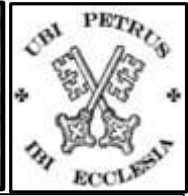


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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

+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.” (John 14.18)

It is a little over eight weeks now since we ceased to gather as a parish community, and no one knows for sure when our parish life will return to normal. Within this period, a lot has happened. On the positive side, the lockdown has given some people a great opportunity to pray more, to study and reflect on the Scripture, to give more attention to their interior life through a fruitful introspection, and to grow in intimacy with the Lord. I have myself been spending my time reflecting on the mystery and beauty of our relationship with God, an exercise, I hope, will be of immense benefit to me personally, and to anyone who would want to benefit from it. Families have stayed together as they never had before. Hopefully, the stress that came with that has not undermined the beauty of the family members getting to enjoy being with each other, and to know each other better. On the negative side, people have also suffered spiritually, emotionally, economically, and socially, especially due to the uncertainty of the situation, and the isolation that has kept some of them away from their friends and loved ones. In the challenges of these times, it is vital we hear these words Our Lord speaks to us in the gospel today: “I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.” Times like these offer believers an opportunity to discover God anew, and to look at life from a different perspective. Perhaps, we will discover how fragile our life really is, and how totally we depend on God’s graciousness. Perhaps, we will realise how much we need each other and the community. The critical question, then, is whether or not we emerge from this experience stronger, and better persons.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8,14-17; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18; Gospel: John 14.15-21.

Psalm: Ps 65(66).1-7,16,20: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him.' Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 17th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Julia Holloway, RIP
Mon., 18 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Brian Hopkins, RIP
Tue., 19 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Cindy's Friend
Wed., 20 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 21 st May	ASCENSION	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 22 nd May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 23 rd May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Bridei & John Slean; Kay O'Brien, RIP
Sun., 24th May	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 3</i>	10.00am	Parishioners

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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 ones are as follows: **21 May:** Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral; and **28 May:** Bishop Terence Draney, Middlesbrough Cathedral.

Matrimonial Thanksgiving Mass

scheduled for Saturday the 30th of this month has been cancelled.

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:
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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