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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

+ 26TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live.” (Ezek. 18.27)

Every choice we make, and every action we take has its own consequences. If the choice is right, and the action too, we are guaranteed to enjoy an outcome that gives us true peace and lasting happiness, and to “enter into the joy” of Our Lord (Mt 25.23). But if we choose and act wrongly, we lose that peace and happiness. That we are able to take full responsibility for our choice and action, and to accept its consequences is a true mark of maturity. No one needs to be Christian to be expected of this; it is what makes us human, that we are able to choose and act in freedom, and to take responsibility for our choice and action. Being Christian gives us an added impetus to live up to this expectation. We are not only privileged to know from the insights our faith gives us what choice or action is right, and which one is wrong, we also have available to us the assistance of grace to enable us to actually choose and act rightly. Our wills are naturally weak, and we do not always live in grace, for we “have sinned and fall short of God’s glory” (Rom. 3.23). For that reason, we often do not do the good we want, but the evil we do not want is what we do (Rom. 7.19). To recognise this internal struggle in us is itself a great step towards redemption. The recognition holds out to us the possibility of finding in God through Christ, and availing in Him of all the help we need in order to be saved (cf. Rom. 7.21-25). The problem – and the great danger – is where we fail to recognise that struggle for what it is, or to seek in God while He still may be found (Is. 55.6) the solution we need. The outcome of that problem is the loss of the true peace and lasting happiness we all long for.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Ezek. 18.25-28**; 2nd Reading: **Phil. 2.1-11**; Gospel: **Mt 21.28-32**.

Psalm: **Ps 25(24).4-9: Remember Your mercy, Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him! Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 26 th Sept.	+ 26TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 27 th Sept.		9.30am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Eric Richards, 81 st Birthday
Mon., 28 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	George Kutty Chacko, RIP
Tue., 29 th Sept.	Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels	9.30am	Eirian Nathaniel, Thanksgiving
Wed., 30 th Sept.	St Jerome	7.30pm	
Thur., 1 st Oct.	St Therese	9.30am	
Fri., 2 nd Oct.	Guardian Angels	9.30am	
Sat., 3 rd Oct.	+ 27TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sun., 4 th Sept.		9.30am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, & Family

ST PETER'S

Sun., 27 th Sept.	+ 26TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Cath Hogan, Anniversary
		11.00am	Isaiah Khan Ndi & Samuel Achu Ndi, RIP
		2.00pm	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Deceased Crabtree Family Members
Mon., 28 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 29 th Sept.	Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels	9.30am	Emma Currell, RIP
Wed., 30 th Sept.	St Jerome	9.30am	
Thur., 1 st Oct.	St Therese	7.00pm	
Fri., 2 nd Oct.	Guardian Angels	9.30am	
Sat., 3 rd Oct.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 4 th Oct.	+ 27TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Doris Bruton, Anniversary
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Francis Loh, Thanksgiving

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

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

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

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is Our Lord's perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you wish to have 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 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.

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.

NBS: We are very excited to announce that our '**Virtual**' **Open Evening for Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School** will be taking place on Thursday 8th Oct. 2020. More details can be found on our school website: www.nbs.herts.sch.uk.

On **Monday 28th September**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as last year this country saw the highest number of abortions ever. For details of our live saving work see: www.GoodCounselNetwork.com.

The Cardinal will celebrate **Mass for the deceased clergy of the diocese** on the 11th of November. Please join him in prayer.

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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Planned Giving:

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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:
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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
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your mobile phone.

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