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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

**+ PALM SUNDAY – YEAR A**

**“He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.” (Phil. 2.8)**

Today begins the most hallowed week of our Christian calendar. It is with mixed emotions that we are entering this Holy Week. On the one hand, with joy and gratitude to God, we are looking forward to the Easter peace, and to the defeat of evil and triumph of grace in the death and resurrection of Our Lord. On the other, many of us are understandably sad and disappointed that we will be marking the most important mysteries of our faith in the most unusual manner, with the faithful not being able to take part in the liturgical celebrations. This is a situation no one ever anticipated or wished for, but which we must now adapt to and make the best of. We may be separated because of the restrictions, but we are united spiritually by our common faith, our shared hope, and our bond of charity. What we cannot express physically as a result of the separation, we can experience spiritually as a result of grace. In His teaching on the Eucharist, Our Lord assures us that the spirit is what gives life; not the flesh (Jn 6.63). Elsewhere, He asks us to worship as true worshippers of God in spirit and truth (Jn 4.24). Relying on the assurance, and exercising the authority given it by the Lord (Mt 16.19; 18.18), the Church now calls on us all to deepen our worship of God by transcending the constraints of our physical existence. Our communal celebration of the Holy Week may be greatly mitigated by our present difficult circumstances; but the efficacy and the benefits to us of the Paschal mysteries will not in the least be diminished. We will be united in prayer and service, wherever we will be. The decision to cancel our community celebrations was not taken lightly; but it is for the greater good of all, as individuals and as the human race.

**READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS**

**Mt 21.1-1;** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Is 50.4-7;** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Phil. 2.6-11;** Gospel: **Mt 26.14-27.66.**  
Psalm: **Ps 21(22).8-9,17-20,23-24: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?.**  
**Gospel Acclamation: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised Him high, and gave Him the name which is above all names.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Beverley Atkins, RIP, and Family
Mon., 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Mon. of Holy Week	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Tue. of Holy Week	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Wed. of Holy Week	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
Fri., 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>PASSION CEREMONIES</b>
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sun., 12<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>Office: Easter Octave</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Patricia Dee's Intention

**ST PETER'S**

<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Zora Davidson, Anniversary
Mon., 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Mon. of Holy Week	9.30am	Terry McKee, Anniversary
Tue., 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Tue. of Holy Week	9.30am	Richard McKee, Anniversary
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**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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