

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 31/12	9.30 am STM 11.00am 8.00pm	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 10.30pm	Ninfa Ardiente, Thanks Violet Dumba, Thanks Violet's mum, RIP
Mon 01/01	11.00am	Doris Thomas, RIP	11.00am	
Tue 02/01	9.30am	Bill & Rayah Watson, Ints	10.30am	Elwira's B/day Wishes
Wed 03/01	10.30am	Maurice C. Ashwell, RIP	9.30am	In honour of the Holy Spirit
Thu 04/01		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 05/01	10.30am		9.30am	O'Donnell Family, Ints
Sat 06/01	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Genesis 15:1-6.21:1-3. 2. Hebrews 11.8.11-12.17-19. Gospel Luke 2:22-40				

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM: Contact parish office. Preparation with the catechist is an obligation.

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.

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year B
Sunday, 31st December 2023

READINGS: 1. Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 2. Hebrews 11.8.11-12.17-19; Gospel Luke 2:22, 39-40. Response to Psalm Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!

REFLECTION: Today is the first Sunday of Christmas, dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is the model of every true Christian family. Sociologically speaking, the family is the nucleus of human society and the place where life and learning begins. The celebration is meant to remind us of the important role of the family as a sacred institution in the society. The first reading outlines three components of a family: father, mother and children. It equally outlines the position of each member in relation to another: "The Lord honours the Father in his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her Sons." Each is important and unique in their role and position.

The Holy family gives us a model of how a Christian family should be. A place where love, understanding, communication and respect reign. In addition, it presents us with very important elements of a family; prayer and unity of purpose. Together, Mary and Joseph took their Son Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. When Herod threatened to kill the baby, they decided together in prayers to flee to Egypt. Also, when the child Jesus was missing, Mary and Joseph together went out in search of him. Therefore, doing things together and praying together is the bedrock of a healthy family. This is needed especially in our world today where individualism has done great harm to the unity of the family. Therefore, let us emulate the examples of the Holy Family as the model of how our own should be. Merry Christmas!

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.

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: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023: Thank you to everyone for supporting the Children's Christmas Party and an amazing time was had by all, especially the children. We plan to hold a Children's Christmas Party annually due to requests. If you did not make it this year, we hope to see you next year. On behalf of the Youth Club, have a wonderful Christmas.

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 & SP: The parish office will be closed from Thursday, 21st December, reopening on Tuesday, 2nd January 2024. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and New Year.

VINNIIE PACKS: The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless. Please consider sponsoring packs for a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London, SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out the SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West, sort code 60-60-04, account 46088237. Thank you so much for your support.

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: Mavis, Margaret and Gloria
FLOWERS: Roshan and Harshani

SP & MC: Gifts in the Repository Shop at the back of St Peter's Church – candles, beautiful jewellery, 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 Fridays 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 hatfielddoyouth@rcdow.org.uk

Thank you to all the children and parents for supporting our youth club and youth activities throughout the year. We hope to see you in the New Year. We will be closed for the festive season but will reopen in the New Year. Happy New Year to all.

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 hatfielddoyouth@rcdow.org.uk
 Please note, an enhanced DBS will be required for the above role.

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.

SP & MC: CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, 14th January 2024 at St Peter's and on Sunday, 28th January 2024 at Marychurch.

SP: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH: Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Acct Details: Acct Name: *WRCDT St Peter's Hatfield South*, Sort Code – 40-05-20, Acct Number – 81094602. We accept regular plate giving in cash or cheque. Thank you for donations or legacy in memory of your loved ones.