

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sun 11/02	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Micheal MacPherson, RIP Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	A & E Renfuma, RIP Mary Marron, RIP All travellers, living & dead Victor Kajar, RIP
Mon 12/02	7.00pm	E & D Davis, RIP		No Mass
Tue 13/02	9.30am		10.30am	
Wed 14/02	10.30am	Rose Mhlongo, Int	9.30am 7.00pm	Dulia Prado, Healing
Thu 15/02		No Mass	7.00pm	Louisa, Healing
Fri 16/02	10.30am	Jane Fisher, RIP	9.30am	
Sat 17/02	6.00pm	E & G Waterman, RIP	10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Genesis 9:8-15. Ps 24:4-9 2. St Peter 3:18-22. Gospel Mark 1:12:15				

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 February: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care. May Our Lord accompany them always.



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11th February 2024

READINGS: 1. Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46 2. Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Gospel Mark 1:40-45. Response to Psalm Ps 31:1-2.5.11. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation. Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Reflection: On this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church reminds us that Jesus is a friend to all. No one is left out in his circle of friends, even the outcasts and untouchables are included. In the gospel, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and made him whole and clean. Unlike the people of Jesus's time who would flee at the sight of a leper. Why was this touch so remarkable? Leprosy in the Jewish culture was a deadly and contagious disease seen as a sign of punishment from God. Lepers were driven out of their homes and communities to live in lepers' colony where they would have to fend for themselves and die. They were regarded as 'already dead' and the law forbade anyone from touching them. Should lepers be walking along the street, people would shout, "unclean, unclean."

The leper in the gospel did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly and requested healing. Jesus not only granted his request, but demonstrated his compassion by touching him which was forbidden by law. He confronted the leper's misery with tender kindness and communicated the love of God in a way that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him whole both physically and spiritually. How do you approach those who have been ostracised by society because they are deformed or have some defects. Do you avoid them or do you show compassion? Remember, we should be carriers of God's tender loving care to those in need. Peace be With You!

Jesus Said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer." Before Mass - Talk to God, During Mass - Listen to God, After Mass - Talk to each other.



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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 & SP: VOLUNTEERS PARISH PARTY: We are having our combined Volunteers Parish Party at St Peter's on Sunday, 11th February 2024. Please join us for Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are very welcome.

MC & SP: On Ash Wednesday, 14th February we have Mass at 10.30am in Marychurch. In St Peter's, Masses will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm. There will also be Mass at 2.30pm in St Philip Howard School.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 23RD FEBRUARY 2024. Please take an envelope from the back of the Churches and support CAFOD. Envelopes will be collected on Sunday, 25th February. Thank you.

FOCOLARE OPEN EVENING: "How can we deal with division better?" Conleth Burns, a Senior Associate at the think tank and research agency **More in Common** will share his perspectives from dozens of focus group conversations across the country about how communities might be able to better handle division on the big challenges the country faces from immigration to climate change to culture wars. Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG, 23 February 7.30-9pm. Tea/coffee provided. Everyone welcome!

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. This is one of the art world's unexpected treasures including some of the most powerful and arresting religious art of the 20th and 21st centuries. 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.

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 and Dulia Prado.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Roshan, Gami and Audrey
FLOWERS: Olive

SP & MC: Gifts in the Repository Shop at the back of St Peter's Church and Marychurch – candles, beautiful jewellery and cards. We have some diaries and a few calendars left. Please pop in and support our parishes.

SP & MC: YOUTH CLUB: Both our Youth Clubs are currently running at St Peter's parish hall. **Junior Youth Club:** For our children aged 7-11. Every Friday 5pm - 6pm, entry fee £2. **Senior Youth Club:** For our youths aged 12-16. Every last Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm, entry fee £2. Tuck shop available for both Youth Clubs. Family discounts available. For more details, please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 or hatfielddouth@rcdow.org.uk

SP: HALL EVENTS GROUP - HEG: We are looking to put a Hall Events Group together to plan events like a Christmas party, summer party and other events to help raise funds to refurbish the hall and back garden at St Peter's as well as to help with other social action events such as food hampers. If you are interested, please contact Jemma on 07550 181144.

SP & MC: The parish office will be closed from Monday 12th February for a week. The office reopens on Tuesday 20th February.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN on Wednesday 21st February, 7-9pm with Monsignor Nicholas Morrish.

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: We are approaching the end of the financial tax year and are working on the parish accounts and gift aid. Please notify the parish office in strictest confidence if your personal circumstances have changed, e.g., change of address, redundancy etc. The Gift Aid Department need to be kept informed of any change that may affect claiming gift aid. Thank you for your cooperation.

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