

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 21/01	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners J & J Britto, Thanks
Mon 22/01	7.00pm			No Mass
Tue 23/01	9.30am	Finley Rawle, Int	10.30am	
Wed 24/01	10.30am	Maurice Ashwell, RIP	9.30am	
Thu 25/01		No Mass	7.00pm	Father Stuart G. Steel, RIP
Fri 26/01	10.30am		9.30am	Benida Laedama, RIP
Sat 27/01	6.00pm	J. Oyegunle, B/day Wishes	10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Deuteronomy 18:15-20. Ps 94:1-2.6-9 2. Corinthians 7:32-35. Gospel Mark 1:21-28				

#### 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 January:** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of the different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21st January 2024

**READINGS:** 1. **Jonah 3:1-5.10** 2. **Corinthians 7:29-31**; Gospel **John Mark 1:14-20**. **Response to Psalm Ps 24:4-9.** Lord, make me know your ways. **Gospel/ Acclamation; Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!**

**Reflection:** On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church reminds us of a certain urgency; the shortness of our time in this world. If time is short, we must not hold tenaciously to the things of this world that are passing away. Rather, we should believe the good news and set our hearts on the Kingdom of God above. In the first reading, Jonah warned the Ninevites: "Only forty days, and Nineveh will be destroyed." Hence, Jonah preached a brief and urgent sermon. Quickly, the people of Nineveh repented and fasted with sack cloths. How often must we hear sermons before we till our hearts for the Word of God to germinate? The good news must be treated as a matter of urgency.

In the Gospel, Christ preached the same urgent message thus: "The Kingdom of God is close at hand, repent and believe the Good news," and "follow me, I will make you fishers of men." Like the Ninevites, the disciples heard the message and responded with urgency, knowing that there is no time to waste. In the same way, Jesus continues to invite us to participate in his mission. This is a life transforming invitation. Therefore, our response should be urgent and positive, because it is for our own good and that of others. Finally brethren, if our time is short and if this world is passing away and the kingdom of close at hand, why waste the little time we have hating, sinning and running after material things? Let us use all we have to seek the kingdom of God, live in peace with everyone and affect our society positively. Amen. Have a Blessed 2024.

*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 Tapfumanyi, 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.

**CHILDREN'S LITERGY** resumes at Marychurch on Sunday, 28th January.

**YouCAN (YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS NETWORK)** are running a series of events this year called 'Monastery Days': all-day events which consist of Mass, Confession, Prayer, Bible Study and Divine office, aimed at young adults from 18-45 years. The next trip is at Cambridge Blackfriars, CB3 0DD on Saturday, 27th January 2024. Cost is £25 per person. For further details and to book, please contact [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk)

**ANNUAL MSP CELEBRATION:** The Missionary Society of St Paul cordially invite you to their annual celebration of Thanksgiving on Friday, 26th January 2024 beginning with Holy Mass at 6.30pm in St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London followed by a reception in Amigo Hall. All are very welcome. There will be a mission appeal for The Missionary Society of St Paul, on Sunday, 28th January 2024 at both parishes.

**MARRIAGE CARE** will be running in-person marriage preparations courses in the parish centre of St Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End on Saturdays 10th February, 9th March and 13th April 2024. Couples can book their place on a course via the Marriage Care website. Marriage Care also offer low cost relationship counselling to couples experiencing difficulties and this support can also be accessed via their website.

**MC & SP: VOLUNTEERS PARISH PARTY:** We are having our combined Volunteers Parish Party at St Peter's on Sunday, 11th February 2024. Please join us for Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are very welcome.

**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 & Annah

**FLOWERS:** Mary, Therese and Elise

**SP & MC: Gifts in the Repository Shop at the back of St Peter's Church and Marychurch** – candles, beautiful jewellery and cards. We have some diaries and a few calendars left. Please pop in 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 [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@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 [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@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.

**VINNIE PACKS:** The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing essentials to the homeless. The suggested donation is £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.

**SP & MC: BOOKING OF MASS:** The Holy Mass is Our Lord's Perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it, we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving and in petition. If you wish to have a Holy Mass offered for any intention of yours, please contact the Parish Office or complete the mass intention envelope at the back of both Churches and give to the Parish Clergy. The Diocese encourages a voluntary offering of £10 for each mass intention.

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