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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

+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A

“This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.” (Mt 3.17)

At the start of His public ministry, Our Lord of His own accord went to River Jordan, to John the Baptist – the King to His subject, the Master to His servant, the Creator to His creature, the Immortal One to a mortal man, the Almighty God to a mere human being, the Lord of baptism to an unworthy minister of baptism – to be baptised. What a great act of extreme humility! His baptism was part of the larger mystery of His incarnation and His saving ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and return to heaven. By this mystery, He recreated us and the whole of humanity in Himself (Eph. 2.10; 2 Cor. 5.17). Thus, He conferred His divinity on our fragile human nature, opening to us the door to eternal divine life. He was utterly sinless and did not live with the human condition of sin that called for baptism for the forgiveness of sin (Mt 3.6). He was baptised on our behalf so that subsequently all of us would be baptised into Him, and being buried with Him in baptism, we might die to sin and to the weakness of our human nature, and rise with Him to newness of life (Rom. 6.3-6; Col. 2.12). The final outcome is that our mortality will put on immortality, and our corruptibility, imperishability (1 Cor. 15.53). Our Lord was baptised, not for His own sake or benefit, but solely for that of the whole of humanity and for ours, for our sanctification. In His baptism, He washed our guilt away, renewing and recreating us and our nature in that original image of His that pleased God. His baptism is also instructive. Since He who was without sin most humbly got Himself baptised, anyone who desires life and wants to make the journey to the eternal kingdom of God must also begin with baptism (John 3.3-8).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 42.1-4,6-7**; 2nd Reading: **Acts 10.34-38**; Gospel: **Mt 3.13-17**.

Psalm: **Ps 28(29).1-4,9-10**; R/: *The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Allelui, Alleluia. The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is My Son, the Beloved; listen to Him. Alleluia!'*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 11 th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Bridie and John Slean, RIP
Sun., 12th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin and family
Mon., 13 th Jan.	Feria (Week 1)	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Chido Chandisarewa
Wed., 15 th Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Jan.	St Anthony	9.30am	Special Intention
Sat. 18 th Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sun., 12th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Thelma Liesner, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 12th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Roshan & Gami Sennenakye, W.A.
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 13 th Jan.	Feria (Week 1)	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 14 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	John & Mary Davin's Intention
Wed., 15 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	Margaret & David Grundy's 60 th
Fri., 17 th Jan.	St Anthony	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 18 th Jan.	Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 19th Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.15am	Margaret & David Grundy's 60 th
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Chido Chandisarewa, Sylvia Smith, 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.

Notices

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.

Youth Ministry: As we start a New Year this is a great opportunity to make a positive change and make a real difference to the lives of our young people. Our exciting new youth club project has been approved and funded by the diocese, but can't begin without the necessary support of volunteers. This could include working as part of a team helping to supervise the children, dealing with admin, helping with a sport or craft activity or being a listening ear. Just 2 hours support weekly, fortnightly or monthly (depending on what suits you) on a Friday evening is what we need. The time slots are either 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. or 6.30-8.30 pm.

Will you commit to making a big difference in the lives of the youth of our community? Please do if you can. To find out more and get involved, contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768.

No previous experience of giving youth programme support is necessary, so if you'd like to help out, there's an opportunity waiting for you.

Let's make the new year and the new project great for our youngsters.

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.

Retrouvaille Weekend: You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on ...**28th, 29th Feb & 1st March 2020.** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

Please pray for the late **Maurice Scally.** His funeral Mass will be held on Friday 24th January at 12 noon in Marychurch. All welcome. May he Rest in Peace.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Mgr Anthony George Stark,** a retired priest of the archdiocese, aged 88, who died on Wednesday the 8th.

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

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

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01707 646383; Email:
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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.

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.

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