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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

+ 22ND SUNDAY – YEAR A

“If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” (Mt 16.26)

The Cross is the single most important and powerful symbol of Christianity. To the Cross, Our Lord was nailed, together with both all of us believers (Gal. 2.19) and the bonds of our sins (Col. 2.14). On the Cross, He died (Phil. 2.8), to take away our sins. By the blood of the Cross, He made peace (Col. 1.20), reconciling us to God in one body, and bringing the hostility to an end (Eph. 2.16). And for the sake of the joy that was set before Him, He endured the Cross, despising the shame (Heb. 12.2). Thus the Cross is the symbol of salvation. It represents all the trials a Christian must, like the Lord, patiently endure in order to enter into glory (cf. Lk 24.26). Thus the Cross is part and parcel of our Christian life and identity. While it is not something we should wish for ourselves or for others, we should not be ashamed of it, or run away from it, or walk as Its enemies (Phil. 3.18). Nor should we be like those who are perishing for whom the Cross is folly (1 Cor. 1.18). Rather, we should glory in the Cross (Gal. 6.14). Accepting it in faith when it comes our way, and enduring it patiently in hope in union with the Lord, we should seek to complete in our flesh “what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church” (Col. 1.24). We may not be like the apostles who rejoiced to be counted worthy to suffer for the sake of Our Lord (Acts 5.41), or St Paul who also rejoiced (Rom. 5.3) and was content with his many sufferings (2 Cor. 12.10). Yet, we can imitate Simon of Cyrene and carry the Cross behind Our Lord (Mt 27.32), or Virgin Mary and the ladies and stand by Our Lord at the place of the crucifixion (Jn 19.21).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Jer. 20.7-9**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 12.1-2**; Gospel: **Mt 16.21-27**.

Psalm: **Ps 63(62).2-6,8-9: *For You my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.***

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 29th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 30th Aug.		9.30am	Agnes Stewart, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 31 st Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 1 st Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 2 nd Sept.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 3 rd Sept.	St Gregory the Great	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Fri., 4 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 5 th Sept.	+ 23RD SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Canon Eddie Matthews, RIP
Sun., 6th Sept.		9.30am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 30th Aug.	+ 22ND SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Jim Chatfield, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	
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Sun., 6th Sept.	+ 23RD SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Davin, RIP
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Sr Jo snd, 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

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is the greatest and most efficacious prayer we can offer. It is the perfect prayer Our Lord offers to the Father, and is itself Our Lord Himself. We can unite ourselves and our personal intentions with the Lord in offering this prayer to God, in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you want a Holy Mass offered for your specific bodily or spiritual needs, or for those of someone you love, for the peaceful repose of a person you know, or for any other intention, please contact the parish office or complete the **Mass Intention envelope** at the back of the church and give it to the priest. The diocese encourages us to make a voluntary offering of £10 for each Mass intention.

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

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals can now take place in the church. Please contact the Parish Clergy if you wish to arrange any.

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.

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 1990s and died earlier this year. Please join us at that Mass to pray for his peaceful repose.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Danny Horan** who died on the 23rd. Grant, O Lord, That the soul of Fr Danny, your servant and priest, whom You honoured with sacred office, may exult forever in the glorious home of heaven. May the soul of Fr Danny rest in peace. Amen.

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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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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