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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

+ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

“But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil.” (Mt 5.39)

Of all the teachings of Our Lord, the hardest to swallow and live out is perhaps His command that we go beyond fulfilling the very difficult demand of love of our neighbour, and do two nearly impossible things: (a) offer no resistance to an evil person and, instead, offer double of what anyone illicitly and forcibly demands of us; and (b) love those who are enemies to us, who we know are enemies to us, and who treat us badly as foes. It is hard to know what to make of this teaching. It appears to defy commonsense and to go against our natural attraction to things that serve our interests, and our aversion to things that harm those interests. It also seems to be inconsistent with our natural instinct of self-preservation that impels us to defend ourselves against any aggression directed to us. Someone may think it is all about the moral stance of passive and non-violent resistance; but that stance, exalted and laudable as it is, falls well short of the standard of this teaching. This teaching enjoins no resistance at all, but the total committal of one's cause to God (Jer. 11.20; 20.12), our mighty Stronghold and Deliverer (Ps 18.2). Our Lord who taught us this difficult doctrine put it into practice Himself when He was confronted with unjust aggression and unforgiving enmity. In that situation, He did exactly what He ordered us to do – He firmly restrained St Peter from defending Him (Mt 26.52-54); before His accusers, He opened not His mouth in self-defence, like a sheep silent before its shearers (Acts 8.32); and, while dying painfully on the cross, He prayed that all those responsible for His sufferings and death be forgiven (Lk 23.34), so much did His love for His enemies overflow!

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Lev. 19.1-2,17-18; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 3.16-23; **Gospel:** Matt 5:38-48.

Psalm: Ps 102(103).1-4,8,10,12-13: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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
		Mon., 24 th Feb.	Feria
Tue., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Harry Parkes, RIP
Wed., 26 th Feb.	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Parishioners
		7.30pm	Joyce Davies
Thur., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Fri., 28 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Parsbey family
Sat. 29 th Feb.	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 1st Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Peter Logan, RIP
		11.00am	Maurice Scally, RIP

ST PETER'S

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
Mon., 24 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Deceased Members of Josephides, Christophi, & Marines Families
Tue., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Antoni Christophi, Anniversary
Wed., 26 th Feb.	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Parishioners
		7.00pm	Private Intention
Thur., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Private Intention
Thur., 27 th Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 29 th Feb.	Chair of St Peter	10.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 1st Mar.	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.15am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Michael Bruton & Joe Kiely, Anni.
		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, 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

Ash Wednesday: The holy season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Feb. the 26th. There will be Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm during which ashes will be distributed.

CAFOD Collection on Sunday, 8/3/2020.

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.

All EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

The next DVD organised by Proclaim Team will be held on Saturday Feb. 29th at 7pm in the hall at St Peter's. **October Baby** (PG 12), a moving story based on a girl who was adopted following a failed abortion. As she searches to discover her hidden past and find hope for her unknown future, Hannah realizes life can be so much

more than you have planned. Refreshments provided from 6.30pm. All are welcome

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).

SVP Annual National Raffle will be held on March the 27th. SVP members will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday the 16th and 23rd of Feb. and would be grateful for your support. Marychurch and St Peter's SVP conference visit people in their homes, hospitals, etc., provide lifts to hospital, outing for people, practical support such as food, furniture or financial help, among other things. Thank you..

World day of Prayer with Zimbabwe, Friday March the 6th at 10.30am at Christchurch, United Reform Church, St Albans Road East, Hatfield. All welcome.

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., 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-
2.30pm

Safeguarding Officers:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
01707 262439; Email:
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Planned Giving:

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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: Friday after Mass;
SP: Friday 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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.

Text: Parish HATFD to
70800 to donate £5 through your
mobile phone.

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