

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 25/02	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Lynette Belch, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners C. Grosser, Thanks All travellers, living & dead
Mon 26/02	7.00pm	Father Francis' Int		No Mass
Tue 27/02	9.30am	Rose Mhlongo, Int	10.30am	
Wed 28/02	10.30am		9.30am	Jennifer Black, RIP
Thu 29/02		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 01/03	10.30am	The Chapman Family, Ints	9.30am	
Sat 02/03	6.00pm		10.30am	Loveness Gandi, RIP
Next Sun Readings: 1. Exodus 20:1-17. Ps 18:8-112. 2. Corinthians 1:22-25. Gospel John 2:13-25.				

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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Second Sunday in Lent, Year B

25th February 2024

READINGS: 1. Genesis 22;1-2.9-13.15-18 2. St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34; Gospel Mark 9:2-10. Response to Psalm Ps 115:10.15-19. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. *Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Reflection: The Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor took place at a critical moment in the life of Jesus. He was on his way to Jerusalem where violent death was awaiting him. He had warned his disciples that, 'He was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.' When Peter objected, Jesus rebuked him harshly: 'Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle on my path'. Therefore, it is right to say that suffering and death is integral to the salvific mission of Jesus Christ.

The Transfiguration experience was remarkable also for the disciples. They saw a glimpse of Jesus in his glory and their ears heard the divine confirmation of Jesus' identity as 'beloved Son' to whom they were commanded to listen to. Hence captivated by the experience, Peter wished to remain on the mountain but Jesus would not allow that because the way to the glory is through the Cross. The experience is remarkable in the life of the disciples in two ways. (1) It reinforced the faith of the disciples in Jesus as the Messiah which made them witnesses. Peter proclaimed thus: "we ourselves heard this voice from heaven when we were with Him on the mountain. Therefore, we firmly believe in the message of the Prophets." (2) This experience gave them the courage to endure persecution for the sake of Christ, because, the glory that lay ahead surpasses all sufferings. Therefore Child of God, learn to see your sufferings and trials as stepping stones to heavenly glory. 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. This is one of the art world's unexpected treasures including some of the most powerful and arresting religious art of the 20th and 21st centuries. 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 Why not meet up with friends to enjoy the artwork followed by a cuppa and a home-made cake ? 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.

MC: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Lenten Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday at 6.00pm. The various statutory bodies should check the rota to see when they are scheduled to lead 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: Violet & Annah

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 hatfielddouth@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.

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, who work with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. Please take a donation envelope and return during Lent. Thank you for your donation.

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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ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS: Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation? Meet the clergy or the catechists for registration which will end on 29th February 2024.

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