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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

+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A

“They saw the Child, and falling to their knees, they did Him homage.” (Jn 1.14)

Epiphany translates the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, and means ‘an appearing’ or ‘a manifestation’. We use it for the revealing of Jesus as the Messiah and the Saviour of the world, the prophet whom God promised through Moses He would send His people (Deut. 18.15,18; Acts 3.22; 7.37). For centuries the Israelites waited for this Messiah, expecting Him to come in a way that would identify Him unmistakably. Contrary to that expectation, the Messiah came in the form of a servant, being born in our likeness (Phil. 2.7). In great humility, He concealed His divinity and glory by the poverty of His humanity, and His eternity by the mortality of our flesh that He assumed. Without manifesting Himself, especially to the eyes of faith, the divine Saviour and God the world awaited could not be recognised in the helpless baby of Bethlehem, in the humble child and young man of Nazareth, and in the itinerant preacher who went about in all Israel teaching the mysteries of God. Even with the eyes of faith, it is still impossible to see Him in this life as He really is; the vision of His glory is possible only in the full glow of the beatific vision (1 Jn 3.2). But lest in the meantime we be deprived entirely of this vision, He gave us glimpses of His glory on several occasions – at His nativity when the angels appeared and announced His birth to the shepherds (Lk 2.9-14); in the guidance of the Magi by a star (Mt 2.1-12); at the wedding in Cana (Jn 2.11); during His baptism at River Jordan when the Father bore witness to Him from heaven (Mt 3.16-17); in His transfiguration (Mt 17.1-8; 2 Pt 1.17-18); and in the miracles He worked. These epiphanies invite us at this time to contemplate and worship our God and Saviour in the child who was born to us.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 60.1-6**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 3.2-3,5-6**; Gospel: **Mt 2.1-12**.

Psalm: **Ps 147.12-15,19-20**; R/: *All nations shall fall prostrate before You, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Alleluia. We saw His star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 4 th Jan.	+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 5th Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Cheryl Williams
		11.00am	John Van Dongen, RIP
Mon., 6 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.30pm	Private Intention
Thur., 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 10 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
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

ST PETER'S

Sun., 5th Jan.	+ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.15am	Mike Faithfull, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 6 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Russell Sinfield, RIP
Tue., 7 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 8 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 9 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.00pm	Tom Conway, RIP
Fri., 10 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 11 th Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 12th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Roshan & Gami Sennenakye, W. A.
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

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.

A massive THANK YOU to all who helped to organise a wonderful send-forth for Fr Julius last Sunday, especially the Hospitality Group, and to all who turned up for the occasion and brought and shared food. Your various contributions are highly appreciated. May the good Lord reward you abundantly.

Welcome to Fr Francis Agada msp: The new Assistant Priest, Fr Francis, arrived on the 2nd. Fr Francis is a priest of the Missionary Society of St Paul and had been ministering in Scotland since 2017. We extend our warmest welcome to him.

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 p.m.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Richard Kennelly** of 81 Stockbreach Close, Hatfield, who died on 13 December 2019. His funeral Mass will be on Friday, January the 24th, at 11.00am.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants: Rosary Procession Vigil will be held on **Saturday 11th January 2020** at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 ORB, for mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and for those who have suffered the effects of abortion. details of which are in the attachment.

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., 11am – 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:
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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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