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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

+ 4th SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

“I was blind, now I see.” (John 9.25)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in these trying times, I join our Church leaders, the bishops to pray for all of you and your families, for our country, and, indeed, for the whole world, and to assure you that what we are experiencing now, despite the pain and anxiety it is causing many people, will come to pass. We are witnessing a significant event in history and will survive it. God willing, we will emerge on the other side stronger in every respect. What we must do in these times is what Moses enjoined the Israelites to do when they were besieged by the overwhelming forces of the Egyptians and had no way of escape. He said to them: “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord” (Exod. 14.13). So we need to put our trust firmly in the Lord and not panic or do anything that could undermine the veritable efforts being made by governments, scientists, and medical personnel to combat the outbreak. We hear in the gospel today how Our Lord restored sight to the man who was born blind. To cure the man, Our Lord first spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle. He then anointed the man’s eyes with the clay and ordered him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man obeyed the Lord’s instruction carefully and came away seeing clearly. Our Lord could have cured him without making clay of His spittle and ordering him to go and wash in a specific pool, but He did. He has set up governments and institutions, and has given various gifts to people in society. Through these, He guides us and takes care of us in all our needs. Let us put our faith in Him, and also follow the guidelines and instructions we are given, and we will overcome this problem.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **1 Sam 16.1,6-7,10-13**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 5.8-14**; Gospel: **John 9:1-41**.

Psalm: **Ps 22(23): *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Gospel Acclamation: *I Am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 22nd Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	10.00am	Rosita Ross
Mon., 23 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Bridie and John Slean, and Kay O’Brien, RIP
Tue., 24 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Irene and James Collins, RIP
Wed., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION	9.30am	Leonard and Irene Holloway, RIP
Thur., 26 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	John and Joan Charles, RIP
Fri., 27 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Charlie Juggins, RIP
Sat. 28 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Michael, Kitty and Mary, RIP
Sun., 29th Mar.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	10.00am	Maurice (RIP) and Marlene Scally

ST PETER’S

Sun., 22nd Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 23 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Anthony Wainright, Anniversary
Tue., 24 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Terry Mahabir, Anniversary
Wed., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 26 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
	Lent Feria	9.30pm	Private Intention
Fri., 27 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 28 th Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	Nathan Sinfield’s Intention
Sun., 29th Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Parishioners

N.B.: *These Masses are celebrated by the priest alone, without the congregation, in line with the guidelines from our archbishop.*

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:Please pray for Adela Pym, Spencer McCall, 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.