

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 20/04	6.00pm	Parishioners	10.30am	
Sun 21/04	9.30am STM 11.00am	Patrick & Christine, Wedding Anni Willy Prendergast, RIP	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Teresa McGee, RIP Parishioners
Mon 22/04	7.00pm	Josie Aswell, Thanks		No Mass
Tues 23/04	9.30am	John Kelly, RIP	10.30am	Father J Williamson, RIP
Wed 24/04	10.30am		9.30am	Tia & Melina, Birthday
Thu 25/04		No Mass	7.00pm	
Fri 26/04	10.30am		9.30am	Sophie, Healing
Next Sun Readings: 1. Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21:26-28.30-32. 2. 1st John 3:18-24. Gospel John 15:1-8				

#### 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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*4th Sunday of Easter, Year B*  
*21st April 2024*

**READINGS:** 1. Acts 4:8-12 2. First John 3:1-2 Gospel John 10:11-18.  
Response to Psalm Ps 117:1.8-9.21-23.26.28-29. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. *Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!*

**Reflection:** Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Christ as the Good Shepherd. Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own sheep? The Old Testament often speaks of God as Shepherd of his people, thus, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23). "We are his people, and the Sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:3). Jesus says today, He is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life to seek out and save the stray sheep. Therefore, Good Shepherd implies that there are many who are bad Shepherds. This Jesus warns thus: "The hired man, since he is not the Shepherd...abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees the wolf coming." This is a warning for us to be careful of some of the people of God and miracle centres who indulge in milking the gullible sheep for their own benefits and leading the sheep astray.

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Also, He promised them a life that would know no end and nothing would snatch them out of his hand, as a result, our lives are safe in his hands. Jesus is not claiming to be an expert in animal husbandry; rather, He claims to have a special loving relationship with his flock. Since as sheep, we are weak and need guidance to enjoy the good things of life and to reach our destination; therefore, in the uncertainties and confusions of life, be careful regarding the voices/ peoples suggesting solutions; rather, follow the voice of the Good Shepherd who will lead you to a greener pasture. Have a Blessed Good Shepherd Sunday!

*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 shelly.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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**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:** Roshan, Gami and Audrey  
**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.

**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 is 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.

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