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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

+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

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:

9am, 11am, 2PM, & 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

“Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Mt 4.10)

Our Lord's temptation reveals, among other things, that the devil is real and active in the life of the individual and of the human race. The idea of such an active spiritual entity may sound fanciful to some; yet he is real, and those who deny his reality run the risk of not knowing what hits them when he strikes. The devil (also called Satan, Lucifer, and demon) is an angel of God in whom was found error (Job 4.18). By sinning, he fell from supernatural grace. He leads an army of fellow fallen angels (Mt 25.41) who, like himself, were not spared by God (2 Pt 2.4). For his rebellion, he was forcefully ejected from heaven and thrown down to the earth (Rev. 12.7-9), and he fell like lightning (Lk 10.18). His fall, earlier recalled in prophecy, destined him to hell (Is. 14.12-15) where he will receive his eternal punishment (Jude v. 6; 2 Pt 2.4). Until then, he is resolved not to be in hell alone. His envy has earlier brought death into the world (Wis. 2.24). Now as the 'ruler' of this world (Jn 14.30) and the 'prince' of the powers of the air, he works on the children of unbelief (Eph. 2.2). He has the power to deceive and to seduce people into error and sin (Gen. 3.1-7). A murderer from the beginning, a liar and the father of both lie itself and liars (Jn 8.44), he relentlessly seeks to deceive, and to entice and persuade people to sin, and often, even to possess an individual completely. But just as Our Lord firmly resisted him and his overtures (Mt 4.1-11), we too must resist him and his wiles, firm in faith, even as he prowls around, looking for someone to devour (1 Pt 5.8-9; Eph. 6.11; Jam. 4.7). It is essentially to defeat him and undo all his works that Our Lord came into the world (1 Jn 3.8).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen.2,7-9; 3,1-7**; 2nd Reading: **Rom.5,12-19**; Gospel: **Matt 4.1-11.**

Psalm: **Ps 50(51).3-6,12-14,17: *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.***

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God..*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| 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 |
| | | Mon., 2 nd Mar. | Lent Feria |
| Tue., 3 rd Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP |
| Wed., 4 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 7.30pm | George and Lily Simpson, RIP |
| Thur., 5 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Fr Webb, RIP |
| Fri., 6 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Theresa & Constantine Maunganidze |
| Sat. 7 th Mar. | + 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i> | 6.00pm | Barry Holloway, RIP |
| Sun., 1st Mar. | | 9.30am (STM) | Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Special Intention |

ST PETER'S

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| Sun., 1st Mar. | + 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i> | 9.00am | Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Michael Bruton & Joe Kiely, Anni. |
| | | 2.00pm | Travellers |
| | | 6.00pm | Private Intention |
| Mon., 2 nd Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Tue., 3 rd Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Wed., 4 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Thur., 5 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 7.00pm | Turner Family's Intention |
| Thur., 6 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 9.30am | Private Intention |
| Sat. 7 th Mar. | Lent Feria | 12noon | Anointing of the Sick |
| Sun., 8th Mar. | + 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i> | 9.00am | Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | P. D. Anthony, RIP |
| | | 2.00pm | Travellers |
| | | 6.00pm | Private Intention |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Adela 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

50th Anniversary: A committee has been set up to plan our parish 50th anniversary celebration in 2021. Its members are Cora Nathaniel, Eugenie Zengerink (Chair), Karen Stephens-Green, Lydston Costa, Maria Chikosi, Marina Costa, Paul Sutton, Philip George Waterman, Sue Harrington, and Yvonne Stephens. The committee will welcome any good ideas you may have.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: Friday the 6th is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers. There will be a **Second Collection** next Sunday the 8th for CAFOD. Your generous support will be appreciated.

We are trying to get a team together to clean the Marychurch brass. If that is something you would be interested in, please let Yvette in the Office know. The first time will be Wednesday 11th March. All help is welcomed.

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.

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.

St Patrick Day Lunch in aid of Mary's Meals on Saturday March the 14th in the hall from 12 to 2pm. Menu: Guinness stew, Bacon/cabbage and colcannon mash. Pudding: Baileys cheesecake, Apple pie and Paavola Tea and coffee. Adults £5; children £2.50. More information: Mary, 07596973001, or Pauline 07738074614.

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:

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: 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.

January Offertory Collection

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

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