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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

+ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“A Light for revelation to the pagans.” (Lk 2.32)

‘Light’ is a prominent theme in the Scripture, especially in the gospel. In St John’s gospel in particular, light is also personified, and identified with Christ. Very early on in his gospel, St John speaks of the life that became visible (1 Jn 1.2), and that life is synonymous with the Light of humanity (Jn 1.4). Our Lord is ‘the true Light’ to whom St John the Baptist came to bear witness (Jn 1.9,7-8). In Himself, He is Light (Jn 9.5; 8.12), just as in Himself, God in whom is no darkness at all, is Light (1 Jn 1.5). As Light, He came into the world, for these and other purposes: (a) for revelation to pagans – Lk 2.32; (b) to enlighten everyone coming into the world – Jn 1.9 (with the knowledge of the glory of God reflected on the face of Christ – 2 Cor. 4.6); (c) to draw out of darkness all who believe in Him – Jn 12.46; (d) to enable those who follow Him and walk with Him to not return to darkness – Jn 8.12 (or be overtaken by darkness – Jn 12.35); (e) to transform with His luminosity all who believe in Him into sons and daughters of light themselves – Jn 12.36 (just as the face of Moses became luminous after he spent 40 days and 40 nights talking with God on Mount Horeb – Exod. 34.29). Just as the Lord is Himself the Light of the world, those who are transformed by Him also possess the light of life (Jn 8.12) and are themselves the light of the world (Mt 5.14). They are to let their light shine forth before people so that those may ‘see see your good works and give glory to God’ (Mt 5.16). The sad thing, however, is what St John also bemoans in his gospel: “And this is judgement, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (Jn 3.19)

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Mal. 3.1-4**; 2nd Reading: **Heb. 2.14-18**; Gospel: **Lk 2.22-40**.

Psalm: **Ps 23(24).7-10**; **R/:** *Who is the King of glory? He, the Lord, He is the King of glory.*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! The Light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, Your people. Alleluia!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 1 st Feb.	+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	James and Bridget Laffey
Sun., 2nd Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Gordon and Ethel Richardson
Mon., 3 rd Feb.	St Lawrence	9.30am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Tue., 4 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Nicol, RIP
Wed., 5 th Feb.	St Agatha	7.30pm	Thomas Keohane, RIP
Thur., 6 th Feb.	St Paul Miki & Co.	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 7 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Maurice Scally, RIP
Sat. 8 th Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 9th Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Patricia Dee
		11.00am	Maria and Fely Fernandes, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 2nd Feb.	+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.15am	Paddy Nolan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 3 rd Feb.	St Lawrence	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 4 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Patrick Brennan, Anniversary
Wed., 5 th Feb.	St Agatha	9.30am	Adele Pym's Intention
Thur., 6 th Feb.	St Paul Miki & Co.	7.00pm	The Turner Family Intentions
Fri., 7 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Pat and Winnie McKay, RIP
Sat. 8 th Feb.	Feria	10.30am	Mary Kiely, Anniversary
Sun., 9th Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Weel 1</i>	9.15am	Peter McKay's Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Adele Pym, 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, Larry Carolan, and Evelyn Murray-Bruce.

NOTICES

50th Anniversary Celebration: In 2021 we will be marking the 50th anniversary of the consecration in 1971 of the new church of Old Hatfield – Church of Mary Mother of the Church (Marychurch). We are looking for volunteers to help plan the celebration. If you have some ideas or would like to get involved as a volunteer, please let Fr Livie, Fr Francis, or the Parish Secretary know. Thank you.

Youth Ministry: Thank You to those volunteers who have signed up to help with the running of the Youth Group – it is still not too late to volunteer and be part of a small team making a difference. For more information, please contact Linda Graham on 07768 777768.

“Hello Love”: One-Day Youth Retreat, 8 Feb., 10.30 am – 4.30 pm: A one-day programme for the youth (aged 18 to 35 years) to be conducted by the Jesus Youth, an international Catholic movement approved by the Holy See and present in more than 25 countries. The programme will take place at St Peter’s and consists of relevant sessions for the youth, adoration, great music, and fun games. Food for the day will also be provided. Those interested can contact the organiser on 07438571399.

A Family in Urgent Need: St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School has a family in need of a 2 or 3 bed property to rent as soon as possible. If you think you may be able to help please contact Lorraine Chamberlain at school on 01707 263969. Thank you.

Nursery Places at St Philip Howard

School - September 2020: Do you have a child born between 01/09/16 and 31/08/2017 who is NOT in Nursery already? 15 and 30 hour nursery places will be available from September along with wrap around care from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Please contact the school office for an application. The deadline for September 2020 places is the 3rd March. If you would like to visit the School, tours are available at 9.30am on Wednesday the 5th February.

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.

Annual Mass of the Sick: The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 8/2/2020 at 2pm and be led by Cardinal Vincent. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass by bishops and priests. All are invited. Any parishioner who will be attending in a wheelchair ought to have sent their name, the name of the person accompanying them, and their contacts to Oliver Delargy, PA to Bishop Paul McAleenan, by email, to oliverdelargy@rcdow.org.uk by Friday, 31 January 2020, to ensure that the appropriate space is reserved in the Cathedral.

Days Off: Fr Livie is not available on Wednesdays, and Fr Francis on Thursdays, except for emergencies.

Thanks 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

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.

December 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:
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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.

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