

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 30/03	6.00pm	Private Intention	8.00pm	Louisa Gory, RIP
Sun 31/03	9.30am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Charles L. Appuhamy, RIP	9.00am 11.00am	Jacqui Mylonas, Healing Mrs O M Erharhaghen, B/day
Mon 01/04	7.00pm	Fr Freddie Matthews, RIP		No Mass
Tues 02/04	9.30am		10.30am	
Wed 03/04	10.30am	Bill & Rayah Watson, Int	9.30am	In honour of the Holy Spirit
Thu 04/04		No Mass	7.00pm	A. Shah, RIP & S. Uche Etta, RIP
Fri 05/04	10.30am		9.30am	Stella Uche Etta, RIP
Next Sun Readings: 1. Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117:2-4.15-18.22-24 2. St John 5:1-6. Gospel John 20:19-31				

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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Easter Sunday, Year B

31st March 2024

READINGS: 1. Acts 10:34.37-43 2. Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel John 20:1-9.
Response to Psalm Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23 This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!*

Reflection: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Two days ago, we started with what looked like a hopeless journey. Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. A new chapter ultimately begins today because, Jesus who suffered, died and was buried has risen. The short story is that Christ is risen in fulfilment of his promise: "I will rise on the third day." We celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of life over darkness, and of peace over chaos. We celebrate hope and the fulfilment of God's promise. Through his Resurrection, Jesus affirms that He is the Lord of the living and the dead.

The gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the grave. In other words, He did not cling to any worldly thing. Therefore, if we must rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from unnecessary things that pull us down spiritually. Like Paul, our song should be that of thanksgiving to God: "We bless God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth by raising Jesus from the dead." This is because Christ's death was our death and his resurrection is our resurrection too. Therefore, having been raised with Christ, we must seek the things that glorify God. We must live like citizens of heaven rather than earthbound. That's why St Paul admonishes us today thus: "Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must seek the things that are above where Christ is." I pray that the power of Christ's resurrection may dispel every gloom and darkness in our life. Amen. Happy Easter to you all!

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 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.

MC & SP: DIVINE MERCY: Feast of Divine Mercy Service at Holy Family Church, 194 Knightsfield, WGC, AL8 7RQ on Sunday, 7th April, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Rosary, Exposition, Chaplet, Benediction, Confessions and veneration of Divine Mercy Image. Everyone is welcome.

MC & SP: PARENT AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP IN SP HALL: Are you interested in meeting up with other parents/carers and their babies/toddlers over a cup of tea or coffee? Shelley, (volunteer with children's liturgy) would like to know when people would be available to meet in order to progress further. Please contact Shelley on shelly.waldock@hotmail.co.uk or 07736323509.

MC & SP: CONFIRMATION CLUB: If you would like your son/daughter to participate in Confirmation Club 2024/25, please obtain an application form direct from the Youth Group. Senior Youth Group runs every last Friday of the month - 26th April, 31st May, 28th June and 26th July. Spaces for the Confirmation Club are limited so please apply as soon as possible.

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: Violet & Annah
FLOWERS: Mary

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. Come along and support our Youth Groups. Please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 for further information.

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 for everyone's benefit. 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.

SP & MC: OFFICE: The office will be shut from Thursday, 25th March until Monday, 8th April inclusive. Wishing everyone a blessed and joyous Easter.

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.

CAN YOU HELP ST PHILIP HOWARD SCHOOL? The school have embarked on a project to develop their outdoor play provision. They believe children should be allowed to play freely. This includes children playing with 'loose parts' such as suitcases, buckets, plastic boxes, crates, old laptops, toys and keyboards. If you are doing a tidy-up, before throwing anything away, please think, 'Could this be played with?' If yes, the school would love them, giving the items a new lease of life and allowing children to make their own imaginative games. Please use the crate/box at the back of the churches to donate your items. Many thanks for supporting the school on their play journey.

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