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4 November 2018

MASS TIMES

Marychurch/STM

Sunday Mass:

6pm (Sat.), 9.30am (STM),
& 11am

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.:
9.30am; Wed.: 7.30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 1030am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

St Peter's

Sunday Masses:

9.15am, 11am, & 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10am

**“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.*



+ 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“Which commandment is the first of all?” (Mark 12.28)

The Ten Commandments are the well-known religious and moral principles God gave to humankind on Mount Sinai (Exod. 20.1-17), to order the relation of human beings to God and to one another. The first three (Exod. 20.1-11) deal with our relation to God, and the other seven (Exod. 20.12-17) focus on our interpersonal relationship. By the time of Our Lord, the Jewish leaders had, by drawing from the Torah (or the Law, that is, the first 5 books of the Bible), the rabbinical teachings, and the Jewish customs, amplified those commandments into 613 rules or *halacha* governing practically all aspects of Jewish life. Our Lord described those rules as ‘heavy burdens, hard to bear’ (Mt 23.4). We can only imagine how extremely hard it was at the time for anyone to fully understand and keep them all. At face value, what Our Lord did by summarising the whole law and the prophets simply as love of God and love of neighbour (Mk 12.29-32; Mt 22.37-40; Lk 10.27) might seem to be a simplification of a very complicated set of rules. But in fact, He introduced a totally new perspective to all God’s law and its observance that wraps them up, establishing them on the foundation of love as their *raison d’etre*. Thenceforward, law and its observance would no longer serve only to restrict people and their conduct in order to serve God out of fear or to protect life, limb, and property, or simply to meet the demands of justice; they would become an expression of love which both encompasses and transcends the demands of justice. This love directed to God and to neighbour is an indivisible reality; it fulfils the whole law since, by its very nature, it cannot wrong either God or neighbour (Rom. 13.8-10) or do anything (1 Cor. 13.4-7) that law usually seeks to forestall and to punish. It is the first commandment, because it is the foundation of all God’s commandments. It begins with God as its origin, ends with Him as its summit, and requires that we do everything that God commands (John 14.15; 15.9-17; 1 John 5.3).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Deut 6.2-6; **2nd Reading** Heb. 7.23-28; **Gospel:** Mark 12.28-34

Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.2; R/: *I love You, Lord, my strength.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 3 rd Nov.		6.00pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sun., 4 th Nov.	+ 31 ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.30am (STM)	Noemi and Elias Gonsalves, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 5 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Patrick Farrelly, RIP
Tue., 6 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Wed., 7 th Nov.	Feria	7.30pm	Private intention
Thur., 8 th Nov.	Feria	9.30pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 9 th Nov..	Dedication of Lataran Basilica	9.30am	Vincent Hwan Kim, RIP
Sat., 10 th Nov.	+ 32 ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	John and Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 11 th Nov.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.15am	War Dead

ST PETER'S

Sun., 4 th Nov.	+ 31 ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Lorna Ahsan
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 5 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Fran Shumba's Family Intentions
Tue., 6 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 7 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 8 th Nov.	Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 9 th Nov.	Dedication of Lataran Basilica	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 10 th Nov.	St Leo the Great	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 11 th Nov.	+ 32 ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Brian Browne, RIP
		6.00pm	Private Intention

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Leish Prendergast, Mairead Waugh, Josie & Maurice Ashwell, Lois Parker, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Frank Cafferty, Patricia Dee, Louise Duncan, Linda Pullen, Joyce Davies, Anne Owens, Cath. O'Brien, and Larry Carolan.

Month of Holy Souls envelopes are at the back of Church.

Sick & Retired Priests' collection next week to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that these priests, having followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

RCIA: The 2018/2019 programme has started at St Peter's. Adult Catholics who have not received the sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation or both, and non-Catholics who wish to become Catholics can still join the programme by completing the forms at the back of the church and returning them to the parish office.

Confirmation: Forms for the 2018/2019 programme are available at the back of the church. The completed forms should be returned to the parish office.

Blessing of Graves. The blessing of graves at St Luke's Cemetary will take place at 12.30pm and at Southway Cemetery at 2.00pm, both on Sunday the 18th of November.

Next Sunday, November the 11th, is Remembrance Sunday. Poppies are available at the back of the Churches. Please put your donations in the marked wall box in Marychurch and the collection pot at St Thomas More. Thank you.

If you have an Mission's red money box, would you please bring it to the 11am Mass and Pat O'Brien will replace it for you. If you would like to have a red box and participate in the World's leading money-box appeal, please speak to Pat. A warm "Thank You" to all the supporters of this most worthy charity.

On Tuesday 13th November at 9.30am, St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School will hold an Open Morning for all parents and carers of children who will be applying to Nursery and Reception for September 2019. Please come along to hear about our school. Following a short presentation, we will be on hand to answer any of your questions and there will be tours of the school with Year 6 children as your guides. For further information please contact the school office on 01707 263969.

Thank you for returning the hymn books/Mass cards to the shelves at the end of Mass.

Parish Office: MC/STM:
Wed - Fri.: 8.30am - 1.30pm;
SP: Tue., Wed., Fri.: 9.30am-
1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Mary Stephenson
01707 883653;
SP: Sue McLellen,
01707 646383
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Planned Giving: MC/STM:

Gillian Sutton, contact the
Parish Secretary 262439;
SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

Lead Catechist: Linda
Graham 07768 77768

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:
MC/STM: Parish Secretary

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions: MC/STM:

Sat., 5-5.45pm; or by request;
SP: Sat., 11am – 12 noon;
5-5.30 pm

Marriage: See Parish Priest;
6 months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Sacred Heart Novena:

MC/STM: Thur. after Mass;
SP: Fri. after Mass;

Rosary: MC: Mon. after
Mass; **SP: Wed.** after Mass;

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Succour: Tuesday
after Mass in both parishes

Christian Meditation:

MC: Wed. 8.00pm in term
time

Hatfield SVP:

07960 785673

St Pio Prayer Group:

SP: 1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

Prayer & Bible Study

Group: SP: Prayer &
Praise: 1st & 3rd Sun.,
4:30 - 5:45pm; Bible Study
& Prayer: 2nd & 4th Thur.:
7:30-8:45pm.

Tea & Coffee: After 11am

Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Suggestion/Comment Box:

There is a box on the table in
the porch, if you wish to
express any suggestions or
comments in relation to either
parish.

St Philip Howard:

Primary: 01707 263969

Nicholas Breakspear: Senior

Mixed – 01727 860079

Loreto College, St Albans:

01727 856206

Catholic Chaplaincy Lister

Hospital: John O'Neil,
01438 285518

Proclaim Our Lady of

Fatima Family Rosary:

Contact: Lucia Federici:
07933 436387; Email:
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Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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