

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 04/02	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Kathleen Rhine, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Margaret Murray-Bruce, RIP F & R V Flora, RIP All travellers, living & dead Parishioners
Mon 05/02	7.00pm	Eileen, Healing		No Mass
Tue 06/02	9.30am	R. Mhlongo, Ints	10.30am	
Wed 07/02	10.30am	G. Sutton, Thanks	9.30am	P & S Brennan, Anni, RIP
Thu 08/02		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 09/02	10.30am	Janet Polley, Thanks	9.30am	Sister Jennifer, Healing
Sat 10/02	6.00pm	Fr Anthony Jones, Healing	10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46. Ps 31:1-2.5.11 2. Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Gospel Mark 1:40-45				

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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*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
4th February 2024*

READINGS: 1. Job 7:1-4.6-7 2. Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23; Gospel Mark 1:29-39. Response to Psalm Ps 146:1-6. Praise the Lord who heals the broken - hearted. Gospel Acclamation; *Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

Reflection: Today, the Church invites us to praise God who heals the broken hearted and who is close to those who suffer. She reminds us that without the healing power of Christ, we would have been in perpetual hopelessness. The first reading presents us with the dilemma of Job, an innocent and faithful servant of God who suffered humiliation, sickness, lost of wealth and betrayals, etc. The story should not leave us with the image of pity and misery, rather should raise our trust in the saving power of God. Job's faith was severely tested by the devil, he lost everything and was inflicted with leprosy. In spite of all, he did not lose faith in the saving power of God.

The story of Job reminds us of our own daily struggles with problems like sickness, hardships and betrayals etc. Also, it reminds us of what seems as: "The silence of God or the dark nights." These moments can make us wonder: "God, where are you, or, what have I done wrong?" These questions are normal and they show we are human. However they are also testing moments of our love and faith in God. If we stand firm, God will surely show us his saving power. Job later realised this and said: "Now I know that my Redeemer liveth." (Job 19:25) Also, the psalmist says: "though sorrow may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning." My brethren, God will not abandon you because He says: "even if a mother forgets her nursing baby, I will not forget you." So, no matter what are the reports or odds against you. All you need is patience, hope and faith in Jesus who is able to deliver those who trust in Him. God Loves You!

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.

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. Marriage Care also offer low cost relationship counselling to couples experiencing difficulties and this support can also be accessed via their website.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: On Saturday, 10th February at 2.30pm, cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. There are three categories: wheelchair users who require anointing; walking sick who require anointing and those assisting the sick who do not require anointing.

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.

LENT RETREAT: The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonehurst in the beautiful Ribble Valley, is running a Lent weekend retreat led by the famous Carmelite writer, Father Matthew Blake, entitled, 'Praying with St Theresa of Avila.' It starts at 6.00pm on Friday 8th March finishing on Sunday 10th March at 3.00pm. £210 single room, £150pp sharing twin. For more details, please visit The Christian Heritage website.

VOLUNTEERING FAIR: Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a volunteering fair on Saturday, 9th March from 3pm - 5pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the Diocese, do come along. Please visit the Caritas website for more information.

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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SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Mavis with family, Margaret F & Gloria
FLOWERS: Olive

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 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.

SP & MC: We are approaching the end of the financial tax year and are working on the parish accounts and gift aid. 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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