

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 07/01	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Cheryl Williams, Int	9.00am 11.00am	Father S. Gullen-Steel, RIP Parishioners
Mon 08/01	10.00am	Funeral of H. Boylan, RIP	10.30am	
Tue 09/01	9.30am	Derek, Healing	10.30am	Dominic, Private Intention
Wed 10/01	10.30am	Rose Mhongo, Thanks	9.30am	Deacon Anthony Clark, RIP
Thu 11/01		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 12/01	10.30am		9.30am	Anthony D Sebastian, RIP
Sat 13/01	6.00pm	Father S. Gullen-Steel, RIP	10.30am	
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Samuel 3:3-10.19. 2. Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20. Gospel John 1:35-42				

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.



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Epiphany of the Lord, Year B Sunday, 7th January 2024

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 60:1-6 2. Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6; Gospel Matthew 2:1-12. Response to Psalm Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia! Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*

My dear Parishioners and friends of our two Parishes: Marychurch and St Peter's, Hatfield.

2023 Christmas, what an amazingly grace-filled celebration it was! The penitential services prepared us during the Season of Advent, the beautiful Dutch Nursery donated Christmas Trees, inspiring Cribs, flower arrangements, and Church decorations. Our talented and committed Choirs, and angel dressed children at Nativity plays, piled up memories. May we always remember these times of joy and blessings. Overwhelmed by your kindness, I sincerely thank everyone who has made our parishes so vibrant, friendly, and welcoming. I thank you also, for your prayers and support to me and Fr Innocent, MSP, expressed in your greeting and gifts. I will remember your generosity gratefully.

Now, as we welcome the New Year 2024, let us remember the lessons we learned in the past and use them to nurture a brighter faith-based future. May this year, I pray, fill you with love, patience, laughter, and endless possibilities.

We've shared blessings and faced challenges, walked hand-in-hand through joys and sorrows. Now, with hearts full of gratitude for the past year, we step into the unknown with unwavering trust in God's grace. One day at a time. May this year be one of abundant blessings, where love forgives, faith strengthens, and kindness blossoms. Let us open our doors to compassion, our arms to forgiveness, and our hearts to the love that shines brightest in the darkest times. Remember, you are not alone on this journey. Together, as faith communities, we'll navigate the winding paths of 2024, guided by Christ, our eternal light. I pray your steps will be steady, your spirits lifted, and your hearts open to all the possibilities that lie ahead.

Happy New Year and blessings upon you all!

Fr Agbor, MSP, Parish Priest

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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: Monday, 8th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Mass is at 10.30am at St Peter's. The late Mrs Hannah Boylan's funeral will take place at 10am in Marychurch on Monday, may she rest in peace. There is no Mass in Marychurch at 7.00pm.

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.

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.

ANNUAL MSP CELEBRATION: The Missionary Society of St Paul cordially invite you to their annual celebration of Thanksgiving on 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/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: Roshan & Harshani

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

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 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 Gemma on 07550 181144.

SP & MC: PAX CHRISTI: Next Sunday, 14th January 2024 is Peace Sunday. We will be having a second collection in aid of Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith with a vision of a world where ALL peoples live in peace, working to help create communities of peace and justice.

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.