of the spirit and the bride that means 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

The gospel presents a clarion call to be awake thus: "so stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming." Friends, only the spirit of God can help us do this faithfully. Therefore, rather than obey the spirit of this world, we ought to obey the spirit of God who sustains us. It suffices to note that if we light up our houses and street without lighting our hearts for Christ to walk; if we prepare all things and places without preparing a manger for baby Jesus in our lives, then our preparation is not complete. Jesus must be first among all in our celebrations. Have a grace filled Advent season. Maranatha!!!

*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: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Friday, 8th December 2023 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with Masses at 9.30am in Marychurch and 7.00pm in St Peter's.

**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.

**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: NON FOOD ITEMS:** We are 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.

**MC & SP: CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We will be having a second collection for Christmas flowers. Thank you to the Flowers Team for decorating our Churches so beautifully during the Advent and Christmas season.

**MC & SP: Christmas Nativity:** Our Christmas Nativity will be taking place on Christmas Eve at both parishes, St Peter's during the 11am Mass and Marychurch at 4.00pm. If you would like your child(ren) to take part in our Christmas Nativity, please contact Caroline on 07557 819858.

**MC & SP: 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; **all completed forms (with copy of Baptism certificate and £10 fee) need to be returned by Sunday, 31st December 2023.**

**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:** Roshan, Gami & Audrey  
**FLOWERS:** Connie & Team

**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: 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.

**Youth Club volunteers needed** - if you could kindly spare 2 hours a month on a Friday evening assisting with our Youth Club, this would be kindly appreciated. For more details please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 or [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk)  
 Please note, an enhanced DBS will be required for the above role.

**SP & MC: ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR:** As a parish we are tasked by Caritas Westminster to support those in our community in need this Christmas. With St Vincent de Paul, we are putting together food hampers on behalf of 'The Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Schools Partnership' who have requested our help to provide hampers for the neediest families in the area. We are using the **Advent Giving Calendar** poster. **Please scan barcode** with your phone as a guide for the products required. Some products are non-food but also essential and those should go into the boxes provided by St Philip Howard school. Please start collecting the items requested and leave in boxes provided at back of the churches. Thank you.



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**SP: HALL EVENTS GROUP - HEG:** We are looking to put a Hall Events Group together to plan events like a Christmas party, summer party and other events to help raise funds to refurbish the hall and back garden at St Peter's as well as to help with other social action events such as food hampers. If you are interested, please contact Jemma on 07550 181144.

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