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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

+ EASTER SUNDAY

“He must rise from the dead.” (John 20.9)

On Friday, we marked with great distress the most shameful execution of “the Lord of glory” (1 Cor. 2.8). Our shared distress was greatly aggravated by our being prevented by the prevailing circumstances from coming together as a parish community to mark the occasion. I was alone in the church, firstly, to journey with the Lord to Calvary in Stations of the Cross, later to mark His passion and death in the afternoon ceremonies, and also to pray for our beloved parishioners and the world at this difficult time. There has never been a Holy Week like this. Many people may be wondering why the pandemic at this time, and where God is in all this. He could have mitigated or totally prevented the outbreak if He wanted, just as He could have prevented the suffering and execution of Our Lord; but for His kind and mysterious purposes, He did not. That day, while hanging on the cross, stripped, badly beaten, bruised, and bleeding, His body aching with pain, Our Lord in His humanity also wondered aloud why God had forsaken Him (Mk 15.34). At the time, He got no apparent answer; there was absolute silence, and total darkness both literally and metaphorically. Suffer and die, He did; and with Him, all things. It was not until three days later that the answer came in the most extraordinary and astonishing way. In His glorious resurrection, the Father gave His answer to all that happened to Our Lord – His betrayal, His abandonment, His passion, His crucifixion, His shameful death. God raised Him to life, and, with Him, our fallen, troubled humanity. Where death reigned, God gave life; where darkness, light; where fear and despondency, freedom and hope. With that, we can be confident that this outbreak does not have the final word.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 10.34,37-43; 2nd Reading: Col. 3.1-4; Gospel: John 20.1-9.

Psalm: Ps 117(118).1-2,16-17,22-23: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 12th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Octave</i>	10.00am	Patricia Dee's Intention
Mon., 13 th Apr.	Easter Monday	10.00am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 th Apr.	Easter Tuesday	9.30am	Parishioners
Wed., 15 th Apr.	Easter Wednesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Apr.	Easter Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Apr.	Easter Friday	9.30pm	Private Intention
Sat. 18 th Apr.	Easter Saturday	9.30am	Parishioners
Sun., 19th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Cheryl & Graham Williams

ST PETER'S

Sun., 12th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Octave</i>	10.00am	Mick Ryan, Anniversary
Mon., 13 th Apr.	Easter Monday	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 14 th Apr.	Easter Tuesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 15 th Apr.	Easter Wednesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 16 th Apr.	Easter Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 17 th Apr.	Easter Friday	9.30pm	Bridie Sullivan, Anniversary
Sat. 18 th Apr.	Easter Saturday	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 19th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Maureen Kelly, Anniversary; Jerry Kelly

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 Adele 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.

NOTICES

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020: This will be arranged after the current restrictions are lifted. 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 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, 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,

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of these recently deceased priests of the diocese: **Canon Eddie Matthews** (83 years); **Mgr Frederick Miles** (95 years); **Fr John William Helm** (84 years); **Fr John O'Halloran** (96 years), **Fr Austin Garvey** (94 years), and **Fr Bryan Jones** (75 years).

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,
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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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