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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 EASTER

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”
(Jn 10.10)

This Sunday is traditionally called ‘Good Shepherd Sunday.’ It is a day that specially affords us the opportunity to focus our contemplation of Our Lord on His role as that ‘Good Shepherd’ Who loved us so much that He laid down His life for us (Jn 10.11), exactly as He taught (Jn 13.1). This day we think of and pray for good leadership, both in the Church and in civil society, that it may be patterned after that of Our Lord. We ask the Lord in particular to provide for His people, especially through vocation to the priesthood, leaders who are after His own heart, who tend the flock in their charge and feed them with knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3.15), who give them courage and hope, especially at challenging times, like the one we are passing through. The Church all over the world is blessed with many priests; yet, the harvest remains plentiful, and the labourers few; so, we continue to need to pray for more labourers in the Lord’s vineyard (Mt 9.35-38; Lk 10.2). We are also gently requested to support this vocation in these ways: spiritually, with our prayers, that those whom God is calling to service in the Church may recognise the call and respond to it with a generous heart; morally, by encouraging our bishops, priests, and deacons in their ministries, and also our young men, including those of our households, to consider embracing this vocation; financially, by contributing towards offsetting the cost of training future priests, especially in our diocese. This year, due to the prevailing circumstances, we are able to have the Priests Training Fund collection meant for this purpose; but we can still give our support by donating to the fund online. We ask the Good Shepherd to continue to look after us, by protecting us from the virus that threatens us and prevents us from participating in our normal parish life.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 2.14,36-41; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20-25; Gospel: John 10.1-10.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and My own know Me. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 3rd May	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 4</i>	10.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Mon., 4 th May	English Martyrs	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 5 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 6 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 7 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 8 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 9 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Parishioners
Sun., 10th May	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 1</i>	10.00am	Julia Holloway, RIP

ST PETER'S

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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 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

Priests Training Fund: The fund's support collection due this weekend has been cancelled. We are however invited to pray for our seminarians and encourage other young men to consider answering the call to the priesthood. **Donations to the Priests' Training Fund** are always gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the donation page of the diocesan Communications office. Thank you.

Mass for NHS & Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families:

Every Thursday evening, at 7pm, a bishop, in turn, will celebrate Mass in his cathedral, live streamed, for all those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families. The first one was celebrated by the Cardinal in the evening of April the 23rd in Westminster Cathedral. The dates, locations, and live-streaming information (link in the name of the cathedral) for the next five are as follows:**30 April:** Bishop Richard Moth, Arundel Cathedral; **7 May:** Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds Cathedral; **14 May:** Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Newcastle Cathedral; **21 May:** Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral; **28 May:** Bishop Terence Drainey, Middlesbrough Cathedral.

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.

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,

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:
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SP: Roshan Senanayake,
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Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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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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