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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 EASTER**

**“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14.6)**

The response to the Psalm this Sunday invites us to ask the Lord to let His steadfast love be upon us, even as we hope in Him (Ps 33.22). Those consoling words could not have come at a better time than our present difficult circumstances when we are learning to live our daily life with the devastating effects of the pandemic, and with uncertainty about the future. These circumstances may be strange to us, but they are not strange to the Lord Who knows all things and is Himself the Lord of history. He knows how they will all end and is there to support with His steadfast love all who hope in Him. So we cannot afford to stop calling on Him, that He might visit us in love in our present difficulties and see us through. St Peter reminds us in the Second Reading (1 Pt 2.4-9) of our special place in God's scheme of things. God has chosen us and consecrated us for this purpose, namely, that, as a royal priesthood whom He has called out of darkness into His marvellous light, we might declare the wonderful deeds He does for us. We make that declaration in our present situation when, by persevering in the hope we have in His love, we stand firm and show that He is true to His word and will save us from the evil that threatens us. How we do that has been shown us by Our Lord Who in today's gospel declares Himself to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14.6). He is the life we all desire to have, and which He offers us abundantly (Jn 10.10). He is the truth we want to know, the truth that sets us free (Jn 8.32). He too is the way that leads to truth and life; all who faithfully follow Him need not fear of ever stumbling or missing the way, for He is also the Light (Jn 8.12) that lights up our way.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6.1-7; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9; Gospel: John 14.1-12.

Psalm: Ps 33(32): *May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in You.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun., 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>+ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office: Easter Week 1</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Julia Holloway, RIP
Mon., 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, & Family
Tue., 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Theresa Hogan & Family
Wed., 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
Thur., 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>St Matthias</b>	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Roisin Salop & Family
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Doris Thomas, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> in Westminster Cathedral. The dates, locations, and live-streaming information (link in the name of the cathedral) for the next five are as follows: **14 May:** Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Newcastle Cathedral; **21 May:** Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral; **28 May:** Bishop Terence Draney, Middlesbrough Cathedral.

**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](mailto: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.

**International Eucharistic Congress,**

**2020:** The plan for the archdiocese to travel to Budapest as a group to participate at the Congress in September has now been cancelled. Should the congress still go ahead, the individuals who wish to attend are still encouraged to do so.

**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:  
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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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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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