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## 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.*



## + 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice”** (Gal. 4.4)

Every Sunday is the day of the Lord, the day of joy, the day Our Lord rose from death (CCC, 1193). On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate Sunday*, we are particularly ordered to rejoice, to express our joy specially in our worship in line with the ancient biblical practice (cf. Ps 27.6; 32.11; 33.1; 35.27; 43.4; 45.15; 47.1; 66.1), and, most importantly, to enter into the joy of Our Lord (Mt 25.21,23). This joy is the experience of great delight and contentment the Lord wants to share with us to the full (Jn 17.13), to remain in us, and to attain its fullness in us (Jn 15.11; 16.24). It is spiritual in nature and, so, deep, interior, and long-lasting. It does not depend on external events, nor is anyone or anything capable of taking it away from us (Jn 16.22). It is experienced by those who discover the true meaning of life by practising charity, the virtues, self-giving, and self-denial, and, in doing so, have attained some level of self-fulfilment. Joy in this sense is associated principally with the Holy Spirit as its source (Acts 13.52; Gal. 5.22), with faith in Christ (1 Pt 1.8), with the Christian hope (Rom. 5.2; 12.12), with righteousness and peace (Rom. 14.17), with the future glory (Rom. 5.2), with our names being written in heaven (Lk 10.20), and even with affliction and suffering endured for the sake of Christ and God's kingdom (Mt 5.11-12; Rom. 5.3; 2 Cor. 6.10; 8.2; Heb. 12.2; 1 Thes. 1.6; Jam. 1.2). Those who are capable of rejoicing in this way are thus those who recognise the utter dependence of all things on God (CCC, 301), and who, from that discovery, seek God as the highest Good with sincere hearts (Ps 105.3). They find their joy in the Lord (Neh. 8.10; Ps 5.11; 4.7; 16.11; 20.5; 21.6). Like St Paul and the apostles, they also find their joy in the Church (cf. Rom. 15.13; 1 Thes. 2.20; 3.9; Phil. 2.2; 4.1; 2 Cor. 2.3; Jn 3.4), and in other people (cf. Phil. 1.7; 2 Tim. 1.4). Even still on earth, they share with angels in the eternal bliss and rejoice in their salvation.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zeph. 3.14-18; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Phil. 4.4-7; **Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

**Psalm:** Is. 12; *R/: Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia. The spirit of the Lord has been given to Me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec..	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Patrick Flavin, RIP
<b>Sun., 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Special Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Thanksgiving
Tue., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Rita Leonard
Thur. 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Stephen Brennan, RIP
Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec..	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Bishop Raul Gonsalves
		<b>11.00am</b>	Gordon and Ethel Richardson

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Bobby McGrath, 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Thur., 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Tessa & Rajeev Johnson, Baby's Safe Delivery
Fri., 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Howard and Paul Seedall, RIP
Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30am	Louis Chike Chiejina, 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	Holy Souls
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention

**Sick and housebound:** Please pray for Leish Prendergast, Joyce Davies, Mairead Waugh, Josie and Maurice Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Frank Cafferty, Patricia Dee, Louise Duncan, Linda Pullen, Anne Owens, Cath. O'Brien, Beverley Atkins, and Larry Carolan.

**This Saturday, December the 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have a **general cleaning of our church** for Christmas, beginning at 11.00 noon. There will be tea and coffee. Please, come and join us to prepare our church for the celebration of Our Lord's nativity. Thank you.

**Christmas flowers.** Could we please have a special collection for extra flowers for Christmas this weekend. Thank you.

**There will be Mass to usher in the New Year on December the 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.30pm.** Please join us in a vigil of prayer and praise.

**FAMILY ROSARY 2019:** You are warmly invited to Mass at 10.00am on Tuesday January the 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, the feast of Mary Mother of God, followed by the Rosary. This is to launch our second year of the weekly house to house Family Rosary. If you would like to say the Rosary and host the Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home for one week during 2019, please contact Lucia by mobile 07933436387.

We will start the **First Friday devotion** at Marychurch with all-day Exposition and Adoration **on Friday, 4/1/2019.** The **First Saturday devotion**, with healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, will be at St Peter's **on Saturday, 5/1/2019.** Please, join us.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND:** Places are still available for the parish pilgrimage to Ireland scheduled for 27 - 31 May 2019. The details are on the noticeboard. For the booking form or any question, please contact Lynda O'Reilly on 07958721336, or lyndadawn2003@yahoo.com.

**MARYCHURCH/STM MONTHLY OFFERTORY: October 2018** – Envelopes: £1,474.15; Standing Orders: £1,331.67; Loose Plate: £1,190.89; Total: £3,996.71. The total is 23.04% less than in October 2017 (£5,193.48). **November 2018** – Envelopes: £1,362.45; Standing Orders: £1,006.68; Loose Plate: £718.76; Total: £ 3,087.89. The total is 9.10% less than in November 2017 (£3,397.19).

**If any parishioners** have a copy of Marychurch hall key, could they please return it to Yvette in the Office. Thank you.

**The funeral Mass** of the late **Mrs Mary Elizabeth Heylen** will be at St Thomas More, Welham Green, on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm. The body will be received into the church on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. May she Rest in Peace.

**The funeral Mass** of the late **Fr Michael Lambert AA** will take place in the church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Hitchin, on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

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

**Baptism:** See Parish Priest.  
Preparation obligatory

**Confessions:**

**MC/STM:** Sat., 5-5.45pm; or on request;  
**SP:** Sat., 11am – 12 noon;  
5-5.30 pm; or on request

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

**Sacred Heart Novena:**

**MC:** Thur. after Mass;  
**SP:** Fri. after Mass;

**Rosary: MC:** Mon. after Mass;  
**STM:** Mon., 9.00am  
**SP: Wed.** after Mass;

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:**

Tuesday after Mass in both parishes

**Christian Meditation:**

**MC:** Wed. 8pm in term time

**Hatfield SVP:**

07960 785673

**St Pio Prayer Group:**

**SP:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. monthly, 6pm

**Proclaim Our Lady of**

**Fatima Family Rosary:**

Contact: Lucia Federici:  
07933 436387; Email:  
luciafederici@mountcarmel  
kindergarten.co.uk.

**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

**Parish Office:**

**MC/STM:** Wed - Fri.:  
8.30am - 1.30pm;

**SP:** Tue., Wed., Fri.: 8.30am-  
1.30pm

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01707 265530

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**Suggestion/Comment Box:**

Please use the box on the table  
in the porch, if you wish to  
express a suggestion or  
comment on any parish matter.

Last Week's Collection

Marychurch:

STM:

Total:

**Thank you.**

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