

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 10/12	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Norberto S. Cardozo, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners All travellers, living & dead
Mon 11/12	7.00pm	Leslie, Healing		No Mass
Tue 12/12	9.30am	John Burke, RIP	10.30am	
Wed 13/12		No Mass	9.30am	Marshall K & Roslin P
Thu 14/12		No Mass	9.30am	
Fri 15/12	10.30am	R & K Herbskerman, Int	9.30am	Sumudu, Thanks
Sat 16/12	4.00pm 6.00pm	Advent Penitential Service	10.30am	Asini Igiwe, Private Int
Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11. 2. St Paul 5:16-24. Gospel John 1:6-8. 19-28				

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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*Second Sunday of Advent, Year B
10th December 2023*

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11 2. St Peter 3:8-14; Gospel Mark 1:1-8.
Response to Psalm Ps 84:9-14. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, and make his path straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

REFLECTION: Today, being the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church presents the person of John the Baptist as an example of what it means to prepare for Christ's coming. John's life was fuelled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. The scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb. The fire of the Holy Spirit dwelt in him and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he grew in the Word of God and was tested in preparation for his prophetic mission.

John broke the prophetic silence after the last prophet of the Old Testament (Micah), when he began to speak the Word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the messages of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of Israel for their unfaithfulness and tried to awaken true repentance by turning from evil ways. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was John's work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good Will to recognise and receive Christ when he came. With John, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration of the human race into the divine likeness, prefiguring what would be achieved by the Lord Jesus. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to show Christ to others by living a life that is Christ-centred. Do you point others to Christ in the way you live speak and treat others? 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: 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.

MC & SP: Please note, there is no Mass at Marychurch on Wednesday, 13th December. Specialist heating engineers are attending to the broken heaters. Mass on Thursday, 14th December at St Peter's will be at 9.30am to enable Fathers to attend the Deanery Christmas Dinner.

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: Please join us on Saturday, 16th December for our Christmas Penitential Service and Confessions at Marychurch, followed by 6.00pm Mass.

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: Anthonia

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 hatfielddoyouth@rcdow.org.uk

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 & 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.

VINNIE 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.

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