

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 02/03	6.00pm		10.30am	
Sun 03/03	9.30am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Bill & Rayah Watson, Ints	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Malsher Family, Ints Parishioners All travellers, living & dead In honour of the Holy Spirit
Mon 04/03	7.00pm	F Perdoni, Thanksgiving		No Mass
Tues 05/03	9.30am	Robert Lugangera, Thanks	10.30am	Louisa Gorry, RIP
Wed 06/03	10.30am	Barry Holloway, RIP	9.30am	
Thu 07/03		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 08/03	10.30am	Rose Mhlongo, Int	9.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23. Ps 136:1-6 2. Ephesians 2:4-10. Gospel John 3:14-21				

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 March. Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

3rd March 2024

READINGS: 1. Exodus 20:1-17 2. St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25 Gospel John 2:13-25. Response to Psalm Ps 18:8-11. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life. *Gospel Acclamation; Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Reflection: As we continue our journey this season, on this third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Christ the fullness of the Law and the wisdom of God. Today, the Church calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ, because He is the fulfilment of God's Commandment. In our first reading from the book of Exodus, God gave the Law to Moses for Israel. The law was given to help them become wiser, to strengthen their relationship with God and help their social and religious life. The commandments of God are meant to form us into a sacred community. That is, a community rooted in the genuine worship of God and lives in justice and peace with one another. Live as neighbours, respecting one another, knowing that the ultimate purpose of the law is to know, respect and worship God our creator.

The gospel narrates Jesus's encounter with those who profane God's sanctuary. His action demonstrates that He is actually God's wisdom and the fullness of the law. His zeal distinguished him from the authorities who instead of representing God's interest, are concerned with their selfish and economic interest. The lesson for us is that we are not supposed to keep quiet or remain indifferent while things go wrong, especially in the house of God, our homes or offices. Also, we are reminded that our body, and the body of Christ is the temple of God. A temple we must not defile. As we march forward this season, let us continue to abide by the commandment of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God. Let us acclaim Christ thus: "You Lord, have the message of eternal life." God Bless 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 Tapfumanyi, 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.

MC: RECYCLED CARDS: There are beautiful recycled cards available at Marychurch with prices starting from £1. Mother's Day, Easter, Birthdays, etc; attractive and handmade cards for all occasions.

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.

SVP: The Marychurch & St Peter's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) gives support and help to individuals and families in need in the Hatfield area. There will be a second collection on Sunday, 10th March to give you the opportunity during Lent to support the SVP in their essential work. If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your donation, envelopes are available at the back of the church.

MC: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Lenten Stations of the Cross this coming Wednesday 6th March at 6.00pm will be led by Money Counters/Collectors/Sunday Tea Group. We encourage every one to attend.

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, Dulia Prado and Mary Paiva.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Chinonso, Immaculate, Denis, Kelechi and Jovita
FLOWERS: 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 joint 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.

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.

SP & MC: PRIEST RETREAT: Both Fathers are away on Thursday, 7th March for a Lenten Day of Recollection. Please note, Mass at 7.00pm will be celebrated as normal.

SP: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Lenten Stations of the Cross this coming Friday 8th March at 6.00pm will be led by the Hospitality Group. We encourage everyone to attend.

VOLUNTEERING FAIR: CARITAS volunteering fair at Westminster Cathedral from 3pm - 5pm on Saturday, 9th March. Please visit the fair to see the wide range of opportunities available for volunteering.

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.