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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



We, the parishioners of Marychurch (Mary Mother of the Church) with St Thomas More, are a people united in one heart and mind with Jesus Christ. Inspired by our patrons, Our Lady and St Thomas More, we proclaim our Roman Catholic Faith through our commitment to share that faith within our parish and beyond through worship, living by example, and service to others.

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

+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” (Mt 24.42)

The Church begins her year with the holy season of Advent. At this time, she invites her children to prepare themselves so we can celebrate worthily Our Lord's entry in the flesh into our history, so that by our communion with Him in love, we can make our hearts fitting abodes of the divinity (Jn 14.23); thus, we can prepare ourselves for His glorious coming as our judge on the last day. At His first coming in the flesh, Our Lord came in weakness and humility, taking the form of a servant (Phil. 5.7); at His second coming, He will come with power and great glory (Mk 13.26). The first time He came, He was unknown and unwelcomed, even among His own people (Jn 1.11); when He comes again, all eyes will see Him (Rev. 1.7), and all things will be subject to Him (1 Cor. 15.27-28; Eph. 1.22; Phil. 3.21), and no one will be able to resist His authority. His first coming was full of His love and mercy for sinners, to get them to repent (Mk 2.17; Mt 9.13; Lk 5.32); He will come again, “not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him” (Heb. 9.28). When He came the first time in the flesh, He allowed people to treat Him as they pleased; when He comes again in glory, He will call to judgement those who resisted His first coming, and reward everyone according to his or her deeds (Rom. 2.6). His first coming was to prepare us for eternal life; at His second coming in glory, He will bestow eternal life on those who by their faith and service are deserving of it. Therefore, all who await His coming in glory ought to sanctify their expectancy with their watchful service of love.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Isa 2.1-5; **2nd Reading:** Rom. 13.11-14; **Gospel:** Mt 24.37-44

Psalm: Ps 121(122).1-2,4-5,6-9; **R:** *I rejoiced when I heard them say, 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat. 30 th Nov. | + 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 6.00pm | Daniel, Hannah and Ted Clifford |
| Sun., 1st Dec. | | 9.30am (STM) | Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Norberto Santano Cardozo, RIP |
| Mon., 2 nd Dec. | Advent Feria | 9.30am | Maureen Redmond, RIP |
| Tue., 3 rd Dec. | St Francis Xavier, Pr. | 9.30am | Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP |
| Wed., 4 th Dec. | Advent Feria | 7.30pm | Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP |
| Thur., 5 th Dec. | Advent Feria | 9.30am | Sr. Dorothy Brown, RIP |
| Fri., 6 th Dec. | Advent Feria | 9.30am | Maura Clark, RIP |
| Sat. 7 th Dec. | + 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i> | 6.00pm | Private Intention |
| Sun., 8th Dec. | | 9.30am (STM) | Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Beverly Atkin and family |

ST PETER'S

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| Sun., 1st Dec. | + 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.15am | Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Mr Edward Gaule |
| | | 2.00pm | Travelers |
| | | 6.00pm | Holy Souls |
| Mon., 2 nd Dec. | Advent Feria | 9.30am | Richard and Babu Families' Int. |
| Tue., 3 rd Dec. | St Francis Xavier | 9.30am | Girish Castelino |
| Wed., 4 th Dec. | Advent Feria | 9.30am | Evelyn McKenna, RIP |
| Thur., 5 th Dec. | Advent Feria | 7.00pm | Holy Souls |
| Fri., 6 th Dec. | Advent Feria | 9.30am | Holy Souls |
| Sat. 7 th Dec. | St Ambrose, Bp. | 10.30 am | Holy Souls |
| Sun., 8th Dec. | + 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i> | 9.15am | Mary Kennedy, 90 th Birthday |
| | | 11.00am | Parishioners |
| | | 2.00pm | Travellers |
| | | 6.00pm | Holy Souls |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Kathleen Rhine, Lily Clark, Anne Owens, Alan Smith, Rob Catlings, Noreen Withall, Joyce Davies, Josie and Maurice Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Alice Beckett, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Alice O'Dwyer, Patricia Dee, and Larry Carolan.

First Friday of the Month comes up on Friday the 6th of December. There will be an extended Eucharistic Adoration after Mass, to conclude with Benediction starting at 10.45am. Please, join us.

First Saturday of the Month will be observed at St Peter's on Saturday the 7th of December. Exposition/Adoration with confessions will start at 10.30am. Benediction will be at 11.45am, and Mass, with Anointing of the Sick, at 12.00 noon. Please, join us.

Send-Forth for Fr Julius: On Sunday December the 29th, the parish will hold a send-forth ceremony for Fr Julius who has been with us for nearly two years now. The ceremony will begin with the 11am Mass and continue with a Bring-and-Share reception in the hall after Mass. On Sunday the 22nd, we will take a second collection for a presentation to him. Please put those two dates in your diary.

Christmas Flowers: We will take up a second collection on Sunday the 15th for Christmas Flowers. Please assist the parish with your generous donation. Thanks.

Parish Meeting: We would like to invite all our parishioners to an open forum on **Monday the 9th at 6.30pm in the hall** to discuss our parish and how to move it forward. This meeting is very crucial, and your contribution will be most appreciated.

RCIA: Do you want to become a Catholic? Are you a baptised adult who would like to receive confirmation? We have a programme in the parish called RCIA to help you. Whatever your background, if you want to find out more, please give your details to the Parish Priests or Teresa Crabtree. Thank you.

Nicholas Breakspear: Our Student Leadership Team will host an afternoon for our 'more mature' members of our community on Friday 6th December at 12.30 pm featuring Christmas songs, Bingo, Afternoon Tea and a seasonal performance by the NBS School Choir. Anyone wishing to attend can reserve a place by calling 01727 860079 or emailing Marion King or email: Kingm@nbs.herts.sch.uk.

Carols in Salisbury Square: Sunday the 15th of December at 17.30pm in Salisbury Square (outside the Chinese Takeaway), to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Marychurch Hall. This year our charity collection will be for Resolve, the local charity helping the homeless. All are welcome.

Westminster year books for sale. £5.00 for ring bound and £4.50 for the other ones. Please see Yvette in the Office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 8.30am – 1.30pm if you would like to buy one. Thank you.

If anyone finds an earring in Marychurch could they please let Yvette know. Thanks.

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
Mon, 1.30pm, Parish Room

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:
luciafederici@mountcarmel
kindergarten.co.uk.

“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.*

Catholic Chaplaincy Lister

Hospital: John O’Neil,
01438 285518

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.

October Offertory Collection

Thank you.

Text: Parish HATFD to
70800 to donate £5 through your
mobile phone.

Parish Office:

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

SP: Tue., Thur., Fri.: 9.30am-
1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
01707 262439; Email:
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

SP: Sue McLellen,
01707 646383; Email:
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
gilliansutton@rcdow.org.uk

SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:

MC/STM: Parish Secretary

SP: Parish Secretary

Tea & Coffee: After 11am

Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

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