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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

**+ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11.25)**

During the week a friend of mine in Ireland sent me a copy of these words of comfort of Pope Francis: “Tonight, before falling asleep, think about when we will return to the streets, when we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let’s think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talks, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will be all a memory, but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage. See you soon!” Some people may be looking only at the dark side of this monumental historical event that is unfolding before our eyes – the fear and anxiety it is causing, the curtailment of our freedoms, the loss of income and the inability to pay the bills, the social isolations, the infections, sickness, and often deaths, the massive economic downturn that may result, and the accompanying hardship. The Pope has chosen rather to be optimistic and look for light at the end of the tunnel, knowing that there will be light after the dark. We can join with him and see the positive side of this event – the sacrifices many are making, the eagerness of many to help others, and the realisation of our limitations and our dependence on God. From the depth of those limitations, of our fears and anxiety, we can cry out with the psalmist at today’s Mass to Him who raised Lazarus from death and has the power to save us from our present ills: “Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my supplications” (Ps 130.1-2).

**READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ezek. 37.12-14**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Rom. 8.8-11**; Gospel: **John 11.1-45**.

Psalm: **Ps 129(130): With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Gospel Acclamation: I Am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in Me will never die.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> Mar.</b>	<b>+ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Maurice (RIP) and Marlene Scally
Mon., 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Mary O'Donnell, RIP
Tue., 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Sr Connie, RIP
Wed., 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Winifred Hannon, RIP
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Beverley Atkinbs, RIP, and Family

**ST PETER'S**

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Tue., 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Ishanka Fernndo, Birthday
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30pm	Pauline Hayes's Intention
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Zora Davidson, Anniversary

**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.

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