

| WEEKLY MASSES | MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions | | ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions | |
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| Sat 16/03 | 6.00pm | Giuseppina Gallo, RIP | 10.30am | T & H Josephides, RIP |
| Sun 17/03 | 9.30am STM 11.00am | Fr Sandy Murray, RIP Charles L. Appuhamy, RIP | 9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm | Parishioners Michael O'Britto, RIP All travellers, living & dead |
| Mon 18/03 | 7.00pm | Michael MacPherson, RIP | | No Mass |
| Tues 19/03 | 9.30am | Lynette Belch, RIP | 10.30am | J. Josephides, Thanks |
| Wed 20/03 | 10.30am | Funeral of G. Gallo, RIP | 9.30am | Giuseppina Gallo, RIP |
| Thu 21/03 | | No Mass | 7.00pm | Bronislawa, Healing |
| Fri 22/03 | 10.30am | M. Browne, Int | 9.30am | |
| Next Sun Readings: 1. Isaiah 50:4-7. Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24 2. Philippians 2:6-11. Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47 | | | | |

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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5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

17th March 2024

READINGS: 1. **Jeremiah 31:31-34** 2. **Hebrews 5:7-9** Gospel **John 12:20-30**.
Response to Psalm Ps 50:3-4,12-15. A pure heart create for me, O God. *Gospel/ Acclamation; Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

Reflection: When you understand paradox, you are close to the heart of the gospel. A message in which two statements contradict each other but in it lies the truth. Today's gospel underscores thus: "unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." Here, we find Jesus speaking about his path to glory through humiliation and the cross. Nothing in human history is so paradoxical as the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. As He was about to undergo the passion of the cross, He sees it as a moment of glorification, thus: "Now the hour has come, for the Son to be glorified." Hence, the Cross reveals what evil we are capable of doing to each other: betrayal, violence and killing.

The cross likewise reveals the best that's within us. It's message is that God loves us and thinks we are worthy. Our humanity has been lifted up because Christ's cross invested it with infinite value. As the worst of our humanity in all its cruelty succeeded in crucifying the best that God gave us, in that monumental act of cruelty and evil, God brought out the best within us. The crucifixion of Christ seemed a crushing defeat, but out of it came the greatest victory that righteousness has ever won. Therefore, Child of God, the paradox of your life finds meaning and fulfilment in the paradox of Christ's passion and death. For in it, God brings good out of evil, glory out of humiliation, and life out of death. This is possible if we can allow God to take control of our life situations. 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. Easter, Birthdays and Anniversaries 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. 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.

MICHAEL MACPHERSON, RIP: Michael passed away peacefully surrounded with his loved ones on 6th February 2024. 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. May Michael rest in peace and we pray for his family.

MC: GIUSEPPINA GALLO, RIP: Giuseppina's funeral is on Wednesday, 20th March at 10.30am in Marychurch. May Giuseppina rest in peace and we pray for her family.

MC: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Wednesday, 20th March at 6.00pm will be led by the Wednesday Tea Group. We encourage every one to attend.

MC: LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Friday 22nd March, 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Please join us.

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: Roshan, Gami & Audrey
FLOWERS: Olive

SP & MC: New stock has arrived in the Repository Shop at the back of both churches - great Easter gifts, birthday presents or something for yourself - come in and support your churches.

SP & MC: YOUTH CLUB FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS: The junior and senior Youth Groups are looking to raise funds for a trip in April and need your support. We would be grateful for any new or nearly new donations that we can use to raise money for our outing. Please bring them and place in one of the boxes in the foyer. The table top sale will be held on Sunday, 14th April after the 11am Mass. Please come along and support our Youth Groups. Please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 for further information.

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: The next Evening of Recollection for Women is on Wednesday, 20th March from 7-9pm in St Peter's with Monsignor Nicholas Morrish.

SP: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 22nd March at 6.00pm will be led by the Youth Group. We encourage everyone to attend.

SP: LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Saturday, 23rd March, 10.30am - 12noon, (no morning 10.30am Mass). Please join us.

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

SP & MC: OUR HALLS & KITCHENS: We have two beautiful halls and well equipped kitchens that are used by everyone. If you use the kitchen to make a tea or coffee, wash and clean after you have finished. Please do not leave dirty cups/plates and cutlery for someone else to clean. It is the responsibility of all of us to take care of our community spaces.

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. The school offers both 30 hour and 15 hour nursery provision. We also offer wrap around care (paid) from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Application forms are available from the school website or from the school office. Visits to see our nursery in practice can be booked by contacting the school office.

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