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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

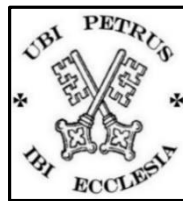
Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

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.*



+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

“ . . . the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.”
(Exod. 3.2)

At the time God called him to deliver the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt, Moses saw a bush that was burning but without being consumed. The Church has always seen in this incident a sign of Virgin Mary who was a virgin when she conceived her Son (Is. 7.14; Mt 1.23), became a mother without losing her virginity, and remained a virgin ever after. Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit (Mt 1.18), and had no human father; so, He was called the Son of God (Lk 1.35). Born of Virgin Mary, He was also Son of Man. With the divine and human natures perfectly united in Him, He was the ‘new Man, or ‘Man of heaven’ (1 Cor. 15.45, 47), filled with the Spirit without measure (Jn 3.34). His virgin birth shows the Incarnation to be utterly of God’s initiative and began the “new creation” (2 Cor. 5.17; Gal. 6.15) of those to be born, “not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (Jn 1.13). That virgin birth did not lessen, but sanctified, Mary’s real and perpetual virginity (LG, 52, 57; CCC, 499), preserving her mystery as both virgin and mother all at once. Her virgin motherhood was a sign of her unadulterated faith and her undivided gift of herself to God’s will (cf. 1 Cor. 7.34). By that, she is also mother to all Our Lord’s many brethren (cf. Rom. 8.29; Jn 19.26-27). Apart from Jesus, she had no other biological child. The people called His ‘brethren’ (Mk 3.31-35; Mk 6.3; Gal. 1.19; Mt 13.55; 1 Cor. 9.5) were actually no more than His relatives. James and Joses among those were in fact children of “the other Mary” (Mt 27.56; 28.1). Besides, since those ‘brethren’ were still alive at the time of His crucifixion it would have been utterly incomprehensible and unjust for Him to take the mother He had with a sibling or siblings – had there been any – and entrust her to an outsider, albeit His apostle, John, who promptly took her to his home where she lived with him from then on (Jn 19.25-27).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Exod. 3.1-8,13-15; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 10.1-6,10-12; **Gospel:** Lk 13.1-9

Psalm: Ps 102(103):1-4,6-8,11; **R/:** *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 23 rd Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
Sun., 24th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Winifred Hannon, RIP
		11.00am	Sr Michael, RIP
Mon., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Tue., 26 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Pauline Kirkham, RIP
Wed., 27 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	7.30pm	Stephanie Doherty, RIP
Thur., 28 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	M. Doody Intention
Fri., 29 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Michael Creighton and Mary Taylor
Sat., 30 th Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 31st Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Germaine Overton, RIP
		11.00am	Mothers

ST PETER'S

Sun., 24th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Ina Casey's Intention
Tue., 26 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Martin Carty, RIP
Wed., 27 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Patricia Darling, RIP
Thur., 28 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 29 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat., 30 th Mar.	Feria of Lent	10.30am	Teresa McKee, Anniversary
Sun., 31st Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Mike Ryan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		6.00pm	Parishioner

Sick and Housebound: Please pray for Dick Ciezak, Noreen Withall, Willy and Leish Prendergast, Joyce Davies, 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.

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION will have their yearly **Day of Recollection** on **Saturday the 30th of March, from 10am to 12pm, at St Peter's**. The archdiocesan guidelines requires that all the readers and the extraordinary ministers attend the recollection.

The Parish would still appreciate any volunteer help with the cleaning of Marychurch or St Thomas More. Please contact Yvette on 01707 262439. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 7.30pm. Please, join us.

We are approaching the end of the Tax year 2018/2019. If you no longer pay income tax, please let us now. If we could claim the tax you paid whilst earning the offertory you have given to the church, please ask for a Gift Aid Declaration form to be sent to you.

Our Parish raised a fantastic £219.24 for CAFOD. Your support will bring us closer to a world where no one is beyond the reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you.

This year's **40-HOUR ADORATION** will be observed at St Peter's, beginning with Mass at 7pm on Thursday, the 11th of April, and conclude with Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday the 13th. If you wish to watch with Our Lord for one hour or more, please sign up on the form at the back of the church. Thanks.

We are still collecting any old and used glasses for World Vision, ink cartridges for CAFOD, and used stamps for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. If you have any, please put them in the containers that are in the white cabinet at the back of Marychurch. When sending in stamps can you please leave at least 1cm of envelope around the edge of the stamps if possible. Thank you.

DVD series on life of Mary being shown after 11am Mass at St Peter's each Sunday of Lent: Engaging DVD sessions of 25 minutes each exploring the life of Mary are being shown in St Peter's church hall. Each Session has a different theme: **Session 3** – Mary, Mother of All; **Session 4** – Mary, Queen of Heaven; **Session 5** – Mary, Help of Christians. Please do make time to come if you are able to and bring some snacks to share. Everyone is welcome, including children as there will be activities for them too.

The funeral Mass of **Patricia Darling** will take place at St Peter's on Tuesday the 26th at 1pm. Please pray for her peaceful repose.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Gerry Burke**, a priest of the archdiocese who died on March the 20th.

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:
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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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MC/STM: Angela Madden,
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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 at the back of Church,
if you wish to express a
suggestion or comment on
any parish matter.

Last Week's Collection

Thank you.

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