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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

+ 21ST SUNDAY – YEAR A

“But who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16.15)

We all have our worlds we live. Sometimes, those worlds are either partially or fully closed to others; unless we open them up, no one may know what we really have in them. Getting to know someone, especially being let into the person's inner, and perhaps secret, world is a great privilege that can also be challenging, as it is exciting. And being allowed to share in that person's world is even a greater privilege undeserved, something that should always be appreciated and treasured. Just as we owe the utmost respect for everything we know about a person from sharing in their world, we equally owe it as a duty to know them for who they truly are, and not to impose our prejudiced perception on them. To be able to do that, we need to contemplate and pay close attention to them, and let our perception of them be shaped by the truth of who they are. It appears that most of the people who encountered Our Lord during His earthly life all misunderstood Him for Who He was. They regarded Him as a blasphemer and an imposter (Jn. 10.33), a lawbreaker (Jn 9.16; 5.16,18), a sinner (Jn 9.24), a perverter of the nation (Lk 23.2), and an evildoer (Jn 18.30) Who deserved nothing but a shameful execution. Thankfully, there were some people (including St Peter, the first disciple) who recognised Him – though dimly – for Who He is, but not by their own insight. It was revealed to them by the Father through the Holy Spirit (Mt 16.17), for “no one knows the Son except the Father” (Mt 11.27), and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12.3). Those who received that gift of the Father are thus able to profess Him to be the Christ, the Son of the living God (Mt 16.16), as well as our Lord and our God (Jn 20.28).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 22.19-23**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 11.33-36**; Gospel: **Mt 16.13-20**.

Psalm: **Ps 138(137).1-3,6,8**: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal; discard not the work of Your hands.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, and He has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 22nd Aug.	+ 21ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 23rd Aug.		9.30am	Elias & Noemi Gonsalves, RIP
		11.00am	William Prendergast, RIP
Mon., 24 th Aug.	St Bartholomew	9.30am	
Tue., 25 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Lawrence Chitemere, RIP
Wed., 26 th Aug.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 27 th Aug.	St Monica	9.30am	Dr Charles Andi, Sick
Fri., 28 th Aug.	St Augustine	9.30am	
Sat., 29 th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 30th Aug.		9.30am	Agnes Stewart, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 23rd Aug.	+ 21ST SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Jim Chatfield, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Caroline Wargo-Saduwe, Anni.
Mon., 24 th Aug.	St Bartholomew	9.30am	
Tue., 25 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 26 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 27 th Aug.	St Monica	7.00pm	Francesca Diana, RIP
Fri., 28 th Aug.	St Augustine	9.30am	
Sat., 29 th Aug.	St John the Baptist	10.30am	
Sun., 30th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Jim Chatfield, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Sr Jo Chambers, 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, and Charles Andi.

NOTICES

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

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

- **The wearing of face mask in the church is now obligatory;** please ensure you come to Mass in one. Readers may remove theirs while at the lectern reading, but should put them back the moment they finish;
- Each time you attend Mass, please complete the attendance card on a table in the porch as you enter the church, to comply with the Test and Trace government's guideline;
- Please observe the rule on Social Distancing and limit your interaction with non-members of your family;
- Please observe the hygiene protocols, and 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 church is 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.

Mass for Canon Eddie Matthews RIP:

We will be offering the **6pm Mass on Saturday the 5th of September** for the peaceful repose of Canon Eddie Matthews on Saturday the 5th of September at the 6pm Mass. Canon Eddie was our Parish Priest in the early 1980 and died earlier this year. Please join us that day to pray for him.

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.

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:
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

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Text: Parish HATFD to
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