

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 06/04	6.00pm		10.30am	
Sun 07/04	9.30am STM 11.00am	Parishioners Charles L. Appuhamy, RIP	9.00am 11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 08/04	7.00pm			No Mass
Tues 09/04	9.30am		10.30am	
Wed 10/04	10.30am		9.30am	
Thu 11/04		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 12/04	10.30am		9.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Acts 3:13-15.17-19. Ps 4:2.4.7.9. 2. 1st John 2:1-5. Gospel Luke 24:35-48				

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 April. Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



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*2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B (Divine Mercy)
7th April 2024*

READINGS: 1. Acts 4:32-35 2. First John 5:1-6 Gospel John 20:19-31.
Response to Psalm Ps 117:2-4.15-18.22-24. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

Reflection: Today being the 2nd Sunday of Easter and known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday', we find the Apostles dispirited after the death of Jesus. They locked themselves in a room out of fear. Suddenly, Jesus appeared among them and says: "Peace be with you..." Here, Jesus reconciled his failed disciples to Himself and so their hearts were filled with joy. Having experienced the gift of forgiveness, they were sent out to offer to others the gift they had received: "Receive the Holy Spirit, those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven." Hence the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a privileged moment when we receive the Lord's forgiveness and we extend that forgiveness to others. Let us see the confessional as where we receive forgiveness and grace.

Thomas was not with the disciples when the Lord appeared and missed out on the gift of peace and forgiveness. He seems to have cut himself off from the community. When we cut ourselves off from the community of believers, we lose out greatly. Despite all its flaws, the Church is a place where we encounter the risen Lord especially when we gather and pray with one heart and mind like the disciples. The disciples reached out to Thomas and shared their joy with him: "We have seen the Lord." This reminds us of our duty to keep reaching out to those who have drifted away from the Church. Their effort and Jesus' visit made Thomas to grow from doubt to faith. On this, Thomas Merton wrote: "Faith is not a suppression of doubt. It is the overcoming of doubt, and you overcome doubt by going through it. The person of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a person of faith."

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. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings 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: Chinonso, Immaculate, Dennis, Kelechi and Jovita
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.

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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