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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:

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

+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

“This is My Son, the Beloved; listen to Him.” (Mt 17.5)

At His baptism as Our Lord was starting His public ministry, the Father bore witness to Him from heaven in these words: “This is My Son, the Beloved, with Whom I Am well pleased” (Mt 3.17), recalling the words He spoke of Him in prophesy (cf. Is. 42.1). As He drew near to the close of that ministry, the Father again bore witness to His identity, using the exact same words. This time, the Father added a word about the consequence of that identity – namely, Our Lord is the One to whom all should listen (cf. Mt 17.5). He alone has the word of eternal life (Jn 6.68) and is Himself the word of life (1 Jn 1.1). He alone possesses the word which is truth (2 Tim. 2.15), just as He is truth personified (Jn 14.6). He alone speaks the word that is spirit and life (Jn 6.63) and gives life (Mt 8.8). He alone is also the word by which all creation came into existence (Jn 1.1-3) and continues to exist (Rom. 11.36; cf. Col. 1.15-17). He Himself and all the words He spoke are the last word the Father wishes to speak – and has spoken – to us and to the whole of creation (Heb. 1.1-2). The words He has spoken are not His own, but the words of the Father who sent Him (Jn 14.24; 7.16), spoken exactly as the Father commanded Him to speak (Jn 12.49-50), and spoken in perfect union with the Father Himself (Jn 14.10). He is therefore the One all should listen to, and heed – not our own private consciences, and not the world, or the people of the world. In a manner similar to the entrustment He received from the Father, He has given to the Church the authority to speak His word in His name (cf. Jn 20.21), with the power to command the obedience of all: “He who hears you hears Me, and He who rejects you rejects Me” (Lk 10.16).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen 12.1-4**; 2nd Reading: **2 Tim 1:8-10**; Gospel: **Matt 17:1-9**.

Psalm: **Ps 32(33).4-5,18-20,22**: *May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.*

Gospel Acclamation: *From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 7 th Mar.	+ 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	Barry Holloway, RIP
Sun., 8th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Special Intention
		Mon., 9 th Mar.	Lent Feria
Tue., 10 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Thanksgiving for Minna Browne
Wed., 11 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Paul Durnin, RIP
Thur., 12 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Bernard Eason, RIP
Fri., 13 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Sat. 14 th Mar.	+ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 15th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Bishop Paul Gonsalves
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family

ST PETER'S

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
Mon., 9 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 10 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Malsher Family Intention
Wed., 11 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 12 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Theresa Clements Intention
Fri., 13 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 14 th Mar.	Lent Feria	12noon	Private Intention
Sun., 15th Mar.	+ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Private Intention
		11.00am	Parishioners
		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

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm. Please join us as we travel with Our Lord along the way of the Cross.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

this weekend: Works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation and contribute to of the second collection which will take place at all Masses. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation:** supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. **The Church's Service in Society:** putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table, even though they may be in work. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and more people are turning to foodbanks for help. For children who get free meals at school, the holidays can be a time of hunger because the family budget doesn't stretch to cover three meals a day. One initiative the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal supports is school holiday clubs,

where children can have fun, and prepare and eat a healthy meal during the school holidays. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today.

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 at 10.30am. All help is welcomed.

SVP Annual National Raffle will be held on March the 27th. 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.

St Patrick Day Lunch in aid of Mary's Meals

on Saturday March the 14th in St Peters hall from 12 to 2pm. Menu: Guinness stew, Bacon/cabbage and colcannon mash. Pudding: Baileys cheesecake, Apple pie and Pavlova. Tea and coffee. Adults £5; children £2.50. More information: Mary, 07596 973001, or Pauline 07738 074614.

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,
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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: 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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