

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 27/04	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Sun 28/04	9.30am STM 11.00am	C & G Williams, Ints Aqualina Gambe, Healing	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon 29/04	7.00pm	No Mass	12noon	Funeral of David Grundy, RIP
Tues 30/04	9.30am	No Mass	10.30am	
Wed 01/05	10.30am	No Mass	9.30am	Peggy O'Sullivan, RIP
Thu 02/05		No Mass	1.00pm 7.00pm	Funeral of Anne Seedall, RIP
Fri 03/05	10.30am	Bill & Rayah Watson, Ints	9.30am	In honour of the Holy Spirit
Sat 04/05	6.00pm		10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48. Ps 97:1-4. 2. 1st John 4:7-10. Gospel John 15:9-17				

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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5th Sunday of Easter, Year B
28th April 2024

READINGS: 1. Acts 9:26-31 2. First John 3:18-24 Gospel John 15:1-8.
Response to Psalm Ps 21:26-28.30-32. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!*

Reflection: On this 5th Sunday of Easter, the Church reminds us that Christ is the true vine, and we are the branches. As branches crafted on the true vine, we are expected to bear positive and good fruits in Christ. In today's first reading, one remarkable thing we see about Paul is that after his dramatic conversion, his life changed completely from 'Saul the persecutor' to 'Paul the preacher of the Good news.' He wasted no time in bearing fruit in Christ. This is because, his conversion was genuine. The consequences of his true conversion and believe in Jesus was his tireless evangelism and great harvest of souls which continues until today. He bore good fruits because he was a deeply crafted and rooted branch in Christ, the true vine. Paul bore abundant and lasting fruits through his works and charitable deeds.

Today's gospel is a call to strengthen our relationship with Christ in order to continue to live in Him. No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual life and journey as Christians, we cannot be unattached to Christ the vine, in whose name we were baptised and cannot bear fruits. We are created, and called to remain in Christ for a purpose which is to bear durable fruits in him. So, instead of a passive life, to be in Christ means to live an active and positive life characterised by charity, forgiveness, peace, love for God and neighbour. We are also called to reflect on our spiritual progress. Have I borne any good fruit in Christ? And let us confidently sing with the psalmist: "You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly." 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. Attractive and handmade cards for all occasions.

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 07736 323509.

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.

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. 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.

YOUTH 2000 EVENTS: Youth 2000 run events for young adults aged 18-35. One day retreat in London from 10am - 10pm on Saturday 11th May 2024 at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon.
Y2K goes to Medjugorje Youth Festival on Wednesday 31st July to 7th August. Join other young people from around the UK for the 2024 Medjugorje Youth Festival. Experience the wonder of the Mother of God coming to Earth with over 30,000 youth from all the world to celebrate this spectacular festival in the presence of God. For more information on all Youth 2000 events, please visit their website.

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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SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Anthonia
FLOWERS: Olive

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

FUNERALS: Mr David Grundy's funeral will be held on Monday 29th April at 12 noon in St Peter's. May his soul rest in peace and may his family be consoled.
 Mrs Anne Seedall's funeral will be held on Thursday 2nd May at 1pm in St Peter's. May her soul rest in peace and may her family be consoled.

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?' 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.

SP & MC: PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Sunday, 21st April was Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. There are 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 from our own Diocese. Your donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shephard.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID: Between 2/3 and 3/4 of the Sunday offertory comes in by loose cash. It is a big boost to the parish income if some of this money could be Gift Aided. If you are a regular parishioner, pay UK income Tax, please Gift Aid your offerings by filling out a Gift Aid declaration form using offertory envelopes. Your offering would increase in value by 25%, e.g., £4 becomes £5 and £10 becomes £12.50 at no extra cost to you. By using envelopes, one is not committed to giving a particular amount weekly. Please contact the parish office for further information.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 11th May at 6.00pm. There will be talk in Vaughan House, Francis Street at 5pm before Mass.

WORLD DAY FOR CHILDREN: Pope Francis has established an annual World Day for Children which will be held over the weekend of 25th and 26th May. To read the Holy Father's prayer and to participate, please visit, worldchildrenday.org

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