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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

+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer.”
(Acts 1.14)

On Thursday we kept the solemnity of the ascension of Our Lord; but, as in many things at these unusual times, we could not come together as a community to mark this important mystery of our faith. The event we commemorated brought to an end the mystery that started more than three decades earlier when at the message of an angel God came down from heaven into our world to be with us in human flesh. In the ascension, Our Lord returned to heaven, though without departing the earth, just as in the days of His life in the flesh, He was on earth among us, but without leaving heaven (John 3.13). Being withdrawn in the ascension from the physical sight of His disciples, He began to be ever more present to them in the Spirit, filling them with the same power with which He Himself overcame both the world and the forces of evil in the world. After seeing Him ascend into heaven, the apostles returned to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. They stayed there and waited to be given the power from on high. They waited, not in idleness, but by devoting themselves to prayer, not alone, but in company with Our Lady and the other disciples, not in desperation, but in hope, and patiently. At the moment, discussions are ongoing between the government and the taskforce on opening the places of worship of which the Cardinal is a member. It is hoped that our churches across the country will reopen by July the 4th; perhaps, partially, to make sure that it is absolutely safe for the faithful to make use of them. Until that happens, we must continue to wait in hope, in prayer especially with Our Lady, and with patience, like the disciples.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 1.12-14; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4.13-16; Gospel: John 17.1-11.

Psalm: Ps 26(27).1,4,7-8: *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! 'I will not leave you orphans', says the Lord; 'I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.' Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., 24 th May	+ 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office: Easter Week 2</i>	10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable	9.30am	Private Intention
Tue., 26 th May	St Philip Neri	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 27 th May	St Augustine of Cant.	9.30am	Private Intention
Thur., 28 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	NHS/Care Home Frontline Workers, the Sick and their Families
Fri., 29 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Julia Holloway, RIP
Sat. 30 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Sun., 31 st May	+ PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>End of Easter Season</i>	10.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

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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

Pentecost Vigil of Prayer: The Cardinal has recorded a video of a pastoral message in preparation for Pentecost. In it, he reflects on the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, particularly in the context of the circumstances in which we are living at the moment. The video is available online at <https://vimeo.com/421046273> and on the diocesan website. When you view the message, you will see that the Cardinal asks that, across the diocese, priests and people participate, from their homes, in a short vigil of prayer next Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. There is no specific time or format for this: what is important is that as many people as possible engage positively with the Cardinal's invitation.

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 date, location, and live-streaming

information (link in the name of the cathedral) for the next one is as follows: **28 May:** Bishop Terence Draine, [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,
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Planned Giving:

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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
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