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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**

**+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A**

**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

**“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.” (Matthew 13.44)**

King Solomon (whose other name is Jedidiah) is known as the wisest person who ever lived, hence the English saying: As wise as Solomon. He was so renowned for his wisdom (and wealth) that royalties from all over the world, including the queen of Sheba – Ethiopia – who visited with large retinue (2 Chron. 9.1-12), all went to see him, and all were riveted by the encounter. It is important to remember that he was not born with that extraordinary wisdom; he received it as a gift, after he asked it of God (1 Kg 3.5-14; 2 Chron. 1.7-13). His prayer for wisdom was recalled and elaborately celebrated in the book of Wisdom and of Proverbs. In asking for it rather than for personal security, wealth, or any other such thing, he understood the preeminence of wisdom over temporal goods, as well as its importance in our lives. This exalted gift of Wisdom is one of the few things we are promised in the Scripture that we will receive when we pray for it (Jam. 1.5). It helps us to understand this life properly, to know the ways of God, and to order our lives aright. Usually it is followed by prosperity, happiness, peace, self-fulfillment, and other goods of this life, and also eternal redemption in the life to come. That gift of wisdom is in fact the Lord Himself Whom the Scripture calls “the power of God and the Wisdom of God” (1 Cor. 1.24). In Him “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2.3). Therefore, anyone who desires the true life that comes from wisdom alone should deploy the whole of their energy and resources in search of the true wisdom, Christ Our Lord, till they find Him.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading 1 Kg 3.5,7-12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 8.28-30; Gospel: Mt 13.44-52.

Psalm: Ps 119(118).57,72,76-77,127-130: *Lord, how I love Your law!*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. Alleluia!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	<b>+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Sun., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul.		<b>9.30am</b>	Private Intentions
		<b>11.00am</b>	Carol Thomas
Mon., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	Bill Watdson, RIP
Wed., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	St Martha	9.30am	
Thur., 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul.	St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am	
Sat., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	<b>+ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Sun., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug.		<b>9.30am</b>	Alice Beckett, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Beverley Atkins, RIP, and Family

### ST PETER'S

Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	<b>+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
Sun., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul.		<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
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Tue., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul.	St Martha	9.30am	
Thur., 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul.	St Ignatius Loyola	9.30am	Moses Jesudasan, Anniversary
Sat., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	St Alphonsus Ligouri	10.30am	
Sun., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug.	<b>+ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Adele Pym, Chido Chandisarewa, Kathleen Rhine, Anne Owens, Alan Smith, Rob Catlings, Joyce Davies, Josie and Maurice Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Larry Carolan.

# NOTICES

**First Holy Communion** can now take place. The parents of our candidates this year are requested to contact the catechists.

**RCIA**: The candidates this year can now conclude the programme.

**Public Health**: Our church is now open for public Mass. In that regard, please note the following:

- **As the wearing of the face mask in shops will soon be obligatory, please consider coming to Mass in one from now on;**
- The government requires that the church keeps a record of those who attend each Mass, to make it possible for test and trace in the event of an infection occurring in the church. For that reason, please complete the attendance card on a table in the porch as you come into the church. Please cooperate to help us observe the guideline;
- Please observe the rule on Social Distancing and limit your interaction with non-members of your family;
- All are requested to observe all the hygiene protocols, and to follow the one-way direction;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you leave the church at the end of Mass;
- Volunteers will continue to be needed to clean the church after

each Mass. Many thanks to all who have helped;

- The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. Everyone 70 years old or above, and all vulnerable people are advised not to attend Mass;
- During weekdays and Sunday, the church will be open for private prayer 30 minutes before Mass each day and will be closed immediately after Mass.

## **Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals**

can now take place in the church. Please contact the Parish Clergy if you wish to arrange any.

**2020 Chrism Mass**: The Cardinal will celebrate this year's postponed Chrism Mass in the cathedral on September the 14 with only the deans present. The Mass will be streamed live online. The time is yet to be announced.

Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage this year has been cancelled.

Please join the diocese in **Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage from July the 26<sup>th</sup> to August the 1<sup>st</sup>** on:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/pilgrimages/>.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Frederick George Jackson (77)** who died on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** 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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