

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 18/02	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Bronwen Strinati, RIP A & E Renfuma, RIP All travellers, living & dead
Mon 19/02	7.00pm			No Mass
Tue 20/02	9.30am	Rose Mhlongo, Int	10.30am	
Wed 21/02	10.30am		9.30am	Catherine McArdle RIP
Thu 22/02		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 23/02	10.30am		9.30am	
Sat 24/02	6.00pm		10.30am	Steve Pickard, RIP
Next Sun Readings: 1. Genesis 22:1-2:9-13.15-18. Ps 115:10.15-19 2. Romans 8:31-34. Gospel Mark 9:2-10				

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 February: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care. May Our Lord accompany them always.



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First Sunday in Lent, Year B 18th February 2024

READINGS: 1. Genesis 9:8-15 2. St Peter 3:18-22; Gospel Mark 1:12-15.
Response to Psalm Ps 24:4-9. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant. Gospel Acclamation; Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the month of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Alleluia!

Reflection: Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to grow in the awareness of our unworthiness as sinners. Additionally, it is a time of preparation towards the celebration of the great feast of Easter. Therefore, the Church calls us to renew our covenant with God. The first reading recounts the covenant between God and Noah who represents humanity. This is a covenant of renewal and restoration sealed with a rainbow as a sign of God's faithfulness thus: "Here is a sign of the covenant I make between myself and you...I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the covenant." Unfortunately, humanity has been unfaithful to God and his covenant. That is why Lent is a season of grace which offers us opportunity to renew our covenant with God through Christ.

The gospel narrates the temptation of Jesus. To be a worthy lamb of God to save us, Jesus had to be tested. In the same manner, we are not immune from temptation which is inevitable. In fact, God allows it and through it, we prove our love and faith for Him. However, we should not be frightened because the Holy Spirit that helped Christ is always available to help us. To overcome, we must persist in prayer, fasting and alms giving which are the three pillars of Lent. May we see this Lenten season as a moment of spiritual renewal and shed off our old self and grow new life in Christ. Have a spirit-filled Lenten season!

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, 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: RECYCLING: Ink cartridges recycling for CAFOD continues. Please leave used and unwanted cartridges in the right hand cupboard at the back of Marychurch. Thank you.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 23RD FEBRUARY 2024. Please take an envelope from the back of the Churches and support CAFOD. Envelopes will be collected on Sunday, 25th February. Thank you.

FOCOLARE OPEN EVENING: "How can we deal with division better?" Conleth Burns, a Senior Associate at the think tank and research agency **More in Common** will share his perspectives from dozens of focus group conversations across the country about how communities might be able to better handle division on the big challenges the country faces from immigration to climate change to culture wars. Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG, 23 February 7.30-9pm. Tea/coffee provided. Everyone welcome!

METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION: You are invited to an exhibition of works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection between Saturday 2 March and Sunday 7 April 2024 at Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG. Admission is free. See Facebook Art 2024 at WGC or contact art2024@focolare.org.uk. During the exhibition, there will be a community café serving refreshments and cakes at the following times: Café open Tuesdays - Fridays 11am - 3.30pm Saturdays - Sundays 2pm - 4.30pm. Exhibition open Tuesdays - Fridays 11am - 4pm Saturdays - Sundays 2pm - 5pm NB the exhibition will be closed to the public every Monday and on the following days: Friday 1st March, Saturday 16th March, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

ADVICE ON ENERGY BILLS: W.A.S.H offer free advice with energy bills, including benefits advice. Information and advice are available via their website, www.nea.org.uk/get-help and their dedicated helpline 0800 304 7159.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Lenten Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday at 6pm. The various statutory bodies should check the rota to know when they are scheduled to led the programme.

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, Mary Damoah and Dulia Prado.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Anthonia

FLOWERS: Mary

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: Both our Youth Clubs are currently running at St Peter's parish hall. **Junior Youth Club:** For our children aged 7-11. Every Friday 5pm - 6pm, entry fee £2. **Senior Youth Club:** For our youths aged 12-16. Every last Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm, entry fee £2. Tuck shop available for both Youth Clubs. Family discounts available. For more details, please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 or hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk

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

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN on Wednesday 21st February, 7-9pm with Monsignor Nicholas Morrish.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024: The Appeal runs during Lent, please show your support for the Cardinal's Appeal. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry and Education. Funds also support the work of Caritas Westminster. Some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. Please take a donation envelope and return during Lent. Thank you for your donation.

SP & MC: Please notify the parish office in strictest confidence if your personal circumstances have changed, e.g., change of address, redundancy etc. The Gift Aid Department need to be kept informed of any change that may affect claiming gift aid. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Adult Confirmation Class: Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation? Meet the priest or the catechists for registration which will end on the 29th Feb.

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