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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

+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“Are You He who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (Matthew 11.3)

Shortly before he died, and having led the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt, Moses reminded them of God's promise to them at Horeb, that He would raise for them another prophet like himself (Deut. 18.15-19). The promise was in answer to their request, that God should not speak to them directly again, else they would die (Exod. 20.18-19). From then on, the Israelites lived in expectation of that promised prophet. Over time, they came to associate Him with various ideas about His identity, His mission and activities, and His fate. Among other things, He would be the Messiah (Is. 61.1), the Son of God (Ps 2.7), the Son of Man (Dan. 7.13-14), and David's Offspring (2 Sam. 7.12), a covenant to the people and a light to the nations (Is. 42.7), the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace (Is. 9.6), but also a suffering Servant (Is. 42.1-9; 49.1-13; 50.4-11; 52.13-53.12; Ps 69), the rejected Corner Stone (Ps 118,22), pierced (Zech. 12.10) and forsaken (Ps 22.1-31), betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech. 11.12-13), the Passover Lamb (Exod. 12.1-51), and the subject of a homicidal plot (Jer. 31.15). His body would not decay (Ps 16.8-11) but would be raised on the third day after His death (Hos. 6.2). His coming would be preceded by the 'return' of the prophet Elijah (Mal. 4.5-6). He would come to heal the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, proclaim the Lord's year of favour (Is. 61.1-2), and take on Himself our afflictions and transgressions (Is. 53.4-6). This prophet, promised and expected, is Christ the Lord.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 35.1-6,10; **2nd Reading:** Jam. 5.7-10; **Gospel:** Mt 3.1-12

Psalm: Ps 145(146).6-10; **R/:** *Come, Lord, and save us.*

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!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 14 th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
Sun., 15th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Philip Harding, RIP
Mon., 16 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Chris and Ann Burke
Tue., 17 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Noreen Higgins
Wed., 18 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Ron Thomas, RIP
Thur., 19 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Szajko Jozsef
Fri., 20 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Marek Smolka, RIP
Sat. 21 st Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Rita Leonard
Sun., 22nd Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Barry and Anne Holloway, RIP

ST PETER'S

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
Mon., 16 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Frances Richards's Intention
Tue., 17 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Lynda O'Reilly's Intention
Wed., 18 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 19 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 20 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Evelyn McKenna, RIP
Sat. 21 st Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30 am	Joseph Perekatt, RIP
Sun., 22nd Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	John and Mary Davin's Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		3.00pm	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.

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

Send-Forth for Fr Julius: Next Sunday, December the 29th, the parish will have 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. Next **Sunday the 22nd**, we will take up 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.

Christmas Clean-Up: Volunteers are being requested to help give our church a deep clean for Christmas. Please join us for an hour or so on **Saturday the 21st, from 10.00am**. Thank you.

Youth Ministry: We plan to start our youth programme in the New Year for two youth groups for our youth (ages 8-11 and 12-16). For it to be successful, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to offer just 2 hours on a Friday evening to support this wonderful initiative. The more volunteers we have would mean that you would only need to help out once or twice a month unless you can offer more. The timings are either 4.30-6.30 or 6.30- 8.30 p.m. If you enjoy working with young people and would like more information about the role and how you can make a difference please contact Linda Graham on 07768777768.

Caritas Westminster is recruiting at least one **Representative for Social Outreach** from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please first obtain consent from your Parish Priest, then contact us on 020 7931 6077, or email: caritasreps@rcdow.org.uk. Should you have any questions, please contact your local Development Worker (see the hub map attached) or me by reply. Thank you for your support.

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.

Carols in Salisbury Square today 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.

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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