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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

**+ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**“Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom.”**  
(Matthew 4.23)

*Aperuit illis* is the title Pope Francis gave to the apostolic letter on the Word of God he issued on 30 September 2019, the 1,600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great pioneer of biblical scholarship. The title was taken from Lk 24.31 which tells us what happened after Our Lord had the Eucharist with the two disciples following a long discourse on the Scripture He had with them on the way to Emmaus the very day He rose from the dead. At that point, the eyes of the two were ‘opened and they recognised Him.’ The pope’s letter was written for three purposes: (1) to establish the Sunday of the Word of God to be marked on the third Sunday of the year; (2) to restate and underline the ‘unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist’; and (3) to invite us to daily celebrate, study, and spread the Word of God and make it a core part of our daily life. By these, we are to become familiar with the texts of the living and active Word of God (Heb. 4.12) and let that Word guide our words, decisions, and actions. The letter is part of the trend in the Church since Vatican Council II to get Catholics to read and study the Scripture and make it part of their daily lives. This is a welcome development that, hopefully, will encourage us to read and study the Scripture for our spiritual nourishment. However, the authority to interpret the Scripture and to use it to teach formally has been reserved by the Scripture itself to the Church alone and not to any individual member of the faithful (1 Peter 1.20-21), except those who share in the authority to teach the Lord bequeathed to the apostles (Mt. 28.18-20).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Is. 8.23-9.3**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Cor. 1.10-13,17**; Gospel: **Mt 4.12-23**.

Psalm: **Ps 26(27).1,4,13-14**; R/: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Timmy Horgan, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maurice Scally, RIP
Mon., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Peter Sheehan, RIP
Wed., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	Russell Holloway
Thur., 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Maurice Scally, RIP
Fri., 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	St John Bosco	9.30am	Sheehan's Family
Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	<b>+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	James and Bridget Laffey
<b>Sun., 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Gordon and Ethel Richardson

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Private Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Terry Mahabir, Anniversary
Wed., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Peter Sheehan, RIP
Thur., 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	Matthew Kiely's Intention
Fri., 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	St John Bosco	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	Feria	12 noon	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>+ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Paddy Nolan, Anniversary
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Adela 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, and Larry Carolan.

## NOTICES

**Sunday of the Word of God:** As we celebrate this Sunday today, we are encouraged to reflect on the place of God's Word in our lives, to resolve to read the Scripture more frequently, and to let what we read inform our decisions, actions, and, indeed, our whole life.

**Year of the Word:** We are launching our **Year of the Word today, January the 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us in the parish events to keep this year.

**Presentation of the Lord:** Next Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord. There will be a Candle Procession at the beginning of Mass, starting from outside the church.

**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.

**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<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2pm and will be led by Cardinal Vincent. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. All are invited. Any parishioner who will be attending in a wheelchair should please send 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](mailto:oliverdelargy@rcdow.org.uk) by Friday, 31 January 2020, to ensure that the appropriate space is reserved in the Cathedral.

Please, pray for the peaceful repose of **Mgr Anthony Stark**, 88, and **Mgr Charles John Klyberg**, 89, priests of the archdiocese who died respectively on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Days Off:** Fr Livie will not be available on Weds., and Fr Francis on Thurs.

*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., 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,  
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hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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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:** 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.

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Francis Agada msp