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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

**+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

**“If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink’ . . .” (John 4.10)**

Good is what we all desire and seek. None of us will desire anything unless we perceive it – rightly or wrongly – as good. But when it comes to the specific goods, Augustine tells us, we differ widely. During His encounter with the Samaritan woman, Our Lord's invites her to seek and strive after the gift of God, the supreme good she does not yet know. To lead her to an understanding of that supreme gift of God, He directly applies to Himself the name, ‘Messias’ (Jn 4.26). Nowhere else in the gospel does He so refer directly to Himself. In those cases where He uses the term, He tends to speak as if of someone else. In John 17.3, for instance, He speaks of eternal life consisting of knowing “You the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” Of course, He is fully aware of His own identity, not only as Jesus, the Saviour (Mt 1.21) – a self-knowledge He continues to manifest even after His Ascension (Acts 9.5; 22.8; 26.15); or the Son of Man (Mk 2.10; Lk 9.22; Mt 26.64); or the Son of God (Jn 10.36; Lk 1.35; 3.22); but, in fact, also as God who is one with God the Father (Jn 10.30). He does not hesitate to apply to Himself the term, ‘I AM’ (Jn 8.58), that God used exclusively of Himself (Exod. 3.14). Hidden in His identity are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2.3), all righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1 Cor. 1.30), the truth (Jn 14.6), the true light of the world (Jn 1.9; 8.12; 9.5; 12.46), the resurrection and the life (Jn 11.25), the power and the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 24), and, indeed, the fullness of God (Col. 1.19; Eph. 1.23). All these are the gift of God He offers in Himself to the Samaritan lady, and to all who thirst.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exod. 17.3-7**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Rom. 5.1:2,5-8**; Gospel: **John 4.5-42**.

Psalm: **Ps 94(95).1-2,9**: *O that today you would listen to His voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

**Gospel Acclamation: Lord, You are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. 'r we have sinned.**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 15<sup>TH</sup> Mar.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Bishop Paul Gonsalves
		<b>11.00am</b>	Beverly Atkin and family
		Mon., 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria
Tue., 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b>St Patrick (F)</b>	9.30am	Miss. H. Cunneenn, RIP
Wed., 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Melissa and Grant and families
Thur., 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b>ST JOSEPH (S)</b>	9.30am	Gerald O'Boy, RIP
Fri., 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mandy Tait
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Rosita Ross
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anne Holloway, RIP

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 15<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Private Intention
Mon., 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b>St Patrick (F)</b>	9.30am	Pauline Hayes's Intention
Wed., 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b>ST JOSEPH (S)</b>	9.30am	Turner Family's Intention
Fri., 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention
		<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, 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.

**A massive Thank You** to all the ladies who came on Wednesday to clean the brass and silver; it really is appreciated. We will hopefully be doing this on a monthly basis.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020:** This weekend, please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet as you leave Mass. The Appeal contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and Service in Society. With your support, the Cardinal has launched a new programme to alleviate food poverty, which affects people in every part of the Diocese. Your gift could help open up schools during the holidays – a time of hunger for many children who depend on the free meals they get at school. At the new school holiday activity clubs, children can have fun, help make a healthy meal to share, and families take home food to help them through this difficult time. You can support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020 by donating, volunteering and remembering the work in your prayers. Please visit [CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk) for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

**Nursery Applications:** St Philip Howard Catholic School has 2 Nursery Classes and accepts pupils the term after they turn 3. If your child was born between 1/9/2016 and 31/8/2017 and you would like a place for September, please look at our website or contact the school office for an application pack. If your child is currently 2, you can register for a place. We provide 15 hour nursery and 30 hour nursery and have wrap around provision available from

7.30am until 5.30pm. We would be delighted to show you around our school. Please contact the school office, 01707 263969.

**Coronavirus: let's not forget the vulnerable:** In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well stocked. However, we must not forget that this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc, as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. Foodbanks also welcome donations of money - please give what you can. Please also consider if you could spare some time to volunteer – perhaps by driving to collect food for a foodbank – or simply by looking out for your neighbours. Contact: [cfc@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cfc@rcdow.org.uk), or call 020 7931 6077 to add your name to a list of people who would be willing to help respond. Thanks for your support,

**SVP Annual National Raffle** will be held on March the 27<sup>th</sup>. SVP members will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

**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:  
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**SP:** Roshan Senanayake,  
Email:  
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**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:** 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.

**January Offertory Collection**

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

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