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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 – 10.30am

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

+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain.” (Isaiah 11. 9)

Each year, Institute for Economics & Peace headquartered in Sydney, Australia, publishes its ‘Global Peace Index’. This year’s index shows for the first time since 2014 a slight improvement in the level of global peacefulness. While 86 countries showed some improvement, 75 others recorded deteriorations. Iceland maintains its enviable prime position as the most peaceful country in the world, with Afghanistan taking over from Syria as the least peaceful. Overall, the global level of peacefulness has decreased by 3.78% since 2008. What this tells us is that we are still a very long way from getting close to a principal goal of Our Lord’s coming into the world, which is, that peace and harmony might reign amongst all peoples and nations. Our Lord came as the Prince of Peace (Is 9.6); He Himself is also “our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the wall of hostility . . .” (Eph. 2.14). He came and established in Himself Isaiah’s vision of a world that is totally devoid of all conflict and hostility, including the ones that occur in nature, the vision of all creation perpetually living in peace and harmony (Is 11.6-9). That vision is not realisable in this life; but it does invite everyone to recognise and take full responsibility for his or her part in making the reign of peace in every heart, home, and society illusive, and to turn completely away from such behaviour through a true conversion of heart. That conversion is what St John the Baptist is inviting all of us to undergo by turning away from everything that is in any way hostile to God or to neighbour, and by bearing the fruits that befit true repentance (Mt 3.8).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 11.1-10; **2nd Reading:** Rom. 15.4-9; **Gospel:** Mt 3.1-12

Psalm: Ps 71(72).1-2,7-8,13-17; **R/:** *In His days, justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 7 th Nov.	+ 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
		9.30am	Leish Prendergast
Mon., 9 th Dec.	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Leish Prendergast
Tue., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Wed., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Bill and Maggie Ruane
Thur., 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	John and Marlies Burke
Fri., 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Sat. 14 th Dec.	+ 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 15th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
		11.00am	Philip Harding, RIP

ST PETER'S

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
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Tue., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 12 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Lisa & Christopher Robertson, WA
Fri., 13 th Dec.	St Lucy	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat. 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Sun., 15th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	Franco and Lucia Federici's Int.
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Kathleen Rhine, 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.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgim Mary has been moved to **Monday the 9th**. Mass will be at 9.30am.

Christmas Flowers: We will be taking up a second collection **next Sunday, the 15th of December**, for Christmas Flowers. Please assist the parish with your generous donation. Thanks.

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 dairy.

Christmas Confessions: St Peter's – Fri., 20/12/2019: 6-7pm; Sat., 21/12/2019: 10.30am-12 noon; Marychurch – Wed., 18/12/2019: 6-7 pm; Sat., 4.30-5.30 pm.

Parish Meeting: We would like to invite all our parishioners to an open forum on **Monday the 9th at 7.30pm in Marychurch** to discuss about 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.

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 very 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.

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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