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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

+ 25TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“To me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Phil. 1.21)

Death puts an end to all earthly life, all earthly endeavours, and all earthly ambitions, and no one is ever sure of what will be their fate after their death. Contrary to what some people hold, that death totally annihilates us, death for us opens the door to complete peace in the fullness of life (cf. Wis. 3.2-4). It allows us to be perfectly united to the Lord and be with Him always (1 Thes. 4.18), and to experience those eternal goods that our human mind at present cannot fathom or imagine (1 Cor. 2.9). Our experience of being with the Lord starts in this life with the life of grace we ought to lead. We live this life when, in our choices, and by the way we live our lives, we always carry in our bodies the death of the Lord, that His life “may also be manifested in our bodies” (Cor. 4.10). We do this by dying to ourselves, and sacrificing our desires and even our own needs when called for, so as to give glory to God and advance the wellbeing of another. So death, joyfully embraced with faith in the One Who is alive forever and holds the keys of Death (Apoc. 1.18), and in anticipation of the crown of life that will be ours at the end of time, should be a daily experience of every true follower of the Lord. With that in mind, it is not difficult to see how someone may be eager to die and eternally depart this life. People often seek death when they are utterly fed up with life and have no reason to go on living – not that they want to be with the Lord always, but in order to escape the problems that overwhelm them. Only those are justly eager to die who have done their service, who, like St Paul, have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now confidently await the crown of righteousness reserved for them in heaven (2 Tim. 4.7-8).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 55.6-9**; 2nd Reading: **Phil. 1.20-24,27**; Gospel: **Mt 20.1-16**.

Psalm: **Ps 145(1444).2-3,8-9,17-18**: *The Lord is close to all who call Him.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 19th Sept.	+ 25TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 20th Sept.		9.30am	
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 21 st Sept.	St Matthew, Apostle	9.30am	Michael Nolan, RIP
Tue., 22 nd Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Wed., 23 rd Sept.	St Pio	7.30pm	
Thur., 24 th Sept.	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	
Fri., 25 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 26 th Sept.	+ 26TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 27th Sept.		9.30am	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 20th Sept.	+ 25TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Dumba Family
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	
Mon., 21 st Sept.	St Matthew, Apostle	9.30am	Lain Robson, RIP
Tue., 22 nd Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Tim Wilkinson, RIP
Wed., 23 rd Sept.	St Pio	9.30am	Holy Souls no one prays for
Thur., 24 th Sept.	Our Lady of Walsingham	7.00pm	
Fri., 25 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Deceased members of Crabtree Family
Sat., 26 th Sept.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 27th Sept.	+ 26TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Members of Crabtree Family
		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.

First Holy Communion: Our children will have their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, October the 4th**. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees, next Sunday the 27th. Let us be united in prayer for all who have to live far away from their homelands.

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.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Sylvia Bannister (98)**, the mother of our sister, Gillian Sutton, who died early on Thursday morning. Pray also for Gillian, and for the rest of the family.

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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Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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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
70800 to donate £5 through
your mobile phone.

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