

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 09/03	6.00pm	Clara Sokola, Healing	10.30am	
Sun 10/03	9.30am STM 11.00am	M & W Hannon, RIP Anni Charles L. Appuhamy, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners Victor Kajar, RIP All travellers, living & dead
Mon 11/03	7.00pm			No Mass
Tues 12/03	9.30am	Father Geoffrey Webb, RIP	10.30am	
Wed 13/03	10.30am	Eileen Smith, Healing	9.30am	
Thu 14/03		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 15/03	10.30am	Mary Somers, Healing	9.30am	James Barron, RIP Anni
Next Sun Readings: 1. Jeremiah 31:31-34. Ps 50:3-4.12-15 2. Hebrews 5:7-9. Gospel John 12:20-30				

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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4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

10th March 2024

READINGS: 1. Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 2. St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel John 2:13-25. Response to Psalm Ps 136:1-6. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not! *Gospel Acclamation; Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Reflection: "Rejoice, Jerusalem... Be joyful, all you who love her." (Isa 66:10). Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent is called 'Laetare Sunday' which calls us to rejoice because our salvation is drawing close. It is marked by a relaxation from the penitential character of the Lenten season. In the gospel, Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be lifted up to bring the power of God's kingdom to bear on earth. Traditionally, when Kings began to reign, they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. It means that Jesus will be recognised as the Anointed King when he is lifted up on the Cross. Here, Jesus points to a key Prophetic sign which Moses performed in the wilderness when the Israelites were inflicted with a poisonous serpent. Through Moses intervention, God showed mercy by instructing Moses to make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole; anyone bitten and looks up to the serpent will live. This miraculous sign foreshadows and points to the saving work which Christ would perform to bring healing to the world.

The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the Cross which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus being lifted up on the Cross and rising from the dead and his exaltation and ascension to heaven is our new birth in the Spirit and adoption as peoples of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us. This is as a result of God's love for us. May His love consume and propel our actions. Amen. 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, 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.

MC: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Lenten Stations of the Cross this coming Wednesday 13th March at 6.00pm will be led by the Zimbabwe Community. We encourage every one to attend.

MICHAEL MACPHERSON, RIP: Michael passed away peacefully surrounded with his loved ones on 6th February 2024 at St Andrew's Care Home. His funeral service takes place at Holy Family Church, Welwyn Garden City on Monday, 18th March at 12.30pm followed by burial at Oak Hill Cemetery at 2.00pm. Donations in Michael's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Society care of J. J. Burgess & Sons Funeral Directors. May Michael rest in peace and we pray for his family.

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: Mavis, Margaret F & Gloria
FLOWERS: Elise

SP & MC: Gifts in the Repository Shop at the back of St Peter's Church and Marychurch – candles, beautiful jewellery and cards. Please pop in and support our parishes.

SP & MC: YOUTH CLUB FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS: **Junior Club:** For our children aged 7-11. Every Friday 5pm - 6pm, entry fee £2. **Senior Club:** For ages 12-16. Every last Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm, in St Peter's Church hall, 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.

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 this 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.

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NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025: Applications for Nursery places at St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School for children starting nursery in September 2024 / January 2025 are now being taken. St Philip Howard School offers both 30 hour and 15 hour nursery provision. We also offer wrap around care (paid) from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Children are offered a place for the term after they turn 3. Application forms are available from the school website at www.sphoward.herts.sch.uk or from the school office. Visits to see our nursery in practice can be booked by contacting the school office on 01707 263969.

SP & MC: ROSARY: We pray the Rosary after morning Masses on Wednesdays at both parishes. Please join us.

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.