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23 December 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

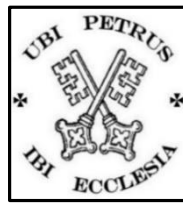
Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

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.*



+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb." (Luke 1.42)

The Church is noted for her staunch devotion and honour to Virgin Mary. Every day we offer to God by invoking her maternal intercession the most efficacious devotional prayer, the 'Hail Mary'. In doing so, we are far from being misguided, contrary to what many people, including some Christians, think. A look at the 'Hail Mary' itself shows why we are perfectly right. When we say, 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you', we only repeat archangel Gabriel's greeting to Mary (Lk 1.28). In saying, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb, Jesus', we recall the exclamation made loudly of Mary by Elizabeth under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Lk 1.41-42). As we say, 'Holy Mary, mother of God', we affirm three truths: (a) the sanctity of Mary which no sane person can deny; (b) the divinity of Christ amply and explicitly stated in Sacred Scripture (Is 7.14; 9.6; Mt 1.23; Jn 1.1,18; 5.18; 8.57-58; Rom. 9.5; Phil. 2.6; Col. 2.9; etc.); and (c) as the mother of Christ who is God, Mary is the mother of God who is Christ (Council of Ephesus, 325 AD). When we say lastly, 'Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death', we admit: (a) our fallen humanity that is wrapped in sinfulness which no one can deny without being hopelessly self-delusional (1 Jn 1.8-9); (b) Mary's ability to mediate with Christ for the faithful even without their asking, and to obtain from God what she seeks for them (Jn 2.3-11); and (c) our constant reliance on every help we can get due to our mortality and perpetual weakness till we die. So to honour Mary is not to do anything strange or unlawful, but simply to consent to what God Himself, Christ who chose to be born of Mary, the angelic hosts, the prophets, and the patriarchs and matriarchs have all done and revealed. We acknowledge her unique place and role in our salvation, given her by God from eternity, specifically after the catastrophic fall of Adam and Eve (Gen. 3.15), and affirmed in prophecy (Is 7.14). The human race that fell from grace due to the fault of the woman, Eve (Gen. 3.1-7), was to be restored to grace through the faith and the Offspring of the woman, Virgin Mary (Lk 1.26-38).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Mic 5.1-4; **2nd Reading:** Heb. 10.5-10; **Gospel:** Luke 1.39-44

Psalm: Ps 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19; **R/:** *God of hosts, bring us back; let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 22 nd Dec..	+ 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 23rd Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Bishop Raul Gonsalves
		11.00am	Gordon and Ethel Richardson
Mon. 24 th Dec.	Christmas Vigil	5.00pm	John and Bridie Slean, RIP
		10.00pm (STM)	Barry and Julia Holloway, RIP
Tue., 25 th Dec.	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.30am (STM)	Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP
		11am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Wed. 26 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	Parish Volunteers
Thur. 27 th Dec.	St John	9.30pm	Joe Brennan, RIP
Fri., 28 th Dec.	The Holy Innocents	9.30am	Expectant Mothers
Sat., 29 th Dec..	+ THE HOLY FAMILY	6.00pm	Sylvie Green, RIP
Sun., 30th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Watson Family

ST PETER'S

Sun., 23rd Dec.	+ 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 24 th Dec.	Christmas Vigil	11.00pm	Johnny Delaney & Mary Ann Doherty, RIP
Tue., 25 th Dec.	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
Wed., 26 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	John Nwachukwu & Family Int.
Thur., 27 th Dec.	St John	7.00pm	Sanjith Shajan
Fri., 28 th Dec.	The Holy Innocents	9.30am	Audrey Palmer, Anniversary
Sat., 29 th Dec.	St Thomas Beckett	10.30am	Margaret Bernard, RIP
Sun., 30th Dec.	+ THE HOLY FAMILY	9.15am	Theresa Edward's Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	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, Kay O'Brien, Beverley Atkins, and Larry Carolan.

A massive Thank You to all our volunteers through the year. We couldn't have managed without you.

There will be Mass to usher in the New Year on December the 31st 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 1st 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.

We have the 2019 Westminster Year books for sale at the back of the Churches. The ring bound copies are £5 and the others are £4.50. Please put your money in the collection in the marked envelopes. Thank you.

Reception 2019 Applications: The closing date for applications to St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School Reception Class is **Tuesday the 15th of January.** This is for children born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015. Applications should be made on line and a SIF (school information form) should be returned to the school. For more information or help please phone 01707 263969.

Nursery 2019 Applications close on **the 15th of February 2019** - For children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016. There is no online application required but SIFs should be returned to school before the closing date.

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

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., 11 am – 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: 1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

Proclaim Our Lady of

Fatima Family Rosary:
Contact: Lucia Federici:
07933 436387; Email:
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Primary: 01707 263969

Nicholas Breakspear: Senior
Mixed – 01727 860079

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01727 856206

Catholic Chaplaincy Lister

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01438 285518

Parish Office:

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

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

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MC/STM: Gillian Sutton;
Parish Secretary: 262439;

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01707 265530

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Graham, 07768 777768

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:

MC/STM: Parish Secretary

SP: Parish Secretary

Tea & Coffee: After 11am
Mass in both parishes. Please,
join us.

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

Thank you.

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