

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 13/04	6.00pm	Jean John, Birthday	10.30am	David Grundy, RIP
Sun 14/04	9.30am STM 11.00am	Parishioners	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Mashumba Family, Ints Parishioners All Travellers, living & dead
Mon 15/04	7.00pm			No Mass
Tues 16/04	9.30am		10.30am	
Wed 17/04	10.30am	Alan Wells, Ints	9.30am	Roger Fry, RIP
Thu 18/04		No Mass	7.00pm	Margaret Grundy, Healing
Fri 19/04	10.30am		9.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117:1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29. 2. 1st John 3:1-2. Gospel John 10:11-18				

#### 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.

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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*3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B*

*14th April 2024*

**READINGS: 1. Acts 3:13-15.17-19 2. First John 2:1-5 Gospel Luke 24:35-48.**  
**Response to Psalm Ps 4:2.4.7.9.** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
***Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!***

***Reflection:*** On this 3rd Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear the gospel account of Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his resurrection. Today, Jesus appeared to them and greets them with the word, "Peace be with you." This is the most appropriate greeting after the disciples have witnessed the horrific death of someone they loved and now fear for their own lives as well. Therefore, peace is what they need most. Jesus always connects his greeting of peace with another gift - forgiveness, which they needed after they deserted him during his passion; this shows Jesus' mercy.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, they were terrified about what to make of the figure before them, taking him to be a ghost. But Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch Him. The figure before them is flesh and bone still bearing the mark of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their heart, as suddenly, their fears turn to joy. As a further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples which recalls all the meals and most importantly, the Last Supper He had with them. After the meal, Jesus uncovers for them the significance of what was written about Him in the scriptures about His suffering and mission. So too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus through the Word and Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses, so we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' resurrection and forgiveness of sins to the world around us. 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 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. 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: EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN** will be held on Wednesday, 17th April at 7.00pm in St Peter's. With Monsignor Nicholas Morrish.

**MC & SP: FINANCIAL CONFERENCE:** Both Fathers will be attending the Annual Financial Conference on Saturday, 20th April in WGC. There is no morning 10.30am Mass at St Peter's. 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Marychurch will be celebrated as normal. It is compulsory for ALL financial committee members from both parishes to attend the conference.

**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, Margaret Grundy, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Richard Atkin, Mary Damoah, Dulia Prado and Mary Paiva.

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Mavis, Margaret and Gloria  
**FLOWERS:** Elise

**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 BOWLING TRIP:** Our Youth Club is organising a bowling trip for both our youth groups at Hollywood Bowl Stevenage, Stevenage Leisure Park, Six Hills Way, SG1 2UA. Both trips will be covered financially by the Youth Club. Our 1st trip for the Junior Youths aged 7- 11 will be on Saturday, 20th April, 11am - 2pm. Our 2nd trip for the Senior Youths aged 12- 16 will be on Saturday, 27th April, 11am - 2pm. We kindly ask if parents/guardians can drop/pick up their children from the above address. Limited spaces are available. If you would like for your child to attend, please send your child's full name and your email address as soon as possible to Caroline on 07557 819858.

**TABLE TOP AND CAKE SALE on Sunday, 14th April after 11am Mass at St Peter's. Cash only. Please join us in supporting our Youth Clubs. Thank you.**

**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. 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.

**SP & MC: PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Next Sunday, 21st April is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection will take place next weekend. There are 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 from our own Diocese. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd.

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