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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 – 10.30am

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

+ 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

“If you will, you can keep the commandments; to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.” (Sir. 15.15)

The Scripture teaches that true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (Ps 111.10; Prov. 9.10; Job 28.28); so does true knowledge (Prov. 1.7) and understanding (Ps 111.10); and so equally does the fountain of life (Prov. 14.27). To fear God is thus instruction in wisdom (Prov. 15.33) and is strong confidence (Prov. 14.26; Job 4.6;). It prolongs (Prov. 10.27) and leads to life, and “they who have it rest satisfied, untouched by harm” (Prov. 19.23). Riches, honour, and life are its rewards (Prov. 22.4). This fear is not the distressing emotion that is caused in us by a perceived – whether real or imagined – impending danger, pain, evil, or threat to our wellbeing. From all unspiritual fears, God through perfect love has already delivered us (Ps 34.4; Lk 1.74; Heb. 2.15; 1 Jn 4.1), for the Spirit He has given us is not the spirit of timidity or of slavery, leading us back into fear, but the spirit of power, love, and self-control (2 Tim. 1.7; Rom. 8.15). No; the fear of the Lord is a holy fear. It is taught and learned and understood (Ps 34.11; Prov. 2.5). It means hatred of evil (Prov. 8.13), and keeping God’s commandments (Eccl. 12.13), the commandments which themselves are within the reach and power of every one of us to keep (Deut. 30.11). Mature Christians strive to faithfully serve God and keep His commandments, not because they fear having to burn for ever in hell if they do not, but out of the love they have for God who loves them unconditionally, and whom they seek to please out of their love of Him. Those who thus fear the Lord are blessed (Ps 112.1; 128.1,4) and ultimately “avoid the snares of death” (Prov. 14.27).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **sIR. 15.16-21**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 2.6-10**; Gospel: **Mt 5.17-37**.

Psalm: **Ps 118(119).1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34**: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 15 th Feb.	+ 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 16th Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Thomas Dee, RIP
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family
Mon., 17 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	The Ready family
Tue., 18 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Hazel Minns
Wed., 19 th Feb.	Feria	7.30pm	Ruby Cartwright, RIP
Thur., 20 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 21 st Feb.	Feria	9.30am	O'Connor family
Sat. 22 nd Feb.	+ 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Gordon and Ethel Richardson
Sun., 23rd Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Health of Evelyn Murray-Bruce

ST PETER'S

Sun., 16th Feb.	+ 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Sunanda Senanayake, Anniversary
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon., 17 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 18 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 19 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 20 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Fri., 21 st Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Sarah Brennan, Anniversary
Sat. 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	10.30am	Ythomas Kiely, Anniversary
Sun., 23rd Feb.	+ 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.15am	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.

Deanery Meeting: A massive Thank You to Bobby, Mary Faithfull, Mary O'Donnell, Lynda O'Reilly, and Theresa Hogan from Marychurch for being there and attending to the priests of Stevenage Deanery during their meeting at St Peter's last Tuesday.

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 77768.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2019 at 3pm.. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the

diocese who celebrate their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th, (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating the anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

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.

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.

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

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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Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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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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