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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

+ 24TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.” (Mt 18.35)

Today's gospel concludes Our Lord's teaching on Church communion, and sums up our pathway to the peace and joy of salvation. It teaches that for us to access God's mercy and forgiveness for ourselves, we must forgive one another with all our heart (Mk 11.25; Mt 6.12, 14-15; 5.23-24; Lk 11.4). We are, as it were, all in the same boat. We may not be guilty of the heinous sins of serial murders, multiple rapes, frauds, child molestation, and so on. Yet, we all sin (cf. 1 Jn 1.8, 10), and we all fall short of God's glory (Rom. 3.23). In various ways, at various times, we offend God and one another. Were God to mark our guilt, none of us could stand (Ps 130 [129].3). So, we all need to be treated with mercy, and to be forgiven. In Our Lord, God has in fact already forgiven us all (Col. 1.14; Eph. 1.7; 4.32). Yet, the mercy and forgiveness He superabundantly poured out in Christ will not personally benefit a soul that has rendered itself impervious to grace by its hard-hearted refusal to forgive others (CCC, 2840). We have been invited to take part in the Lord's act of mercy and forgiveness by having in us the heart and mind in Him (cf. Phil. 2.5) that readily forgave everyone, including those who put Him through hell in His Passion, and sadistically rejoiced to see Him suffer and die most painfully on the Cross. With Him, we are to turn the hurt we suffer into an intercession for those who hurt us (Mt 5. 44; CCC, 2842). Forgiveness, as the hallmark of our Christian service, is the means by which we bear powerful witness to the fact that love is stronger than might, and its fire fiercer than the fire of vengeance. We owe it as a sacred duty to all who offend us (CCC, 2844).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Eccl. 27.30-28.7**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 14.7-9**; Gospel: **Mt 18.21-35**.

Psalm: **Ps 103(102).1-4,9-12**: *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 12th Sept.	+ 24TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Canon Eddie Matthews, RIP
Sun., 13th Sept.		9.30am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 14 th Sept.	Exaltation of the Cross	9.30am	
Tue., 15 th Sept.	Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30am	The Watson Family
Wed., 16 th Sept.	St Cornelius	7.30pm	
Thur., 17 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 18 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Sat., 19th Sept.	+ 25TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 20th Sept.		9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
		11.00am	Beverly Atkins, RIP, & Family

ST PETER'S

Sun., 13th Sept.	+ 24TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Stefano Federici & Family
		11.00am	Campbell Nwachukwu, B.D.
		2.00pm	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Samuel Nwachukwu, B.D.
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Sun., 20th Sept.	+ 25TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Sr Jo snd, Martina Knightly, 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, Charles Andi, and Paul Donnelly.

NOTICES

Holy Land Collection: The diocese has asked that we take up a second collection next Sunday, the 13th, in support of the Holy Land. Your generous contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is the greatest and most efficacious prayer we can offer. It is Our Lord's perfect prayer to the Father. We can unite ourselves and our intentions with Him in offering this prayer to God, in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you want a Holy Mass offered for any intention of yours, 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: Our children will have their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, October the 4th**. Please keep them in your prayers.

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:

- **Wearing of mask at Mass is now obligatory.** Please cooperate;

- Each time you attend Mass, please complete the attendance card on the table in the side porch as you enter the church, in keeping with the government's Test and Trace guideline;
- Please observe the Social Distancing rules, and the hygiene protocols;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you leave the church at the end of Mass;
- Volunteers are needed to help clean the church after each Mass.

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.

Fundraising for Isabel Hospice - Isabel's STEPtember Challenge: Pauline Hayes, St Peter's parish secretary, is taking on the 300,000 step challenge for Isabel Hospice. Isabel Hospice nurses have been on their feet even more so over the last few months going above and beyond to care for patients during these extraordinary times, caring for the most vulnerable of patients in our community. Donations to help raise funds for the hospice can be done via the just giving page: [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pauline-hayes1). Any donation is very much appreciated. (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pauline-hayes1>). Thank you.

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:
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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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