

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 23/03	6.00pm		10.30am	Lenten Reconciliation Service
Sun 24/03	9.30am STM 11.00am	Patrick Lavelle, RIP Charles L. Appuhamy, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parishioners S. Perkins & S. Porter, RIP
Mon 25/03	7.00pm	Mr T & Mrs E Josephides, RIP		No Mass
Tues 26/03		No Mass		No Mass
Wed 27/03	10.30am	M. Creighton & M. Taylor, RIP	9.30am	Mr Anthony Wainwright, RIP
Thu 28/03	6.00pm		8.00pm	Noreen Savage, Int
Fri 29/03	3.00pm	The Passion of the Lord	10.30am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross The Passion of the Lord
Next Sun Readings: 1. Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23 2. Colossians 3:1-4. Gospel John 20:1-9				

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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Palm Sunday, Year B

24th March 2024

READINGS: 1. Isaiah 50:4-7 2. Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47.
Response to Psalm Ps 21:8-9.17-20.23-24 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *Gospel Acclamation; Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.*

Reflection: On this Palm Sunday, the Church celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem in order to accomplish his paschal mystery. Today's celebration is full of symbols. The green palm is a symbol of peace: "He shall be the Prince and King of peace" (Isa 9:6). The crowd symbolises both praise and denial. This is because the same crowd singing "Hosanna" will soon shout, "crucify Him." Finally, the donkey is symbolic of Christ humility. In the second reading, St Paul highlighted the greatness and depth of Jesus's humility. He recalled his self-emptying: "though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God... He humbled himself and became obedient unto death." St Paul admonishes us to be like Jesus, by living a simple, humble and gentle life. Humility and simplicity attract favour from both God and humans.

The gospel is from the passion narrative of Christ. The journey that began with praises (Hosanna, Hosanna) ended with, "crucify Him, crucify Him." But, at both ends, God is still at work and in control because: "we know that in all things, God works for good of those who love him." The narrative presents us with the nature of Christ as true man. He suffered, and died like every other human being. Yet, this did not diminish the fact that He is Lord and God. Through his passion, he has become our role model, while his cross has become our symbol of hope and salvation. So, before you see Jesus as the glorious Lord of Easter, first, think of Him as the wounded and crucified King. May we be filled with graces during this Holy Week. Peace Be with 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 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. 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: Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

MC & SP: EASTER FLOWERS: We have a 2nd collection for Easter flowers after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your offering.

MC & SP: NO MORNING MASSES ON TUESDAY 26th March 2024. Fathers are attending Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon, Cardinal Vincent looks forward to seeing priests and lay Catholics. You are all invited to attend.

MC: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Wednesday, 27th March at 6.00pm will be led by the Lectors. We encourage everyone to attend, it is our community worship.

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 shelley.waldock@hotmail.co.uk or 07736323509.

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: Anthonia
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. 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: 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.

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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