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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

+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

“She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name, Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt 1.21)

Two persons played pivotal roles in Our Lord's coming to us in the flesh. The first was Our Lady, His mother, from whom He took His human body (Gal. 4.4). The second was St Joseph whom the scripture calls in no uncertain terms “a just man” (Mt 1.19). He was legally and properly married to Our Lady; yet he was in no shape or form involved in Our Lord's conception; God did not need or involve him (or any other man) in that process, for Mary, “full of grace” (Lk 1.28), conceived by the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High (Lk 1.35). Yet St Joseph was part of the story of Our Lord's incarnation, not only as the person who brought up Our Lord; without being married to him or to any other man, Our Lady could have, as a single mother, brought up Our Lord, perhaps with some difficulties. St Joseph was part of this story basically in order to provide legitimacy for Our Lord's entry into the human family. Firstly, God would not let Our Lord be born out of wedlock or outside a properly constituted family of a man and his wife; so it was necessary that Our Lady be married to St Joseph before she could bring forth Our Lord into the world. Secondly, Our Lord was to come from Judah (Mic 5.2; Mt 2.6), from the royal line of King David (Mt 1.1; Lk 1.32; Jn 7.42; Mk 12.35; Rom. 1.3; 2 Tim. 2.8; Mt 21.9; etc.). That prophecy was fulfilled when He was born in the properly constituted family of St Joseph who descended from David and was called the ‘son of David’ (Mt 1.20). As far as we know, then, Our Lord got His royal Davidic ancestry from St Joseph, just as He took His humanity from Our Lady.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Is. 7.10-14; **2nd Reading:** Rom. 1.1-7; **Gospel:** Mt 1.18-24

Psalm: Ps 23(24).1-6; **R/:** *Let the Lord enter, He is the King of glory.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel, a name which means 'God is with us.' Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon., 23 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Denise Burrows, RIP
Tue., 24 th Dec.	CHRISTMAS VIGIL	9.30am	Private Intention
		5.00pm	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
		10.00pm (STM)	Special Intention
Wed., 25 th Dec.	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
		11,00am	Ron and Doris Thomas, RIP
Thur., 26 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	Sue Purdie
Fri., 27 th Dec.	St John, Apostle	9.30am	Jenny Manwaring
Sat. 28 th Dec.	+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	6.00pm	Rose Cunningham
Sun., 29th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 22nd Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	John and Mary Davin's Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon., 23 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 24 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Seena and Family
	CHRISTMAS VIGIL	11.00pm	Private Intention
Wed., 25 th Dec.	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	9.15am	Mothers' Intentions
		11.00am	Parishioners
Thur., 26 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri., 27 th Dec.	St John, Apostle	9.30am	Roshan & Gami Sennenakye, W.A.
Sat. 28 th Dec.	Holy Innocents	10.30 am	Audrey Palmer, Anniversary
Sun., 29th Dec.	+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Audrey Senanayake & Family Int.
		3.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intentions

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 CELEBRATIONS, Wednesday the 25th: Children's Vigil Mass – Tuesday the 24th at 5pm; Adult Vigil Mass is at St Thomas More at 10pm. Nativity Mass is 9.30am Mass at St Thomas More, and 11am at Marychurch. Please, join us.

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. **This Sunday the 22nd,** we will take up a second collection for a presentation to him. Please contribute generously..

A massive thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped throughout the year; we couldn't have managed without you. The the Christmas peace and joy be yours.

Youth Ministry: We plan to start our youth programme in the New Year for two youth groups (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 07768 777768.

The parish meeting went well and several topics were thoroughly discussed. A small delegation of parishioners will meet with Fr Livie to discuss the suggestions that came up. Further meetings are planned for the new year.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Bernard James Crowe** who died on the 19th.

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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