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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, livina 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

## **+ THE HOLY FAMILY – YEAR A**

**“Rise, take the Child and His mother . . .” (Mt 2.13)**

On this solemn feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we salute all our families. Together they form the larger family of God's people. Being a 'domestic Church' (LG, 11), each family is called to be a community of faith, hope, and charity, and finds its true meaning in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Constituted by 'members who are persons and equal in dignity', it is the oldest and most basic social institution established by God at the creation of man and woman (Gen. 1.27). As the original cell of social life where man and woman, united in marriage, are called to mutually communicate themselves in love and in the gift of life, it is the sign and image of 'the communion of the Father and the Son in the Spirit.' A privileged community that in procreation and the education of children reflects the Father's creative work, it creates an affinity of feelings, thoughts, affections, and interests. The 'authority, stability, and life of relationships within it' are 'the foundations of freedom, security, and fraternity in society.' In it education in the virtues (including self-denial, sound judgement, and self-mastery – the preconditions for true freedom), and in the authentic human values of love, tenderness, respect, forgiveness, fidelity, love of truth, disinterested service, and so on, is provided, and children are initiated into solidarity and communal responsibility (cf. *Catechism*, 2201-2207). Considering its all-important and fundamental nature, the family's integrity ought to be recognised, respected, and fostered by all, and not to be subjected to the unjust war that is currently being waged relentlessly and aggressively under spurious guises against it and against its core values.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Eccl. 3.2-6,12-14; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Col. 3.12-21; **Gospel:** Mt 2.13-15,19-23.  
**Psalm:** Ps 127(128).1-5; **R:** *O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways!*  
**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia. Alleluia. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!*

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Rose Cunningham
<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Special Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Octave of Christmas	9.30am	Gordon and Ethel Richardson
Tue., 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Octave of Christmas	9.30am	Ron Thomas, RIP
	<b>NEW YEAR VIGIL</b>	10.30pm	Jude Hall
Wed., 1 Jan 2020	<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>	10.00am	Private Intention
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	St Basil & St Gregory	9.30am	Joyce Davies
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	<b>Most Holy Name of Jesu</b>	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Cheryl Williams
		<b>11.00am</b>	John Van Dongen, RIP

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Audrey Senanayake & Family Int.
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Octave of Christmas	9.30am	Tom Conway, RIP
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Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	12.00pm	Jooji & Resmy Family, Thanksg.
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Mike Faithfull, Anniversary
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	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.

**Send-Forth for Fr Julius: Today, December the 29<sup>th</sup>,** the parish will be having a send-forth ceremony for Fr Julius who has been with us one and half years now. The ceremony will begin with the 11am Mass and continue with a Bring-and-Share reception in the hall after Mass. Please join us to bid him farewell.

**New Year 'Cross-Over' Programme:** There will be a vigil of Prayer, Adoration, and Mass on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> to welcome the new year 2020. The programme will start at 10.30pm. Please join us.

**First Friday of the Month:** Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January is the first Friday of the month and will be observed in the parish. The 9.30am Mass will be followed by an extended Exposition/Adoration and conclude with Benediction at 10.45am. Please join us.

**First Saturday of the Month:** Saturday January the 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Saturday of the month and will be observed at St Peter's. Exposition/Adoration/Rosary/Confessions will begin at 10.30am, to conclude with Benediction at 11.45am. Mass with Anointing of the Sick will start at 12.00 noon. Please join us in the devotion.

**Welcome to Fr Francis Agada msp:** The new Assistant Priest, Fr Francis, will be arriving in the parish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2020. Fr Francis is a priest of the Missionary Society of St Paul and has been ministering in Scotland since 2017. We are extending our warmest welcome to him.

**Farewell:** Fr Julius who has been with us since 2017 will be leaving the parish on January the 2<sup>nd</sup> to take up his new appointment at the HQ of the Missionary Society of St Paul. We thank him for his ministry in our parish and wish him well in his new assignment.

**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 4.30-6.30pm 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.

**Cleaning Teams.** Thank You to all our year-round volunteers who have given up their time in their busy lives each month to help keep our church clean. Your help has been invaluable and appreciated. There is a sign up sheet at back of church for more regular or relief volunteers to clean.

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Monthly 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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